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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

Continuing from the previous issue on dealing with forgeries and frauds, let us focus on options available. Legal action will be most natural course in any civilized society to discourage this kind of activities.

The suggested Monitoring Committee for Forgeries and Frauds should not only have support of all stake holders but to be an effective deterrent it should take the offenders to the court to safeguard the national philatelic interests of the country.

However legal action in India has its own set of problems, the main being that the courts are overburdened and one may not see the result of a litigation initiated soon enough. The expression 'justice delayed is justice denied' fits Indian scene perfectly for now. How serious is this problem? To give you an example, the Delhi High Court reportedly has a backlog of 466 years!

This is also one of the major contributory factors to the situation in India regarding philatelic forgeries and frauds today. It may also explain to our friends in other countries the long survival of philatelic criminals in India.

Please remember that to do nothing is not an option. We will continue to expose and explore effective options. We also hope that stake holders in Indian philately will not be indifferent anymore.

We would welcome your suggestions, views, and opinions on the problems in hand.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue:

We invite your inputs, please email to [writeback@stampsofindia.com](mailto:writeback@stampsofindia.com)

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Report the philatelic activities in your area for publication here. We shall
reimburse the costs incurred on images, philatelic items issued,
publications, courier and other agreed charges.

Please send your queries in detail (images welcome) on all matters related to
Philately and Postal History of India and Indian States. We will attempt to
find an answer for you.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STANLEY GIBBONS INDIA CATALOGUE

Stanley Gibbons has released the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of its India Catalog on August  
20, 2009. It was cleared by Indian Customs on September 14, 2009. The orders  
will be fulfilled on first come first serve basis from September 19, 2009.  
All orders will be sent by Speed Post.

The orders received till September 9, 2009 has already been fulfilled and  
those received after that date are being processed and shall be filled in the  
coming week.

The 240 page catalog is priced at £22.50 equivalent approximately to Indian  
Rupees 1800. However there is a very special price of Rs 750 for India.  
Stamps of India offer this on a first come first serve basis with free  
postage on all prepaid orders. The last date for the order to reach us is now  
extended till September 30, 2009. Contact [orders@stampsofindia.com](mailto:orders@stampsofindia.com) right away  
and reserve your copy.

We accept payment by transfer and cheque (not cash) deposit in to our bank  
account (ask for details), bank draft payable at New Delhi, and 'payable at  
par' cheque drawn in favor of 'Stamps of India'.

In case you wish to deposit cash in our bank account please add Rs 100 on  
account of bank charges and deposit Rs 850.

We also can accept all major credit cards directly as well as through PayPal;  
In this case please add Rs 75 to cover charges and remit Rs 825.

Kindly advise us after the payment, along with the Cheque No. or the the  
Credit Reference No. of the transfer. Also please provide complete postal  
address for delivery.

For details of Stanley Gibbons India Stamp Catalogue please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/SG-IN-CAT-2010.htm>

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Sep 27: Dushyant Kumar

Now days, issues are scheduled and rescheduled for release at very short notice say couple of days! As you can see that the world is moving at very fast pace and we are still bringing out an issue only after 7 long days. Thus it is impossible to inform our readers thru this weekly publication about forthcoming stamp issues of India. We however do our best to publish this information on the home page of www.stampsofindia.com as soon as it becomes available.

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 2009, please visit
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2009stamps.htm>

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NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

AWAITED

Aug 16: Heritage Railway Stations of India, Miniature Sheet

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For an illustrated list of all kinds of Envelopes in 2009, visit
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009EN.htm>

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For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2009, visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/2009pm.htm>

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2009, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2009aps.htm>

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<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/packs/2009packs-sets.htm>

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NEW ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS

Pradeep Kumar Agrawal of Patna launched his blog 'Pradipphila Art Gallery' on September 3, 2009 which s available at <http://pradipphila.blogspot.com>.

George Harell has launched his website dedicated to the Stamps and Postal History of Poonch - a Princely State of India. The site is available at <http://www.poonchstamps.com>.

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FORGERIES & FRAUDS ALERTS

In the previous issue, # 411 of Sep 17, we reported the item # 69178141 at www.delcampe.com has a bogus postmark of Bombay Philatelic Bureau applied on a maxim card of Marconi issue of India of 1974.

The same ID and most probably the same seller also is selling the same item on eBay #230377275666.

Another ID but most probably the same seller is also selling the same item on Delcampe in two different listings - #69359540 and #69359337.

If you detect forgeries and frauds of Indian philatelic items, please inform to suspect@stampsofindia.com. The names of volunteers and contributors will be withheld from being published, if so desired.

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STAMPMANIA 2009 OVERSUBSCRIBED

'STAMPMANIA 2009' the First National One Frame Philatelic Exhibition is being organized by Baroda Philatelic Society, Vadodara from December 17 to 20, 2009. It has received tremendous response from exhibitors from all parts of the country and there are 475 applications against the target of 400 frames including 150 entries in Youth class. These applications are being processed now and allotment is expected by October 1, 2009.

For any queries please contact Stampmania2009 at [info@vadophil.org](mailto:info@vadophil.org).

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Oct 2-4: Coimbatore, All India Super Mega Coinstampex 2009

Organizer:

Venue: Kamalam Duraisamy Hall, Coimbatore-9

Sales Booth: Rs 3,000

Contact: C Palaleswamy, Mobile 0 94869 23558

Oct 30-31 & Nov 1: Pune, Stampex - National Stamps Fair

Organizer: International Collectors Society of Rare Items

Venue: Sonal Hall, Karve Road,

Sales Booth: Rs 6,000

Contact: Pratisad Neurgaonkar pratisad@hotmail.com mobile 09766310553

Nov 20-22: Palakkad, Annual Stamp & Coin Exhibition

Venue: Town Hall Annex

Contact: 9847660217, 9446791629 for Dealers Stall

Dec 17-20: Vadodara, StampMania-2009 One Frame National Exhibition

Organizer: Baroda Philatelic Society www.vadophil.org

Venue: Shree Saurashtra Leuva Patel Seva Samaj, Alembic Road

Contact: Prashant H Pandya info@vadophil.org

Website: www.stampmania2009.com

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Jan 8-10: Calicut, COIN FEST-2010

Organizer: Calicut Numismatic Society numisclt@gmail.com

Sales Booth: Rs 2,500

Contact: Soorej 09447124066 soorejsks@yahoo.co.in

For a list of exhibitions in 2008, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/events2009.htm>

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MEETINGS

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

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Journal of Indian States History, Philately & Numismatics

STAMPS ON INDIA <http://www.stampsonindia.com>

The site devoted to the stamps from all over the world on Indian topics

INDIAN POSTAL GUIDE 1869

The first issue of the official postal guide, reprinted by Stamps of India 2004, 236 pages, hardbound, enlarged from original octavo to A4 size, limited edition, Special price - Rs 2750, Credit cards & PayPal accepted, visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/shop/bookshop.htm>

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