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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

After a long time the awards for India at Singapore can be termed as satisfactory - with two golds, befittingly for Anil Suri that was his 11<sup>th</sup> and to S C Sukhani exhibiting after a hiatus of 30 years! And the three vermeils, while those to Pradip Jain and Rajan Jayakar were more or less on expected lines, we are very proud of the one that goes to Dr. Satyendra Kumar Agrawal's Roses. The promotion and recognition of Thematic Philately is the need of the hour as it represents the majority of philatelists in India.

Pakistan created history at Singapore by bagging its first Large Gold Medal for M Arif Balgamwala's British Indian Airmail 1911-1939 that also won the Best Exhibit of the Class. Arif also won gold with Special Prize for Postal Stationery of British India Overprinted Pakistan 1947-49. Nepal's two exhibits were both on Postal Stationery and won a vermeil and silver. Bangladesh and Sri Lanka participated with three and two exhibits and secured a silver plus a bronze and two bronzes respectively.

This is for the first time that five nations out of the seven of South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) were present at a world philatelic event. We think the time has now come for the formation of a philatelic unit of SAARC.

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

- M&SJ

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

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newsletter when contacting other philatelists.

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

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

September 10 - K Subrahmanyam, Rs 5

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POSTAL STATIONERY UPDATE

New Arrivals:

August 23, Postcard with advertisement, in Tamil, xxxxx, 1 million, Security Printing Press, Hyderabad

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

August 15, 2004: Rajkot, Mohandas Gandhi Vidyalaya - Alfred High School  
August 15, 2004: Rajkot, Shri Swaminarayan Temple, BAPS,

Available from Mihir B Dhandha, 'Shri Vishnu-Krupa', 25, New Jagnath Plot, Rajkot-360 001, at Rs.10/- plus postage and packing charges. The payment by Money Order or Bank Demand Draft in favor of M K Philanums, and payable at Rajkot should accompany the orders.

The images of the covers are at:

[http://www.geocities.com/mihir\\_dhandha/skpsgandhiconver.jpg](http://www.geocities.com/mihir_dhandha/skpsgandhiconver.jpg) and  
[http://www.geocities.com/mihir\\_dhandha/skpsmandircover.jpg](http://www.geocities.com/mihir_dhandha/skpsmandircover.jpg)

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68<sup>TH</sup> FIP CONGRESS AT SINGAPORE

The day long Congress was ably conducted by President Koh. Some important decisions of the Congress are:

Georgia was admitted to the membership of FIP.

Peter McCann, USA was elected as Vice President of FIP in place of Dr. Eliseo Ruben Otero, Argentina while Joseph Woff, Luxembourg was reelected as Vice President of FIP. Fernando Aranaz del Rio, Spain; Dr. Lumir Brendl, Czech Republic; and Charles J. Peterson, USA were also reelected as the Directors of FIP.

The FIP patronage to following exhibitions was provisionally granted or confirmed: PACIFIC EXPLORER 2005, Sydney, Australia; WASHINGTON 2006, Washington DC, USA; ESPANA 2006, Seville, Spain; BELGICA 2006, Brussels, Belgium; BRASILINA 07, Rio de Janerio, Brazil; ISRAEL 08, Tel Aviv,

Israel; and EFIRO 08, Bucharest, Romania. China may hold a world exhibition in 2008 and South Africa may hold its first world exhibition in 2010. The Congress also recognized that the world exhibition in India originally scheduled for 2004 has been indefinitely postponed.

In an emotionally charged atmosphere the delegates bid adieu to Dr. Ing. Giancarlo Morolli who stepped down as the Chairman of FIP Commission for Thematic Philately after 27 years of yeomen service, Dr. Alan Huggins who served as the Chairman of FIP Commission for Postal Stationery for 14 years, and Michael Madesker who served as the Chairman of FIP Commission for Postal Stationery for 12 years.

