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### SOME NEW YEAR PHILATELIC RESOLUTIONS

Mr. G. MADANMOHAN DAS, President

I thought this might be a very good time to review a listing of a stamp collector's possible New Year's resolutions. I'm not sure too many of us take the time to make New Year's resolutions, so think as my holiday gift to you: a no-hard-work-for-you-to-think-of set of stamp collecting, resolutions for the New Year of 1991.

Obviously, you don't have to choose all of those listed here, but I hope you will enjoy reading the list, find it helpful and actually adopt one or more as your own.

Here they are, with explanations about each one's importance:

1. I will set aside some special time on a regular basis to work on my stamp collection.

Explanation: In these difficult economic times, and with the stress of the world news each day, day to day pressures and activities sometimes overwhelm us.

For more than a 100 years, one of the finest selling points of stamp collecting has been the marvelous ability of these little pieces of paper to magically carry us away from our everyday concerns.

In 1991, now more than ever, stamp collecting is a rewarding and relaxing hobby. Pick a time, may be

Tuesday evenings, Sunday nights or whenever, but set aside some time that you know is dedicated to working and playing with your stamps. You will find guaranteed stamp time each week a rewarding thing to do.

2. I will handle all of my stamps and covers with care.

Explanation: This is actually more complicated than the simple promise seems. Many of us tend to innocently mishandle stamps because we are in a hurry, because we don't have time to find the right tools or because we say to ourselves, "well, this is a cheap stamp, anyway."

Promise never to handle mint stamps with your hands. Get in the habit of using stamp tongs whenever you handle stamps. In this way, you won't accidentally handle a stamp with your hands, and thereby damage it with moisture, bending, or tearing.

Store all of your stamps and covers neatly, using proper storage methods.

Never leave stamps and covers lying around, especially in the kitchen area.

Always put all stamps and covers safely away when you are finished working with them.

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### SIPA MEETINGS

SECOND SUNDAY of every month - Regular meeting at the Philatelic Bureau, Anna Road Post Office.

THIRD SUNDAY of every month - Auction meeting at our Library Hall at 6, Nannian Street, Madras-3.

(Timings: 10-45 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

# INDIA IN SPACE

by Shri Ashok Kumar Tiwary

The setting up of a small sounding rocket facility at Thumba near Trivandrum, called the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station (TERLS) in 1963, marked the beginning of India's attempts at practical exploration of space for meeting various national needs such as rapid development of mass communication and education, and timely survey and Management of the country's natural resources.

Vikram Sarabhai is known as the founder of India's space programme. He was the first Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) which was established in 1969.

India's space programme was formally organised in 1972 when the Government of India set up the space commission and Department of Space. This was ISRO, where all the Indian satellites were developed.

**AARYABHATTA** : Aaryabhata, the 360 kg first Indian satellite, was launched in April 19, 1975 from Baikanur cosmodrome in USSR, in space with the help of Soviet Intercosmos Rocket.

The satellite carried three experiments, one each in X-Ray astronomy, Solar Physics and aeronomy. This satellite was shut down in March 1981. Aaryabhata was the heaviest satellite among the first satellites made by any country even USSR and USA.

**BHASKARA I** : Immediately after the launch of Aaryabhata, Bhaskara I, India's first experimental Earth Observation Satellite was conceived with the following objectives :

- I. To conduct earth observation experiments to collect, process, analyse and disseminate data of relevance to hydrology, forestry and geology using two television cameras.
- II. To study ocean state using a two frequency microwave radiometer. The 444 kg. Bhaskara I was launched from USSR in June 7, 79. This was shut down in November 1981.

**BHASKARA II** : A slight improved version of Bhaskara I viz Bhaskara II was launched again from USSR in November 20, 1981. It was shut down after 29 months on 24 April 1984.

All these satellites were launched from USSR by using Soviet inter-cosmos rockets. India was developing its own rocket for launching its satellite from India.

**ROHINI** : For this purpose, India developed Satellite launch Vehicle (SLV-3). During the second flight of SLV-3 India launched its first Rs-1 Series satellite-Rohini (35 kg.). Thus India became seventh country in the world after USSR, USA, France, Japan, China & UK to have satellite launching capacity. It was launched on July 18, 1980,

SLV - 3 was a 22.7 meter long four stage solid propellant vehicle with a launch capacity of 17 tonnes.

