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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

Praful Thakkar, formerly of Indian Administrative Service, is well known author in print and electronic media on Indian numismatics and autographs. We welcome his maiden venture "Collectors Guide to First Day Covers & Folders of India 1947-1964 Official & Private" that will be released on April 23, 2010 at Mumbai. We wish him a grand success and look forward to not only this but many more contributions in Indian philately from him.

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

- M&SJ

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Better still, forward a copy of this issue. Also, please mention this 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, philatelic 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

MARKAND DAVE IN CUSTOMS NET

The leading national and some regional newspapers broke the news on April 14, 2010 about an incidence involving Markand Dave of Nadiad, a leading philatelist and stamp dealer. On Saturday April 10, 2010 when Dave was on his way to Frankfurt, he was stopped by officials from the Customs department at Ahmedabad International Airport, based on a tip-off.

He was found carrying philatelic material over 100 years old. The Indian Antiquities and Art Treasures Act 1972 provides that items over 100 year old cannot be taken out of the country without permission from the Archeological Survey of India.

Dave was produced before the Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate R C Joshi, who sent him to judicial custody. Dave has filed a bail plea, which will come up for hearing on April 16, 2010.

At the time of sending this issue the result of the bail plea hearing is awaited, we shall update you with more information as and when it is available.

Meanwhile two questions are looking for their answers:

1. The identity of person who tipped Customs and the beneficiaries thereof. The majority in Indian philatelic community believe that he was trapped by his business rivals.
2. Why judicial custody for Dave as in all similar cases in past where individuals were caught with carrying antiquities no one was taken in to custody.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

- Apr 17: Chandra Shekhar
- Apr 26: Sant Kanwar Ram Sahib (Rescheduled from Apr 13)

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 www.stampsofindia.com 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

India Post released a set of 12 postage stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 each on Astrological Signs on April 14, 2010. A miniature sheet accompanied the issue.

Bharti Mirchandani designed the Stamp, Miniature Sheet, and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark and the Brochure containing write-up and technical data. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. India Security Press, Nasik printed 0.8 million stamps each by wet offset process. The miniature sheet was produced in the quantity of 0.8 million.

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NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

AWAITED

2008 Aug 02: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009 Oct 14: Heritage Temples, Miniature Sheet

2010 Apr 14: Astrological Signs, Miniature Sheet

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STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION

Bharatiya Daktikit Sangstha, Kolkata is organizing a national philatelic exhibition 'Stamps of India National Exhibition' from December 10 to 12, 2010 at NSIC Exhibition Ground, New Delhi. 'Stamps of India National Exhibition' is commemorating the Centenary of the Transfer of the Capital of India to Delhi from Kolkata.

Please expedite your ideas and suggestions regarding the activities before and during the 'Stamps of India National Exhibition' and about your willingness to participate, volunteer and contribute in any manner. The email address to contact is [sine@stampsofindia.com](mailto:sine@stampsofindia.com).

More information will be made available every week here as well as online at  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sine.html>

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We welcome philatelic organizations in India to take advantage of the global reach of Stamps of India for marketing their products worldwide.

We have created an area on the website for this service and several products are listed in various categories at <http://stampsofindia.com/shop/shop.htm>. We are also in the process of introducing several new products.

These philatelic items can be viewed online with relevant details. Several easy options to make the payment and receive the items right in the comfort of your own home are provided. Enjoy these new additions to your collection and keep writing in to let us know what other products you would like to see on Stamps of India Online Offers.

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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>

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NEW SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Apr 7: Chennai, Anna Adarsh College for Women Silver Jubilee

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2010, visit
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/2009pm.htm>

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2009, visit
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2009aps.htm>

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FORGERIES & FRAUDS ALERTS

If you detect forgeries and frauds of Indian philatelic items, please inform to [suspect@stampsofindia.com](mailto:suspect@stampsofindia.com). The names of volunteers and contributors will not be published, if so desired.

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AUCTION ACTION

Oswal Antiques

Oswal Antiques will hold Auction #12 on April 22, 2010 at Tejpal Hall, Opposite August Kranti Maidan, Gowalia Hall, Grant Road, Mumbai. The catalog of this numismatic auction is available online at their website
<http://www.indiacoingallery.com/auctions.htm>

Todywalla Auctions

First Philatelic auction by Todywalla Auctions will be held on April 24, 2010 at Tejpal Hall, Gowalia Hall, Mumbai. The catalog is available online at their website <http://www.todyauction.com>
Todywallas will also be holding a numismatic auction a day earlier at the same venue.

