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If you've found this newsletter useful, recommend it to a friend.  
Better still forward a copy of this issue.

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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

At the beginning of this year we decided to visit as many exhibitions
and meetings as possible to give us an opportunity to meet and interact
with fellow philatelists.

Surprisingly within past thirty days we have visited Jaipur (twice),
Bhopal, and Ludhiana.

It has been quite an interesting and enjoyable experience catching up
with old friends and making new ones.

We will continue to update you with our interactions during our
travels.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and sources to this issue: Dr. S K
Sondhi, and N K Pahwa.

Please mention this newsletter when contacting other philatelists.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING POST ISSUES

India Post's 11th issue of Greeting Cards with matching pre-stamped envelopes (the first with new postal rate of Rs. 5) consists of 68 cards and envelopes and not 66 as reported in issue # 87 of October 17, 2002. The design of the imprinted postage stamp on the envelope is an exact replica of the design of the greeting card inside.

The serial numbers (printed on the back of the cards) used are from 0186 to 0246 excluding # 0198 that was not used. In addition 8 earlier designs # 0040, 0053, 0054, 0163, 0174, 0181, 0184, and 0185 have also been re-issued in the 11th issue in the denomination of Rs. 5.

~~~~~ PCI CASES UPDATE

The suit filed by Rajesh Varma against PCI and others came up for hearing on February 14, 2003. The next date for hearing is now fixed for February 25, 2003.

The suit filed by Madhukar Jhingan against PCI came up for hearing on February 17, 2003. It is now fixed for February 26, 2003.

~~~~~ RECENT & FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS

MEWARPEX 2003

Udaipur Division of Rajasthan Circle of India Post organized a district level philatelic exhibition at Udaipur on February 14 and 15, 2003. The exhibition was open for competitive exhibits from Udaipur and Rajsamand districts. M L Bansal, president of Bhilwara Philatelic Club, was one of the members of the jury.

LUPEX 2003

The Ludhiana Division of India Post in Punjab Circle and Ludhiana Philatelic Club (LPC) jointly organized the district level philatelic exhibition at the Philatelic Museum at Head Post Office, Ludhiana during February 15-16, 2003. 16 philatelists displayed their collections in 30 frames. Vivek Kaul, Director Postal Services, Punjab inaugurated the exhibition.

Other dignitaries present on the occasion were N S Nanda, President, Hotel and Restaurant of Association of Punjab and Darshan Arora, Chairman, Ludhiana Citizen Council. Damnesh Kumar, Chief Postmaster, Gole Post Office, New Delhi and K C Bhardwaj, Assistant Director (Buildings), Delhi Circle, also visited the exhibition. Students from Spring Dale Public School, N M Jain School and BCM Arya Model Senior Secondary School presented a brief cultural program. Professor T R Bhatia, Senior Vice President of LPC recited a poem on philately.

The theme of the exhibition was Space Technology. Narender Pal Singh displayed a collection on Space Technology.

The Chief Guest released a special cover dedicated to the memory of Kalpana Chawla, who lost her life along with six astronauts in the Columbia crash on February 1, 2003. The special postmark shows the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) meteorological satellite Kalpana - 1, dedicated to her by the Prime Minister of India. The Chief Guest was so much impressed with the cover and cancellation that he gave a prize of Rs.1000 to its designer Aman Arash Veer Singh. The image of the cover is available at the following link:

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/News/104-pix.htm>

The exhibition had stamps on a variety of themes including Mahatma Gandhi, Bharat Ratna Awardees, Literary Figures, Dogs, Snakes, Golden Eagle, Expression of Eyes, Euro Coins, British Royal Family, Indian States, India, and Oddities (odd shaped stamps). The exhibit that evinced keen interest among the visitors was the India is Calling You (a collection of Post Independent stamps displayed under various categories covering different aspects, like nature, flora, fauna, forts, monuments, temples etc) by Meenakshi. The Department of Posts also displayed their greeting cards.

On February 16, Dr. S.K. Sondhi, founder president of LPC and Yash Pal Bangia, secretary general of LPC conducted a written quiz on philately. In it 43 students from 5 different schools namely, Spring Dale, BCM, BVM, New High School and KVM participated. There was on the spot evaluation of the answer sheets. The first three prizes were awarded as under: First Prize, Gaurav Gupta, BVM School, Second Prize, Niti Bansal, KVM School, and Third Prize, Poorva Bhatia, KVM School.

A philatelic workshop was also organized on this occasion. Professor Bhatia, conducted the workshop and explained the various aspects of philately to the participants in a lucid way. Philatelic kits consisting of stock book, stamps and information sheets were also distributed to the participants.

M L Summan, Senior Superintendent of post Offices, Ludhiana City, awarded prizes to the winners of the quiz contest and exhibitors. After the prize distribution, lunch was hosted by LPC for all.

More than 10 dealers from all over India participated in the Stamp Bazaar organized on this occasion. The exhibition was widely covered by the electronic and print media.

JP PEX 2003

The detailed report will be carried in the next issue.

COINEX 2003

The Gujarat Coin Society is organizing a national level numismatic exhibition from February 28 to March 2, 2003 at Sardar Patel Social Centre, Near Sushrusha Hospital, Opposite Navrangpura Telephone Exchange, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad.

STAMPEX 24

The Jallandhar Division of India Post with Jullundur Philatelic Club (JPC) is organizing a district level non-competitive philatelic exhibition on March 1-2, 2003 at K L Saigal Memorial Complex, Near T.V Centre, Bhagwan Mahavir Marg, Jallandhar City.

Painting competition and open quiz for students in the age group of 10 to 17 years shall also be held during the exhibition.

