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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We will be travelling extensively for some time to come. The Itinerary as on date looks like this: Oct 26 Jaipur, Oct 28 Hyderabad, Oct 31-Nov 2 Visakhapatnam. We also have plans to travel to almost all state philatelic exhibitions this season and are awaiting confirmed dates for the same.

We will be very happy to meet the contributors and readers of this digital weekly. We may be contacted over email and our mobile 0 93505 37037.

Until next week, please enjoy the rest of the newsletter.

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INPEX 2008

The Bulletin 1 of INPEX 2008 India National Philatelic Exhibition containing regulations and entry form for participation was eventually made available on October 25, 2007 at the following web address <http://www.tamilnadupost.nic.in/inpex/inpex2008.htm#downloads>.

It is a good a thing to hold a national and we support this project in principal. However, this is also an example of how to do something right in a wrong manner. Thus we do have reservations as there are several violations of India Post regulations for philatelic exhibitions and are taking up the matter with organizers to avoid a repeat of 1993 or worse.

INPEX in 1993 was subject of a case still pending in Calcutta High Court where the Honorable High Court ordered the organizers, India Post, to maintain necessary particulars of each participating exhibit including materials brought out from the National Philatelic Museum.

The dates were fixed and the venue was booked for INPEX 2008 several months ago. The next priority as a norm should have been the publication of Bulletin 1 which for some reason was delayed inordinately. Even more strangely the first thing the organizers did was to select and obtain the consent from the Jurors!

INPEX 2008 is being organized by India Post in cooperation with Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) and another local body affiliated with PCI. PCI is leading an almost nonexistent status since the year 2000. PCI is supposed to hold elections every two years but no valid elections have taken place since 2000 and only two Annual General Meetings were held in 2001 and 2004. As per PCI constitution a Governing Council Meeting needs to be held once in every 4 months yet no Governing Council Meetings were held in 2003, 2004, and 2005. While in 2006 it suddenly started holding meetings of Governing Council again. The last Governing Council meeting was held on December 30, 2006 and once again there is no meeting for past 10 months. Therefore we are wondering who had any authority to enter in to an agreement with the organizers. PCI is subject of at least 3 court cases and its survival is in question.

INPEX 2008 is the 7<sup>th</sup> national philatelic exhibition being organized by India Post who had organized a national previously in 1993 at Kolkata. The mess at that exhibition was instrumental for a decision by India Post that it will not organize nationals in future but provide support from outside to philatelic organizations organizing such events. Thereafter India Post supported and recognized CENTIPEX in 1997, MILLEPEX in 2000, EMPIREPEX-INPEX in 2001 as national philatelic exhibitions while it neither supported nor recognized INPEX in 2003, DAK BHARATI in 2004, and SIPAGOLD in 2006 as a national.

Amazingly INPEX 2008 exhibition is being called as the 10<sup>th</sup> national. Even if the 3 nationals recognized by India Post are taken to account it will still only make it the 9<sup>th</sup> national and not the 10th. Interestingly INPEX in 2003 was also called the 10<sup>th</sup> national by its organizers.

Another glaring omission which has been noticed in the Bulletin and which has serious legal ramifications for the organizers is the absence of the ban on display of archival material such as essays proofs etc of India since 1947 at the exhibitions recognized by India Post. It was included in the Regulations of INPEX 1993, and INDEPEX 1997 and INDEPEX-ASIANA 2000 that were world and Asian International events respectively. It has conspicuously been absent from all other exhibitions including CENTIPEX in 1997, MILLEPEX in 2000, EMPIREPEX-INPEX in 2001, INPEX in 2003, DAK BHARATI in 2004, and SIPAGOLD in 2006. And now for the first time it is absent from INPEX 2008 a national organized by India Post

It seems the group of persons we prefer to call 'P Company' are at it again, misleading and misguiding India Post. Organizing a national involves public funds to the tune of millions and these must be utilized for the benefit of as large number of philatelists as possible and not to serve the cause of personal interests of a handful of persons as unfortunately has been the case on past several occasions. We have refrained from writing about the activities of the 'P Company' for years out of sheer disgust and instead focused in a positive way on Indian philately. All those who wish to know more about the 'P Company' may find lots of information at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/vando/transition.htm>.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Nov 03: Maharashtra Police Academy Centenary, Rescheduled from Oct 15

New issues along with the First Day Cover and the information sheet, at Rs 2 each, are put on sale on sale at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Philatelic Counters in India.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2007, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2007stamps.htm>

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

AIDS, Uttar Pradesh 1, Hindi  
AIDS, Uttar Pradesh 2, Hindi  
AIDS, Uttar Pradesh 3, Hindi

The grand total till date is now 465, with 189 added in 2007 alone.