The 69<sup>th</sup> Congress of the FIP shall be held in October 2006 at Seville, Spain in conjunction with ESAPANA 2006 World stamp Exhibition.

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PCI AGM VIDEO AVAILABLE

The video recording of the entire proceedings except first 10 minutes, of the PCI AGM held on August 8, 2004 at Ahmedabad is available in 3 video compact disks (VCD). The PCI has a history of not recording in the minutes the true proceedings of its meetings therefore yours truly insisted upon the hosts for the video recording this time.

The video is available for cost of 3 blank vcd, packing and postage from Madhukar Jhingan, [mjhingan@yahoo.com](mailto:mjhingan@yahoo.com) 49-D, BG-5, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi 110063.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A philatelic exhibition was organized at St. Marry's High School, Rajkot to mark the Saurashtra Kutchh Philatelic Society, Rajkot on August 15, 2004. Two special covers with special postmarks were released on this occasion.

September 29-October 3, 2004, Port Blair, Philately Festival  
Andaman Club and Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkiya Mahavidyalaya College  
Contact: Ambesh Upmanyu, Director of Postal Services A & N Islands, Port Blair 744101

October 1-4, Jalpaiguri, Regional for North Bengal and Sikkim  
Contact: Philately Bureau, Siliguri, West Bengal  
The stamp booklets, maxim cards, picture post cards and special covers shall be released

October 1-3, Ahmedabad, Dak Bharti  
Contact: Ashok Kumar Bayanwala, 'Vrinda Niket', 96 Swastik Society, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad 380009, Mobile (Reliance) 079-31030758 (CORRECTED)

October 9-15, New Delhi, Autograph Exhibition, National Level  
AIFACS, 1, Rafi Marg  
Contact: Santosh Kumar Lahoti, Secretary, Autograph Collectors Club of India (Regd.), 'Shree Sadan', 26, P K Tagore Street, Calcutta-700006, Phones: (033)25305293/25436471 - Resi. Reliance Mobile 033-3101 2533, Fax: 91-33-24746899, Email: [sklahoti@vsnl.net](mailto:sklahoti@vsnl.net)

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

INDIA'S STAMP JOURNAL, Vol. 65 # 1 - May-August 2002,  
Editor: Vispi S Dastur  
Publisher: Empire of India Philatelic Society  
Address: Standard Building, D N Road, Mumbai 400001  
Annual Subscription including membership: Rs 100 or US \$ 12 by air

The editorial begins "we have not been able to publish India's Stamp Journal for the last few months"!!! The truth is that the journal is long dead. There was an issue in 2001 and now the sole issue of 2002 has surfaced after 3 years. The cover says it is issue #1 of 65<sup>th</sup> year while the mast says this is issue #1 of 65<sup>th</sup> year.

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NEW UNIFORMS FOR POSTAL WORKERS

India Post will introduce new uniforms for postal workers with effect from October 1, 2004 - the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of India postage stamps.

Postmen will wear full-sleeved light blue shirts with navy blue pants, while women would wear light blue saris and navy blue blouse. It will replace the existing khaki uniforms. Ladies also have the option of wearing a salwar kameez. The National Textile Corporation would supply the dress material, which would have the logo of India Post embroidered on it.

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NEW PHILATELIC WEBSITE

A philatelic website devoted to stamps of Bangladesh has recently been launched at <http://www.embrasurefilms.com/philately> by Azizul Islam of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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OOPS!

The correct url for The Calendar of Worldwide Philatelic Auctions is <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/a702.htm>. We regret the inconvenience caused due to incorrect url published in the issue # 184 of September 2, 2004.

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FAKE STAMP SCAM UPDATES

Justice D B Bhosale of Bombay High Court on September 3, 2004 rejected the bail plea of Baban Rajane, former deputy registrar at Mumbai stamp office, arrested for of selling fake stamps procured from the Telgi syndicate.