**RSD-1**. Second Rs. 1 satellite (RSD 1) weighing 38 kg was launched by the first development flight of the SLV-3-D-1 on May 30, 1981. Due to technical disturbances, it was destroyed 9 days after being launched.

**RSD - 2**. The last in Rs 1 series satellites RSD - 2 weighing 41 kg was orbited by second development version of SLV-3 (SLV-3-D-2) launched on 17th April 1983. It was shut down on Sept 24, 1984.

**APPLE** : India took an important step in acquiring the technology for building communication satellites when work on a three axis stabilised Geo-Synchronous experiment communication satellite called APPLE (Arian Passenger Pay - Load Experiment) was initiated. APPLE was launched by the European Space Agency (ESA)'s Ariane Launcher on June 19, 1981 from Kourou, French Guyana. After the prescribed life of two years in orbit, the satellite was switched off.

**INSAT** : INSAT-1 (Indian National Satellite) is a multi purpose National Satellite System for domestic telecommunication, meteorology and nationwide TV broadcasting to rural communities and radio and TV programme distribution for re-broadcasting/net working. INSAT 1A- The first in series was launched by USA on 10 4-1982 aboard a Delta vehicle. But due to certain technical deficiencies the space craft was turned off after 147 of useful in-orbit life. The second satellite in series INSAT 1B was launched by US Space Shuttle Challenger on August 30, 1983.

INSAT 1A & B were built by Ford Aerospace & Communications Corporation (FACC) of USA according to ISRO specifications. While space-craft and launch services had been procured from abroad, the ground segment utilised indigenously developed earth station and communications technology to the maximum extent possible.

# ALL INDIA COLLECTORS & DEALERS MEET

BHARATIYA DAKTIKIT SANGSTHA, 47, Stalkart Lane, Salkia, Howrah-711 106

Sri. S. C. SUKHANI, the most respected professional Philatelist of India presided over the meeting and Shri CHIRANJIT DAS, one of the Veteran Philatelist was the guest-in-chief for the first half while Sri. M. C. SUKHANI, the Philatelic tycoon decore the chair of guest-in-chief for the second half. The meeting jointly organised by B.D.S & I.S.D.A. Dr. S N, CHATTERJEE, President of B. D.S. inaugurated the meeting.

It is no denying fact that philately in general is declining in India. The objective of this meeting was to find out some possible ways which can lure and encourage people to get involved in philately. The problems of Indian philately discussed elaborately and candidly in the meeting. We are just quoting the final outcome of the meeting.

1. It is unanimously decided that to promote and popularise philately in India a massive campaign, through formidable mass media such as Press, Radio, T.V., Seminars, Workshop at Schools are to be organised.
2. It is also resolved that the BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION and MINISTRY OF EDUCATION be requested to incorporate philately in school curriculums.
3. An amount will be donated to CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY to introduce a fellowship in philately.

4. All the LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS are being requested to purchase philatelic books and house Philatelic materials.
5. It is also decided that a NATIONAL CATALOGUE of Indian Stamps will be published by I.S.D.A. with the close association of B D S. Shri DIPOK DEY, Editor of 'Stamps World' unanimously selected as the convenor for the Catalogue.
6. INDIAN FISCAL STUDY CIRCLE is also formed and Sri M C. SUKHANI chosen as the convener for the circle. In the next meeting to be held in February 1991 similar Study Circle will be formed for THEMATIC AND POSTAL HISTORY.
7. Postal Museum and philatelic library at Calcutta G.P.O. has been requested to purchase philatelic books, catalogue, journals and to preserve all special cancellation/Covers, New Issue Literature and F.D.C. etc.
8. B.D.S. and I.S.D.A. will extend all possible help to establish Philatelic Clubs in those parts of the country where there is no such clubs exist.
9. All the philatelic society/clubs are being requested to take similar steps in their respective States, with a copy to B.D.S. and I.S.D.A. for follow up.