These are the first Meghdoot Postcards with Mahatma Gandhi motif which was adopted by the Security Printing Press (SPP) Hyderabad with issues of October 2, 2007. Mahatma Gandhi motif was introduced by India Security Press (ISP) Nasik on March 1, 2007. The Meghdoot Postcards are produced by SPP which also produces Single Postcard, Inland Letter Card, and Prepaid Stamped Envelope.

The complete illustrated list of Meghdoot Post Card is available at: <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/meghdoot.htm>

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Postcards in 2007, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2007PC.htm>

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Envelopes in 2007, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2007EN.htm>

For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2007, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2007ILC.htm>

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Feb 09: Jaisalmer, District Philatelic Exhibition

Oct 21: Jaipur, Jain Saint Aryika Suparshavamatiji, 50 years of Deeksha
This special Cover & a special Card issued on the occasion with special
postmark is available with Rajesh Paharia, shreeshell@hotmail.com
General Secretary, Philatelic Society of Rajasthan, 46 Geejgarh House,
Civil Lines, Jaipur 19, Telephone: 0141-2218283, Mobile: 9351716969

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2007, visit
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ARMY POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

Sep 01: 24 Medium Regiment (SP) Platinum Jubilee  
Sep 01: HQ 9 Corps Rising Star Philex  
Sep 15: Western Command Diamond Jubilee  
Sep 22: Madras Sappers 227th Anniversary & Reunion

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2007, visit  
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EMIRATES POST TIES UP WITH INDIA POST FOR MONEY TRANSFER

United Arab Emirates' Emirates Post and India Post have signed recently
in New Delhi a Memorandum of Understanding to enable UAE residents to
transfer money to India through India Post's vast postal network.

The MoU was by Salem Al Shaya, Assistant Director General, Operations,
Emirates Post and Faiz-Ur-Rehman, Deputy Director General of India
Post, during a recent visit of an Emirates Post delegation.

The move is aimed at helping UAE residents send money to relatives by
using the secure UPU-approved IFS system that will ensure delivery of
money to every corner of India at reasonable rates.

An India Post delegation will be visiting UAE next month to view
Emirates Post's facilities and arrangements, including IT systems,
before implementing the system.

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VODAFONE TIES UP WITH INDIA POST IN KERALA

British telecom major Vodafone announced its tie-up with the Indian  
Post in Kerala on October 23, 2007 to enable its customers to  
conveniently pay their bills at 337 designated post offices in the  
state. This will be extended to more post offices in the coming months.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Oct 26-28: Chandrapur, Coins Show,

Oct 26-29: Jaipur, 12th Inter School Philatelic Exhibition Schoolpex
Venue: St Xavier's School
Issues: 2 special covers including 1 scented cover,
Sales Stalls: Rs 600, Also accommodation assistance
Contact: Rajesh Paharia, Mobile 9351716969

Oct 31-Nov 2: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh State Philatelic Exhibition
Venue:

Nov 2-4: Raipur, Chhattisgarh State Philatelic Exhibition
Venue: Town Hall

Nov 30-Dec 2: New Delhi, Coins & Banknotes
Contact: Goga Jain, Mobile 93123 18401

Dec 5-8: Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala State Philatelic Exhibition
Venue: Kanakakunnu Palace

Dec 7-9: Pune, STAMPEX
Venue: Sonal Hall, 19 Karve road, Next to Rasa Shala,
Sales Stalls: Rs 4000, Two tables & two chairs. Breakfast & Lunch for
two persons included. Last date booking: November 30, 2007.
Contact: Rajendra Shah, Secretary ICSRI, (020) 24477660, 09890117252

THE STATE EXHIBITIONS OF DELHI, PUNJAB, BIHAR, AND UTTAR PRADESH ARE
ALSO EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2007. THE CONFIRMED
DATES ARE YET TO BE ANNOUNCED.

For a list of exhibitions in 2007, please visit
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/events2007.htm>

MEETINGS

The schedule of meetings of the philatelic organizations in India is
available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm>

STAMPS ON INDIA: INDIAN RELIGIONS

The Congo Republic issued a postage stamp for World Religion Day on
January 20, 2007. The stamp depicts a globe surrounded by the symbols
of 11 religions including Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, and Sikhism.
Across the top it says, in French, "God is the source of all
religions."

The World Religion Day, which always falls on the third Sunday in
January, is celebrated with interfaith discussions, conferences and
other events that foster understanding among the followers of all
religions.

World Religion Day was first celebrated in 1950, when the national
governing body of the Bahá'í Faith in the United States established it
to call attention to the essential oneness of the world's religions and
to show that religion is the motivating force for world unity.

Sri Lanka issued a World Religion Day stamp in 1985 that pictured
symbols of eight religions. In 1999, Singapore issued a postage stamp
that listed the names of nine major religions along with the words

"Unity in Diversity" and a tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Inter-Religious Organization of Singapore. The release of the stamp coincided with World Religion Day, although it did not actually carry those words.

For the image, please visit

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<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/laws.htm>

Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud related to Indian Philately

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>

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