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FREE ADVERTISEMENTS

The Advertising Supplement to 'Stamps of India Collectors Companion' is available on-line <http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Ads/ads.htm>

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

PHILATELY IN TRANSITION IN INDIA, Part 76

A R Singhee, M G Pittie and Dilip Shah have been exercising illegal control on the Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) for personal benefits since the demise of D N Jatia in 2000.

We have repeatedly and successfully shown in all forums available to us that these persons have no respect for the laws of land and they violate these time and again with impunity.

Vispi Dastur, a Chartered Accountant and former Special Executive Magistrate of Mumbai committed contempt of court by continuing as juror at the World Stamp Championship Singapore 2004. Dastur dared to go against the orders of the court dated August 7, 2004 that was also published in Issue # 181 of August 12, 2004. Dastur's appointment as jury to Singapore 2004 itself was illegal, without authority and its ratification was stayed by the court.

The court order cited above also stayed the ratification of the nomination of Dilip Shah as candidate for the election as the Bureau Member of FIP Commission for Fight Against Forgeries. The nomination of

Shah on behalf of PCI was not only illegal and unauthorized but also funny. We wrote about it in Part 71 of this column in Issue #165 of April 22, 2004. Shah's nomination was not withdrawn in the light of the court order and at the meeting of the Commission at Singapore on August 31, 2004, M G Pittie as the delegate of the PCI attended and voted. Consequently Shah was declared elected as a Bureau Member of the Commission.

M G Pittie is one of the Vice President of Inter Asia Philatelic Federation as a nominee of PCI. Pittie occupied a seat at the dice during the PCI Annual General Meeting (AGM) on August 8, 2004 at Ahmedabad. After being forced, he did confess at the AGM his unwarranted, unauthorized and illegal appointment of India's national commissioner to Hong Kong 2004 without even informing the PCI President or any other member of the Governing council except his Sister-in-Law and fellow juror at Hong Kong 2004. However the AGM did not even discuss his role/s at the forthcoming Congress of the International Philatelic Federation (FIP). Pittie eventually not only attended FIP Congress but also attended several FIP Commission meetings and voted as PCI delegate!

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Indian Laws Relevant to Philately

<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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RESEARCH NOTES

By Madhukar Jhingan

PRIVILEGED POSTAL RATES FOR SEAMEN

The privilege of sending and receiving letters at special rates of postage under the same conditions as are applicable to Seamen of Her Majesty's Navy has been extended to petty officers and men of the native crew of the vessels of the Indian Marine Service while at Aden or on foreign service.

- Circular # 7 of May 22, 1889, Office of the Director General of the Post Offices of India

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ALSO IN THE NEWS

UNITED NATIONS DROPS STAMP DESIGN

Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has protested a decision by the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) to scrap plans to print a stamp designed by a Taiwan junior high-school student.

The design by 13-year-old Yang Chih-yuan and the designs of five other teenagers from around the world won a recent UNPA contest commemorating International Peace Day. Yang's design featured a dove flying among 22 national flags, including that of the Republic of China (ROC) on Taiwan.

However, the UNPA quickly dropped the design after coming under pressure from the People's Republic of China (PRC), which does not tolerate the ROC flag.

"We strongly denounce the PRC for bullying Taiwan even though the design was the creation of a junior high-school student," the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) said. "Beijing's move might further harm the feelings of the nation's people towards the PRC." MOFA also called on the PRC to stop pressuring Taiwan in the international community, saying that the PRC would otherwise "have to take full responsibility for further deterioration of ties across the (Taiwan) Strait."

MOFA noted the United Nations principle whereby politics should not interfere with art and culture, and called on the UNPA to give Yang the recognition that he deserves.

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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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The Hub Site of Indian Philately presents info in following segments - NEWS, ISSUES, EVENTS, AUCTIONS, PUBLICATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS, DEALERS, and ARTICLES. In addition we provide question answers in ASK US. Also all Indian philatelic web sites as well as several useful philatelic sites are listed under LINKS.

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

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