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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We recently suffered the minor loss of a phone diary and have been  
slightly handicapped in contacting people. We are now attempting to  
create a phone book on our computer and would like to request all our  
readers to kindly send in their contact information in the following  
format so that we can update our database. We thank you in advance for  
your efforts.

Name, Telephone number - Office, Residence, Mobile, Address - Office &  
Residence and of course email id even though we may have your id.

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

- M&SJ

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Abahi Mishra, Ashok Tiwary, Rakesh Gupta and Shyam Prasad Pradhan.

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

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

October 1: M C Chagla  
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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

September 28: Dehradun, Aryasamaj Dhamawala, 125th anniversary
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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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  
Stamp booklets, maxim cards, picture post cards and special covers shall be released

October 1-3, Ahmedabad, Dak Bharti  
Sardar Patel Seva Samaj, Opp Navrangpura Telephone Exchange, Off CG Road  
Contact: Ashok Kumar Bayanwala, 'Vrinda Niket', 96 Swastik Society, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad 380009, Mobile (Reliance) 079-31030758 (CORRECTED)

October 9-12, New Delhi, Autograph Exhibition, National (NEW DATES)  
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 PUBLICATIONS

CENTENARY OF FLIGHT 2003
Author: Vijay Seth
Publisher: Seth Communications, New Delhi
64 Pages, Softbound, All Color, Rs 500 US\$15 €15 postage extra
Available from: Vijay Seth, Seth Communications, vijay_hseth@yahoo.co.in
S-331 Greater Kailash-I, New Delhi 110048
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MORE ON RAKHI SPECIAL ENVELOPES

Here is the latest update:

Issued by following circles:  
Delhi, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Not issued by following circles:  
Kerala, Uttaranchal, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal

Issue sold out and Reprinted by following circles:  
Rajasthan, Gujarat (With logo added)

Status unknown as yet:  
Jammu & Kashmir, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal,  
Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Assam, North East

We take this opportunity to thank all those who have provided  
information and request the readers especially from "Status unknown"  
areas to look out for the Rakhi envelopes in their area and help add  
further information.

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

G P A NEWS, Whole # 84 - August 2004, Monthly
Editor: H C Mehta
Publisher: Gujarat Philatelists Association
Address: 1/M National Chamber, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad -380009
Annual Subscription including membership: Rs.200, Entrance Fee Rs.100
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MULK RAJ ANAND DIES AT 99  
Well-known English litterateur Mulk Raj Anand died in Pune on September  
28, 2004. He was 99. He is survived by his wife and a daughter. Born, in  
Peshawar in 1905, Anand was a leading light of the Indian English  
literature scene with Untouchable and Coolie being his more popular  
novels. He had been conferred with many awards, including the Padma  
Bhushan for his contribution to English literature. He has bequeathed  
his property to the Sarvodaya Trust, which he had set up.

Philatelists remember him as the author/editor of the "Story of Indian  
Post Office" published on the occasion of the Centenary of India postage  
stamps in 1954. Jawahar Lal Nehru, the then Prime minister of India had  
personally asked him to take up this assignment.  
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NEPAL NEW ISSUES

Stamps
24 September 2004:

- a) 100 Years of FIFA, Rs.20
Designed by Mohan N Rana, 0.5 million
- b) 50 Years of Management Education
Designed by K K Karmacharya, 0.5 million
- c) Silver Jubilee of Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, Rs.5
Designed by K K Karmacharya

Printed by Offset Lithography by Austrian Government Printing Office
Vienna, Austria

Commemorative Cover
September 18, 2004, 400 Years of Guru Granth Sahib
A Silver coin of Rs. 250 was also released on this occasion
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FREE ADVERTISEMENTS

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available on-line <http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/ad/ads.htm>  
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VIEWS & OPINIONS

PHILATELY IN TRANSITION IN INDIA, PART 79

The Part 66 of this column in the issue # 154 of February 5, 2004, began with "M G Pittie did it again! He once again flouted all norms and rules that are applicable to all except him and his friends! Pittie holds no office in the Philatelic Congress of India yet appointed Subrata Chakrabarti as national commissioner from India in January 2004."

Well, it took about six months for Pittie to publicly admit this fact - in the AGM held at Ahmedabad on August 8, 2004. Earlier in the AGM, Dilip Shah publicly disowned having any knowledge whatsoever regarding appointment of commissioner or participation of Indian exhibits at Hong Kong 2004. Joining issue on this, yours truly asked all those who were occupying the dais to immediately step down if they were not even aware of appointments of commissioners in PCI's name what to say of maintaining the roster of commissioners!

We welcome this courageous move by Pittie and suggest him to come clean on everything and start afresh with a clean slate. This will not only be in his best interests but also in the best interests of philately.

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READERS FORUM

<Dear Reader, Your feedback is important to us as it helps evolve the newsletter. Please do let us have your thoughts and suggestions.>

RANJIT SINGH, New Delhi

It is sad to find there is no news in your newsletter about forthcoming issues of stamps. Is it a secret affair? I have received stamp issuing programs of other countries for 2005 but here we don't know what stamp is coming up next and when. You praise always our postal system. I think department of philately is killing it.

