


Stamps of India Collectors Companion

The News, Views, & Features on Philately & Postal Services of India

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Jhingans Jottings

Hi

The recent ruling of the bench of Supreme Court of India comprising Justice V S Sirpurkar and T S Thakur on January 31, 2011 that the Board of Control for Cricket in India, its affiliate State bodies and officials are all public servants for the purpose of prosecution under the Prevention of Corruption Act. The logic the Supreme Court of India used in this case was that as the selectors of the national team, and by controlling the activity of players and others involved the sport, these bodies serve a public function.

This logic can equally be applied to other such bodies in the country including the Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) which is responsible for, the exhibits that participate in the International Exhibitions, appointing jury members for the domestic and International Exhibitions, selecting Commissioners who represent and carry exhibits from India, nominating members to the philatelic advisory committee of the Government of India, nominating delegates and candidates for the office for Asian and International federations, and Commissions. Hence on the one hand PCI claims to be the controlling body for philately in India but on the other hand has not been able to show an accepted copy of their constitution, and does not have a registered address in the National Capital Territory of Delhi for over 15 years in violation of the Society Registration Act 1860. The PCI has selectively held governing body and general body meetings in the last 10 years against the norm of quarterly meetings as per its constitution available with the Registrar of Societies. There has been no meeting of any kind for several years - governing body meeting was held after a gap of 4 years, and general body, attended by about a dozen persons, after a gap of 6 years.

The persons at the helm of affairs of PCI have serious criminal complaints, investigations, and cases going on with various government authorities including the Central Bureau of Investigation and Income Tax. There is no transparency or consistency on any of its activities. It is very surprising to note why India Post and its officials join hands with such a body as PCI?

Why organization like PCI is taken as a stake holder in organizing of the forthcoming international exhibition where millions of rupees of the public money will be spent?

While the working of India Post is subject to audit, vigilance, and Right to Information Act (RTI), the PCI that is trying to call the shots yet not undertaking any responsibilities. We hope that the recent ruling of the Supreme Court of India shall change all that.

Every stakeholder of philately in India needs to come forward to help put things in the right perspective where the money being spent benefits those at the ground level and is not used for filling the pockets of a few corrupt officials and PCI. We on our part, as one the earliest life members and a member of the Governing council of PCI have taken the PCI to the court, and the case against PCI is now going on in the Delhi High Court. We have full faith in the judiciary, especially in view of the recent ruling and await for justice solely in the interest of philately in India.

We reiterate our support to any stakeholders who would like to come forward to pursue and unravel the nexus between PCI officials and Department of Post officials.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue:

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Former Minister Arrested

Andimuthu Raja, former Minister for Communications & Information Technology was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation on February 2, 2011 at New Delhi after the fourth round of questioning for his alleged involvement in the 2G spectrum allocation scam. Also arrested with him were R K Chandolia, who served as his Personal Secretary, and Siddharth Behura, who was then Telecom Secretary.

Raja was forced to resign on Nov 14, 2010, after the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) indicted him for causing losses of between Rs 58,000 crore (US \$12.8 billion) and Rs 1.76 lakh crore (US \$40 billion) to the exchequer.

Raja is the second Minister of Communications to have been arrested. The first was Sukh Ram, who served as Communications Minister in the Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao ministry, and was arrested on Aug 18, 1996 for irregularities in awarding telecom contracts. Ram was sentenced to three years' rigorous imprisonment after 13 years and was slapped with a fine of Rs 200,000 on Feb 25, 2009, by a Central Bureau of Investigation special court in New Delhi. The trial court also ordered the forfeiture of his assets worth Rs 4.25 crore (US \$10 million). The case is still pending in the Delhi High Court after Ram appealed against the lower court's verdict.

Stamp Popularity Poll

Stamps of India now present the Stamp Poll 2010 to select the best stamp of 2010, and best miniature sheet of 2010. As only 1 sheetlet was issued in 2010 there will not be a poll for the sheetlets this time.

The results shall be announced based on the most number of votes polled. You can send as many ballots as you wish. Please select from the issues of 2010 as shown at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2010stamps.htm> and vote for the best stamp, and miniature sheet of 2010 in your opinion. Also write your name, city, email id, and philatelic interests on the ballot and email your ballots to: stampoll@stampsofindia.com

The last date to receive the ballots at Stamps of India is February 16, 2010. Incomplete ballots shall not be considered. The results will be announced in the Issue #458 of February 17, 2009. Several attractive philatelic prizes will be given away. The winners will be decided by draw of lots. We welcome the sponsors for prizes, please contact admin@stampsofindia.com in this regard.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Feb 04: Corps of Signal

Feb 07: Venkata Subbiah

Feb 08: Census of India

Feb 11: V Venkatasubbha Reddiar

Feb 12: INDIPEX 2011 World Philatelic Exhibition, 4 Stamps, Aero-Philately

Feb 13: Legendary Heroines Of Indian Cinema, 6 Stamps

1. Kanan Devi, 2. Devika Rani, 3. Savitri, 4. Meena Kumari, 5. Leela Naidu, 6. Nutan

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.

