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All not-for-profit bodies in India are facing movements from within or outside for greater democratization and accountability to the public. This holds true even for the mega entities like the Board of Control for Cricket in India, the Indian Hockey Federation and the Indian Olympic Association.

Now what prevents Indian philately from moving in a similar direction?

Are self-proclaimed leaders of philately in India responsible to anyone at all?

What is the compulsion of India Post to associate itself with a body that has held only 1 general body meeting, and no elections in last 9 years, and which has amongst its officers and members those who are facing legal proceedings for smuggling antiquities and fake stamps scam?

We have just witnessed what is happening with the Commonwealth Games that Delhi is hosing in October this year. Will INDIPEX 2011 also lead to scam-aday like revelations? As well-wishers of philately, we hope not. But given their august association with the PCI, we might see honest and hardworking postal officials get flack for PCI's acts of omission or commission.

Has INDIPEX 2011 applied for immunity from Central Vigilance Commission or the Central Bureau of Investigation? Is such immunity possible?

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

- M&SJ

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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.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION The first Newsletter of the show being mailed out along with this issue.

Few Sales Stalls are still available. The Rules and Application forms for Sales Stalls are available at <a href="http://stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sine.html">http://stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sine.html</a>. The floor plan is also available online to help the applicants book the Sales Stalls of their choice at <a href="http://stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sinevenue.htm">http://stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sinevenue.htm</a>.

The Regulations For Exhibitors and Exhibit Application Form are available at <a href="http://stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sine.html">http://stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sine.html</a> Please download and study the Regulations carefully and print the application forms. The duly filled forms should be mailed to SINE GHQ, BG-5/49-D, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi 110063. The last date to submit the application form is August 31, 2010.

Aug 14: Veththiri Aug 21: P Jeevanandam Aug 30: G K Moopanar

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 <u>www.stampsofindia.com</u> 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 at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Philatelic Counters in India.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2010, please visit http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2010stamps.htm

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NEW STAMPS RELEASED

DELHI 2010 COMMONWEALTH GAMES India Post released a set of two stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 each on the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games on August 1, 2010. The stamps depict

Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium and Talkatora Stadium. A miniature sheet accompanied this issue. Suresh Kumar designed the Stamp, and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. India Security Press, Nasik printed 0.4 million stamps each by Wet Offset process. The miniature sheet is printed in the quantity of 0.4 million. SYED MOHAMMED ALI SHIHAB THANGAL Dr Manmohan Singh, the Prime Minister of India released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Syed Mohammed Ali Shihab Thangal, politician, Islamic scholar, and leader of Muslim community in Kerala, on August 2, 2010 at New Delhi. Alka Sharma designed the Stamp, the First Day Cover, and the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.3 million stamps by wet offset process. NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS AWATTED 2008 Aug 02: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet 2009 Oct 14: Heritage Temples, Miniature Sheet PAYPAL WITHDRAWALS IN INDIA PayPal has now notified that the facility of electronic withdrawal of funds in to the sellers bank account in India will continue to be available. PayPal will also continue to refund the \$5 USD cheque withdrawal fee for cheque withdrawals made on July 29, 2010 onwards till further notice. For an illustrated list of postmarks issued in 2010 please visit http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2010pm.htm For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2010, visit http://stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2010aps.htm For an illustrated list of all kinds of Envelopes in 2009, visit http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009EN.htm For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2009, visit http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009ILC.htm The complete illustrated listing of Meghdoot Post Card is available at: http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/meghdoot.htm For an illustrated list of all kinds of Postcards in 2009, visit http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009PC.htm RECENT PHILATELIC PERIODICALS RAINBOW STAMP NEWS, Whole #32, August 2010, Monthly (Electronic Publication) Editor: Jeevan Jyoti j.jyoti9@gmail.com Publisher: Jeevan Jyoti, Shimla

Also available online at http://rainbowstampnews.blogspot.com/

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Aug 15-16: Yavatmal, Coin Exhibition Organizer: Vidharba Coin Society Venue: Timber Bhavan SBI Square Contacts: Suresh 09403147200 Or Piyush Agrawal 09822220826