Moreover I want to know as to for what purpose Philatelic Bureau New Delhi date stamp is used because they refused to cancel my mails which I sent there just for clean post marking. Regular stamp cancellation of Parliament Street will make any body feel ashamed. Indian Capital's biggest post office does not know even how to fix digits in canceling stamp correctly.

A good number of post offices in India have their pictorial cancellations. Neither Delhi nor Amritsar has one yet. I understand that even regular ordinary cancellation was refused to a collector at Amritsar.

Shalimar Bagh cancellation is much better than Sansad Marg postmark. Just have a look at postmarks a hundred years back and compare these to present day cancellations.

You are a world renowned philatelist; can't you do anything to get things in order? It seems Philatelic Bureau at New Delhi works on whims and moods and supervisors simply "sleep and gather salaries."

RAJIV

It is sad that the issue on Taj Mahal has been postponed. It could have been most sought after stamp of 2004 in India. Also I was disappointed to know the Postal Department's refusal to release stamp on 75 Years of BCCI. The cricket is most popular sport in India. Yet only on very few occasions the stamps have been released. How could the Postal Department issue stamps on Murasoli Maran & Rajiv Gandhi and not refuse it. In the

same way they could have issued Stamp on 75 years of BCCI. Like Olympics India should issue stamps on every cricket world cup. It is sad that India did not issue stamps on cricket even when world cup was held in India. India should learn from Bangladesh which has issued stamps on many world cup and Asia cup. The politics in issue of stamps should be gotten rid off. The Postal Department should reduce the number of stamps they issue on personality and concentrate more on themes. In this way they can make philately more popular in India.

The postal Department should also make arrangement for publishing list of stamps to be issued during the month in all the leading newspapers of India.

The department should also make available again the stamps at the philately counter after it gets out of stock, so that many people are not disappointed when they do not get the stamps. Many times I have found that at philately counter the staff refuses to give stamps even if available.

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FEATURES & RESOURCES

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

STAMP BOOKLETS

The booklets of stamps were introduced in India on April 1, 1904. These were regularly issued for 40 years, till 1939, when during 2nd world war these were discontinued due to paper shortages. For some reason issue of booklets were not resumed after the end of the war.

The first booklet in India since 2nd World War was issued on INDIA-80 world philatelic exhibition on January 1, 1980. It contained blocks of 4 of the first 10 stamps issued on INDIA-80 from normal sheets. The booklet was sold for Rs.35 slightly above the total face value of stamps included, Rs.33.60. The booklet was made up at the Philatelic Bureau, New Delhi. The information on the printer of the cover, and the quantity produced is wanted.

The second booklet was issued on INDIA-89 world philatelic exhibition on January 20, 1989. This was on lines of a prestige booklet, had stamps in sheetlets printed specially for the booklet and had different perforations than issues in normal sheets. It was sold for Rs.270 and the total face value of stamps included was Rs.255.60. The booklet was printed and produced by Thomson Press, Faridabad in the quantity of 40,000.

The first booklet containing definitive stamps was issued November 7, 1994 by Maharashtra Circle of India Post to mark the Bicentennial of Bombay GPO. The booklet contained 20 special definitive stamp depicting Gandhi from normal sheets in 2 horizontal strips. The booklet was sold for Rs.20 that was the face value of stamps included. The cover was printed by Tata Press, Mumbai in the quantity of 2000. The booklet was made up at the Philatelic Bureau, Mumbai.

A series of four booklets was planned by the Jammu & Kashmir Circle of India Post and were sponsored by Jammu & Kashmir Tourism. The Booklet covers were known to have been printed but the booklets were not prepared.

Nagpur Region of Maharashtra Circle of India Post issued a booklet. It contains in strips of 5 each Rs.2 and Rs.3 definitive stamps featuring weaving and Polio immunization respectively. The booklet was sold for Rs.25 that was the face value of stamps included. The information on the date of issue, printer of the cover, the quantity produced, and the place of manufacture is wanted.

Northern Region of Kerala Circle of India Post issued a booklet on April 21, 2003. It contains 6 greeting stickers and 6 definitive stamps of Rs. 4 depicting Painted stork from normal sheets in strips of 6. The booklet was sold for Rs. 40 and the face value of the stamps included is Rs. 24. The cover was printed by Digital Printers & Binders of Kannurn the quantity of 500. The booklet was made up at the Philatelic Bureau, Calicut.

North Bengal & Sikkim Region of West Bengal Circle of India Post issued two booklets on September 18, 2003 at Darjeeling during a district level philatelic exhibition. The covers of both the booklets depict the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway that is on UNESCO's world heritage list. The booklet contained 10 stamps depicting Leopard Cat from normal sheets in blocks of 10, 2 horizontal x 5 vertical. The booklets were sold for Rs.50 that was the face value of stamps included. The covers' design concept was provided by Madhukar Deogawanka, artwork by Kaushik Dey, and was printed by La Belle Art & Publicity, Kolkata in the quantity of 1000. The booklets were made up at the Philatelic Bureau, Siliguri.