Sale Booths to dealers are available for Rs.100 per day.

The special cover & special postmark to mark this occasion has been designed on the theme of Cricket World Cup 2003. The rate per duly serviced Cover is 10 plus postage.

For details and bookings please contact Nawal K Khera, Secretary JPC, along with the remittance at JPC Office: 143 Vijay Nagar, Khera Clinic, Near Football Chowk, Jalandhar 144 001. Phone: (0181) 2258150, Mobile: 98147-30676.

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'INPEX 2002' Update

The dealers' deposits for sales booths have been refunded and a Trading Hall for dealers at the exhibition venue will be provided free of cost.

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

PHILATELY IN TRANSITION IN INDIA, Part 45

Our appeal to all institutional and individual members of Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) to find out the facts brought quite a few positive responses.

While investigating the location of the registered office of the PCI we found that, believe it or not, it simply does not exist.

The registered office is a statutory requirement and must be situated in the National Capital territory of Delhi as the PCI is registered as a society with the Registrar of Societies, Government of the National Capital territory of Delhi under the Societies Registration Act of 1860 as applicable to the National Capital territory of Delhi. There is no provision under the law to move it out of the National Capital territory of Delhi to any other state.

The registered office as per the Memorandum of Association printed and circulated by PCI is "Dolphins", S-484, Greater Kailsh II, New Delhi 110048. This address was the residence of G B Pai who has since sold the house and moved from Delhi to Harayana State in 1995.

Our investigations also uncovered a communication forwarded to the Registrar of Societies by Brahm Mehta on September 4, 1996 that has asked to change the address to D-409 Defence Colony, New Delhi 110024 that was the residence of Brigadier D S Virk who died in early 1997. However mere communicating the address change to the Registrar of Societies is not sufficient under the law. The change of registered address is an amendment of the Memorandum of Association and requires the due process to be completed as provided for in section 12 of the

Societies Registration Act of 1860 as applicable to the National Capital territory of Delhi.

The Governing Council of the PCI in a resolution passed at the meeting held at New Delhi on December 20, 1997 shifted the registered office to B-2/55 Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi 110029 that is the residence of Mehta. This change till date is not communicated to the Registrar of Societies and now even Mehta has denied that his residence is the registered office of the PCI.

The PCI is functioning in an invalid and illegal manner since day one and this is but one example.

We believe it is high time for PCI members to take action for correcting the situation.

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READERS FORUM

<Dear Reader, Your feedback is important to us as it helps evolve the newsletter. We strive hard to bring you comprehensive coverage of the latest on Indian philately and improve with every issue. Please do let us have your thoughts and suggestions. We also would like to learn how our newsletter impacts your collecting and the value you feel it provides to you. Do send in your comments, views, reports, articles and other features for publication>

DIPOK DEY FROM KOLKATA
ON APPOINTMENT OF JURORS

I would like to know as to whether there are any rules in the Postal Manuals that India Post cannot select any jury who are not the member of one particular private philatelic association or even being member they are not on their list of jury panel not being in the good books of some controlling group?

When all the expenses are borne by the department why they are solely depending on one particular society. If this society would bear the cost of exhibition nobody will have any objection. The role of the department should be independent and they should select Jury or advisor of their own and on their own with a criterion of philatelic knowledge, contribution to the promotion of philately and achievement.

Department should keep themselves far from this particular society.

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FEATURES & RESOURCES

Indian Laws Relevant to Philately  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Guide/Misc/laws.htm>

Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud related to Indian Philately  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Guide/Misc/cybercrime.htm>

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RESEARCH NOTES

Ranes Chakravorty from USA wrote, "I enjoy reading your newsletter. In a past issue you mentioned 4 printers for Indian Postal Stationery as follows -

- ISP = India Security Press, Nashik Road
- SPP = Security Printing Press, Hyderabad
- CSP = Calcutta Security Printers Limited, Kanpur

MSP = Madras Security Printers Limited, Chennai

I have the following questions -

- 1) What city is ISP situated in?
- 2) Is CSP the Calcutta Security Printers, really located in Kanpur? If so, why are they named Calcutta Security Printers rather than Kanpur Security Printers?

Editor's Response:

Strange as it may sound the 'Nashik Road' is the name of a township. The city of Nashik (earlier spelled Nasik) is one of the holiest cities in India and a place for pilgrimage since time immemorial. In the nineteenth century the citizens protested the introduction of Railways on religious grounds and accordingly railway line was stopped at a short distance from the city of Nashik. Later a new township known as 'Nashik Road' developed around the railway station of the same name. Today Nashik and Nashik Road have expanded to become twin cities.

Calcutta Security Printers' registered offices are situated in Kolkata (earlier spelled Calcutta) and they do have a production unit there as well. However their main production unit is located at Kanpur and that is where the stamps and postal stationery are produced.

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ALSO IN THE NEWS

UK TO INTRODUCE 'E-STAMPS'

Royal Mail is to begin testing 'e-stamps' that can be bought over the Internet and printed off by customers in their home or office. The new system, which is being developed for Royal Mail by Lockheed Martin, would use advanced encryption technology to allow sorting machines to recognize genuine e-stamps from fakes via a digital postmark.

The system would even allow users to customize their stamps by incorporating a picture or company logo. The e-stamp could also carry useful information such as a return address. Lockheed Martin is designing it to work with common computing applications such as Microsoft Word and Excel. Trials of the technology are due to begin in spring, with a rollout to consumers planned for the end of the year.

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ASK US

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

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NEWSSCAN

<We invite you to contribute clippings on philatelic and postal matters, from other print and electronic publications, for inclusion here>

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