Aug 20-22: Ahmedabad, 2nd Annual Coins and Currency Fair Organizers: Twins Stamp & Coins(Shatrughan Saravagi) Venue: Hotel Comfort Inn President, C.G. Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad Contacts: 079-22110055, 22165510, sjain1@rediffmail.com, sjain222@yahoo.com

Sep 23-26: Mumbai, 8th Coins Exhibition
Organizer: Mumbai Coin Society
Venue: World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai
Contacts: coingallery@ hotmail.com Abdul Razak Shaikh, Secretary MCS

Oct 1-3: Bangalore, Coins Fair Organizer: Karnataka Numismatic Society Venue: 'Shikshak Sadan', K G Road, Opp Cauvery Bhavan Contacts: Mahesh Jambulingam- President 09448080502, Suresh Secretary 096119 44883

Oct 9-12: Jaipur, Rajasthan State Philatelic Exhibition Organizer: Rajasthan Circle of India Post Venue: Contacts:

Dec 10-12: New Delhi, STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION Organizer: Bharatiya Daktikit Sangstha, Kolkata Venue: NSIC Exhibition Ground, New Delhi Contacts: Ashish Talwar 09810186108, Madhukar Jhingan 09350537037 Email: <u>sine@stampsofindia.com</u> Website: http://www.stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sine.html

For a list of exhibitions in 2010, please visit http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/events2009.htm

MEETINGS

The schedule of meetings of the philatelic organizations in India is available at <a href="http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm">http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm</a> THE CALENDAR OF WORLDWIDE PHILATELIC AUCTIONS The Calendar for September 2009 has been updated and is now available at http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/2auctions.htm This information is provided by special arrangement with Charles E Cwiakala and updates to this information are available at their comprehensive Website <a href="http://www.cwiakala.com">www.cwiakala.com</a>

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RAJESH VARMA, Dehradun,

At the outset I would like to make it clear that although I am a Member of the Organizing Committee of the Stamps of India National Exhibition, the views expressed herein are my own.

I have noticed that some rumors and fallacies against SINE are doing the rounds. Those involved in SINE should note that this is simply a case of these detractors trying to make a living just by badmouthing SINE.

If these detractors cannot make a living by selling stamps or publishing useless philatelic publications, they might as well as earn their bread by speaking against SINE. If they cannot make an living through philately, let them continue to make a living by badmouthing our good deeds and earn their bread. I do not grudge them that bread. I understand they have families to support.

My belief on such matters is simple - 'Karvan chalta raha aur Kutte bhokte rahe'. The caravan keeps moving on in spite of the barking dogs.

I am personally aware that the SINE GHQ has witnessed an unprecedented response. And the SINE caravan is moving onwards and turning into a juggernaut.

JEEVAN JYOTI

I wish to share this with all my distinguished readers especially renowned philatelists of India that today (Aug 4, 2010) I received a phone call from INDIPEX 2011 Secretairat, Dak Bhawan New Delhi regarding my entry form for INDIPEX 2011. I have been informed that my application form is incomplete which I sent for Literature Class & may be rejected. The reason given by the person who called me is that I did not mention No of frames in the entry form. If any one could explain what is meant by No. of frames in Literature Class ??? Usually in the form for National & International Exhibitions, No of

frame column is left by the applicant of Literature Class because Literature class entry is not in the form of philatelic exhibit but in the form of Book, Periodical or catalogue. I explained the person that in Literature Class No. of frames are not mentioned. I have earlier filled forms for other National & International Philatelic exhibitions and left this column blank and my entry was never rejected. So I want clear explanation from the organizing committee of INDIPEX 2011 & those philatelists who have applied for Literature Class and also comments from renowned and veteran philatelists of India to explain this doubt for the benefit of all philatelists...

In my opinion there is no sense to mention number of frames in Literature Class. The applicant has to leave the column as the fee charges are for whole entry in Literature class & not for No. of frames . As the books/periodicals are not displayed in frames but are kept in a Reading room or displayed openly on Book stands for reading and not locked up in glass frames...If a person mentions no. of frames what will be the basis of no. of frame ??? I personally feel that this is the lack of knowledge of the staff which has been appointed to check the entry forms.

I hope readers will give their comments on this doubtful part of INDIPEX 2011. It is not a complaint but a matter of discussion....I am sure all those concerned will be enlightened.

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Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud related to Indian Philately
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