Now days, issues are scheduled and rescheduled for release at very short notice say couple of 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.

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International Speed Post Rates Increased

The rates for International Express Mail Service - Speed Post have been revised upwards with effect from January 15, 2011. The charges have gone up by 25% on an average across the board.

The Postal Training Centre Mysore that is responsible for upkeep of the software used by computers booking postal articles at the post office failed once again to deliver the software update in timely manner. Consequently several post offices in the country turned away customers from January 15 onwards citing their inability to book international speed post articles for several days.

For the revised tariff visit, <http://www.indiapost.gov.in/Netscape/SPInternationalTariff.html>

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New Stamps Issued

Doot

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on the centenary of Doot, a Gujarati monthly magazine, on January 15, 2011.

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. India Security Press, Nashik Road printed 0.3 million stamps by Wet Offset process.

Krishnadevaraya

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Krishnadevaraya, a king of Vijaynagara empire in 16th century, on January 27, 2011. A miniature sheet accompanied the issue.

Sankha Samanta 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. Security Printing

Press, Hyderabad printed 0.3 million stamps by Wet Offset process. The miniature sheet was produced in the quantity of ?

Chaudhary Ranbir Singh

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Chaudhary Ranbir Singh, a freedom fighter and distinguished parliamentarian , on February 1, 2011, his 2nd death anniversary.

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.

Maryward-Loreto Institutions

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on the 400 years of Maryward-Loreto Institutions, on February 2, 2011.

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.

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New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

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Jainism Collectors Meeting during INDIPEX

A meeting of the philatelists collecting Jainism & allied themes is being organized on February 15, 2011 at 4 PM at INDIPEX 2011 exhibition venue, New Delhi.

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New Restrictions for Use of PayPal in India

With effect from 1 March 2011, the PayPal account holders in India are required to comply with the requirements set out in the notification of the Reserve Bank of India governing the processing and settlement of export-related receipts facilitated by online payment gateways ("RBI Guidelines").

In order to comply with the RBI Guidelines, the PayPal user agreement in India will be amended for the following services as follows:

1. Any balance in and all future payments into the PayPal account may not be used to buy goods or services and must be transferred to the bank account in India within 7 days from the receipt of confirmation from the buyer in respect of the goods or services; and
2. Export-related payments for goods and services into the PayPal account may not exceed US\$500 per transaction.

Auction Action

ARIES AUCTIONS

Feb 13, 2011, New Delhi

Contact: talwar2002@hotmail.com

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TODYWALA AUCTIONS - Stamps

Feb 14-15, 2011, New Delhi

Contact: info@todyauction.com

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Feb 12-14: New Delhi, [STAMP COLLECTORS' MEET](#)

Timings: **10 AM to 5 PM**

Venue: National Sports Club of India, Opposite Pragati Maidan, Mathura Road, New Delhi 110001

Tables: All Tables SOLD OUT

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Table Holders of the Stamp collectors Meet:

01. Travancore Stamp House, Kottayam
02. Sant Kumar Jain, Jaipur
03. Luhadia Stamp Auctions, Jaipur
04. Rakesh Khemka, Amritsar
05. A. R. C. Shah, New Delhi
06. Dipak Mittal, New Delhi
07. N. K. Dhuper, New Delhi
08. S. L. Jain, New Delhi
09. Rasiklal Mehta, Mumbai
10. Aries Stamps and Collectibles, Gurgaon and New Delhi
11. Stamps R Us, New Delhi
12. Ashoka Collections House, Puducherry
13. Mafatlal Sheth, Mumbai
14. Sunil Prabhu, Mumbai
15. Kailash Nath, Varanasi

16. Chandra Prakash, Bareilly
17. PhilatelieCal, Kolkata
18. Park Stamp Centre, Kolkata
19. Ranjit Singh, New Delhi
20. Pradip Aggarwal, Patna
21. N C Bhandari, Jaipur
22. Dipak Dave, Nadiad
23. Rajesh Choudhary, Jaipur
24. Abdul Ghaffar Gandhi, Jaipur

Feb 12-18: New Delhi, INDIPEX 2011 World Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Hall #8,9,10,& 11; Pragati Maidan, New Delhi 110001

Contact: wpe2011@indiapost.gov.in

Web Site: www.indipex2011.com

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