Murray Payne

The specialist in King George VI issues of British Empire & Commonwealth, Murray Payne of UK is holding Postal Auction #6 that is closing on Thursday, April 22, 2010. One of the highlight of the sale is Mahatma Gandhi 1948 Specimen. The catalog is available online at their website
<http://www.murraypayne.com>

Machine Tool Philatelics

Machine Tool Philatelics, Ernakulam, is holding Postal Auction No. 5 closing on May 5, 2010. The bids should be sent to nsadasivannair@yahoo.in or N. Sadasivan Nair, President, Machine Tool Philatelics, Premasadanam, Karippayil Road, Rajagiri P O, Ernakulam 683 104. Telephone Ph: 0484-2542834, Mob: 9946339799 (7 pm to 9 pm).

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PAYPAL UPDATE

In compliance with Indian regulations, Indians selling products and services to customers globally should review the following important information:

Any proceeds or earnings received into sellers PayPal account from the export of goods and services should be withdrawn to seller's bank account within 30 days.

While making the withdrawal please make sure to select the purpose code that best fits seller's business.

Any proceeds or earnings received into sellers PayPal account from the export of goods and services may only be withdrawn to seller's bank account in India.

This received amount cannot be reused for making purchases. For purchases on any website that accepts PayPal, one can continue to use any credit card issued by a bank in India.

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STAMPS ON INDIA: GANDHI PHILATELY

The blog on Gandhi Philately <http://gandhiphilately.blogspot.com> continues with interesting studies of all aspects of Gandhi Philately. It has added the following new information this week:

1) "Think Different" Gandhi & Apple

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PHILATELIC EXHIBITION ON WHEELS

Deepak Krishan, General Manager, Southern Railway inaugurated the Philatelic Exhibition on Wheels on the occasion of 55th Railway Week Celebrations of Southern Railway on April 13, 2010 at Chennai Central Railway Station. Shanthi Nair, Chief Post Master General, Tamil Nadu Circle of India Post released a Special Cover on the occasion.

The Exhibition train comprising three coaches will have on display a very rare and unique collection of stamps and cancellation covers by the renowned philatelist, Mohd. Mujibullah, Heritage Assistant, Eastern Railway, Kolkata. These stamps and covers portray important developments such as the development of Railroad, Horse drawn Carriages, Birth of Steam Locomotive, Metro trains, Monorails, Super Speed Trains, Rolling Stocks, Stations, Signals, Bridges, Tracks, Tunnels, Mountain Railways, Railway Ferries, Mail Trains, Railway Mail Service and Railway Centenaries.

The Exhibition train will be stabled at the 11th platform of Chennai Central Railway Station for public viewing on 13th & 14th April 2010 from 10 am to 6 pm.

The schedule of the Exhibition train will be as follows.

Apr 15: Tiruchchirappalli  
Apr 16: Madurai  
Apr 17: Tirunelveli  
Apr 18: Thiruvananthapuram  
Apr 19: Ernakulam Jn.  
Apr 20: Kozhikkode  
Apr 21: Coimbatore Jn.

The entry to the exhibition is free.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Apr 22: Mumbai, Coins & Stamps Show
Organizer: Oswal auctions
Venue: Tejpal Hall, Gowalia Hall, Mumbai
Contact: Girish Veera 09820010483

Apr 23-25: Mumbai, Coins & Stamps Show
Organizer: Todywalla auctions
Venue: Tejpal Hall, Gowalia Hall, Mumbai
Dealers Booth: Rs 5,500
Contacts: Farokh Todywalla 09820054404 Malcom Todywalla 09820213620

May 7-9: Ludhiana, Stamp-Fiesta 2010 Stamp Festival of Punjab

Organizer: Ludhiana Philatelic Club

Online: <http://stampfiesta2010.wordpress.com/>

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Dec 10-12: New Delhi, STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION

Organizer: Bharatiya Daktikit Sangstha, Kolkata

Venue: NSIC Exhibition Ground, New Delhi

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For a list of exhibitions in 2010, please visit

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MEETINGS

The schedule of meetings of the philatelic organizations in India is available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm>

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PROF (DR) V K GUPTA, New Delhi

I have great pleasure to inform you and the readers that my daughter's "Roka" ceremony has taken place on 7th April 2010, at India International Centre, New Delhi. At present she is working as Director (Legal) and Consultant to Link Consulting Pvt Ltd.

CHRISTIAN SPERBER, Germany

I would like to comment the article "Germany special Gandhi Postmark Cancel or Gandhi Rubber Stamp?" which appeared on <http://gandhiphilately.blogspot.com> and which is mentioned in your newsletter No. 430:

The cover with the Gandhi rubber stamp is a German domestic cover franked with a current 55c flowers definitive and postmarked with one of the special cancels used during the exhibition.

Here is a picture showing special cancels used during the IBRA / NAPOSTA exhibitions in 2009:

<http://cophila.forumsclub.com/s-t-e-m-p-e-l-f9/essen-die-sonderstempel-zur-ibra-naposta-09-t140.htm>

Apparently, this looks like a privately produced rubber stamp.

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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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