Gujarat Circle of India Post issued a booklet on October 2, 2003 at Ahmedabad during 10th state level philatelic exhibition. The cover depicts famous caricature of Gandhi by Cartoonist Ranga that was previously used on the stamp issued on January 27, 2000. The booklet contained 20 definitive stamp depicting Leopard Cat from normal sheets in 2 horizontal strips. The booklet was sold for Rs.100 that was the face value of stamps included. The cover was printed by Mehta Printers, Ahmedabad in the quantity of 1000. The booklet was made up at the Philatelic Bureau, Ahmedabad.

Rajasthan Circle of India Post issued a booklet on October 12, 2003 at Jaipur during 10th state level philatelic exhibition. The cover depicts the logo of the exhibition RAJPEX 2003. The booklet contained 20 definitive stamp depicting Leopard Cat from normal sheets in 2 horizontal strips. The booklet was sold for Rs.100 that was the face value of stamps included. The cover was printed by Sumedha Printers, Jaipur in the quantity of 600. The booklet was made up at the Philatelic Bureau, Jaipur. All booklets are individually numbered and initialed by a postal official.

Surat Division of India Post issued a booklet on December 22, 2003 at Surat during a district level philatelic exhibition. The cover depicts the logo of the exhibition - Suratpex and the 4 Indian stamps issued on Sardar Patel. The booklet contained either a block of 4 of Children's Day 2003 stamps or Greetings issue, all from normal sheets. The booklet was sold for Rs. 35 or Rs. 70 respectively. The cover was printed in the quantity of 500. The booklet was made up at the Philatelic Bureau,

Surat. All booklets are individually numbered. The information on the printer of the cover is wanted.

North Bengal & Sikkim Region of West Bengal Circle of India Post issued four booklets on December 24, 2003 at Kalimpong during Kalimpong Stamp Show. The theme of the booklets is 'Joy of Communication' and the cover designs feature Season's Greetings: Sunrise, Flower, Letterbox, and 100 years of Powered Flight. The booklet contained 10 stamps depicting Leopard Cat from normal sheets in blocks of 10. The booklet was sold for Rs.50 that was the face value of stamps included. The covers were designed by Dipok Dey and printed by La Belle Art & Publicity, Kolkata in the quantity of 1000. The booklet was made up at the Philatelic Bureau, Siliguri.

North Bengal & Sikkim Region of West Bengal Circle of India Post is issuing four different booklets on October 1, 2004 at Jalpaiguri during Regional philatelic exhibition for North Bengal and Sikkim.

Gujarat Circle of India Post is issuing a booklet on October 1, 2004 at Ahmedabad during Dak Bharati philatelic exhibition.

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ALSO IN THE NEWS

DESIGN REJECTED BY UN ON NEW TAIWAN STAMP

A junior high school student whose painting was selected by the United Nations as an "International Peace" commemorative stamp design but later rejected under pressure from mainland China was able to have the last laugh on September 21, 2004 when Chunghwa Post Co. unveiled a stamp with a face value of NT\$15 based on the painting. Yang Chih-yuan, a 13-year-old student from Hsinpu Junior High School in Panchiao, Taipei County, took his creation, "Dreaming about Peace", to the Lions Club International-sponsored world poster competition. It was chosen as one of the six posters to be made into "International Peace" commemorative stamps by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). But 48 hours after learning of the good news, Yang was informed that the work had been rejected mainly because it contained a small Republic of China national flag and that Beijing had objected.

Chunghwa Post Co., after receiving consent from Yang and Lions Club Taiwan, decided to use his painting as the design for the 2004 International Peace commemorative stamp with a face value of NT\$15 (US\$0.44). It also held a launch ceremony of the stamp, inviting Yang and his family to share the joy and pride of the day in Taipei County. Yang's work is said to have displayed rich creativity and keen observation. In the wake of the 9-11 terrorist attacks on New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C., his work shows two spheres -- war and peace, with fire and tanks in the right corner to show the cruelty of war, and two children riding doves to fly toward peace. In the left corner of the painting, children from various countries join hands around a globe to symbolize world peace.

Taiwan launched a "one person, one letter" campaign on September 21, 2004 to protest UNESCO's withdrawal of a young Taiwan student's painting from its "Peace Day" promotional posters under Beijing's pressure. Acting Taipei Magistrate Lin Hsi-yao said he hopes local people can write letters to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to protest its decision to withdraw a painting by Yang Chih-yuan, a student at Hsinpu Junior High School in Taipei County, from its posters marking the September 21 International Day of Peace.

Yang's painting was originally selected by UNESCO along with five other paintings created by school children from other countries to be printed on its Peace Day promotional posters. However, UNESCO later withdrew Yang's creation due to pressure from China, a U N Security Council permanent member.

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