**INDIAN COSMONAUT:** India's dream to send its citizen into space became a reality when Sqn. Leader R. Rakesh Sharma went to space on board the spaceship Soyuz T-11 along with two Russian Counter parts Col. Yuri Malishev & Gennady Strakalov on 3rd April 1984. With this flight India became 10th country to send its Cosmonaut in space after USSR, USA, Cz-choslovakia, Poland, GDR, Hungary, Mangolia, Romania, Cuba and others.

**Some achievements of this flight were :**

1. Rakesh Sharma was 138th Cosmonaut.

2. Soyuz T-11 was 7th flight hosted at Salyuy-7 Space station.
3. The flight lasted for 8 days in space.
4. First time Yogasan was done in the space.
5. The Prime Minister of India, Mrs Indira Gandhi directly talked to the Indian Cosmonaut and while answering a question from P. M., "Aapko Bharat kesa lagta he?" Sqn. Leader Rakesh Sharma told — "SARE JAHAN SE ACHHA HINDUSTAN HAMARA"

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# PHILATELIC CODE OF ETHICS

The following is the text of the Philatelic Code of Ethics prescribed by the UPU for observance by the member Administration (Postal) creating philatelic products.

1. Administrations creating philatelic products shall ensure that the use of the postage stamps and other means of denoting payment of postage does not lead to the creation of postal products which do not result from the exercise of proper postal procedures.

The following shall be recognized as philatelic products with the scope of this code :

- maximum cards;
- first day covers;
- Presentation packs or albums;
- envelopes with embossed or preprinted stamps;
- cachets for special occasions and events and related products;

— stamps with surcharges, in conformity with article 192 of the Detailed Regulations of the Convention.

2. Administrations shall not authorise the use of cancellation dies, handstamps or other official informative or operational markings which do not result from the exercise of proper postal procedures.

2.1 Administrations shall not permit the use of such cancelling or marking devices by persons other than their own employees.

2.2 In certain exceptional cases and provided that direct supervision is exercised by their employees, administrations may authorise the use of these cancelling or marking devices by persons other than their own employees.

2.3 Where administration contract out part of their operational activity and in particular cancellation the contract shall specify that the cancelling and marking devices shall be used for operational purposes only and in strict accord with the proper postal procedures of the administration concerned, which shall ensure that this rule is strictly observed.

3. In the sale of products for philatelic purposes incorporating postage stamps, administrations shall ensure that the handling of the postage stamp itself and the use of cancellation dies, handstamps, cachets and other marking devices are in conformity with their respective postal procedures.

4. For each issue of postage stamps, administrations shall ensure that these are printed in sufficient quantity to meet potential operational requirements and foreseeable philatelic needs. In employing cancellation dies, handstamps and cachets for special occasions or events, administrations shall ensure a sufficient quantity of philatelic products is available to meet requirements.

5. Administrations shall not permit or facilitate the sale to the public of postage stamps or philatelic products incorporating postage stamps in the country of issue at other than face value. Nor shall they sell postage stamps in territories other than the territories of issue below face value.

6. Administration shall, wherever possible, ensure that products for philatelic purposes incorporating postage stamps are available in sufficient quantity to satisfy the requirements of all those wishing to purchase them.

7. Whilst administrations have no control over the use of postage stamps or article entrusted to the postal service for Postal or philatelic purpose once they have been sold, they shall nevertheless:

7.1 Not Support or acquiesce in any artifice intended to enhance sales of their postage stamps or products incorporating postage stamps by suggesting a potential scarcity of these products.

7.2 Avoid any action which might be taken as declaring approval of or conferring status on products of unofficial origin incorporating postage stamps.

7.3 In the event that they appoint agents to market their philatelic product instruct such agents to observe the same procedures and practices as those of the administrations themselves. Administrations shall not permit agents to operate or alter their proper postal procedures nor to control philatelic procedures.

7.4 Specifically prohibit the sale or disposal by their agents of their postage stamps or products incorporating postage stamps below face value. In remunerating their agents, administrations shall obviate as far as possible any need for agents to sell postage stamps or philatelic products incorporating postage stamps above face value. Due allowance may be made for national or local variations in sales and other taxes which may be pertinent.

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3. I will take proper precautions to safeguard my collection from theft.

Explanation: Stamp collectors often tend to be very private people when it comes to the contents of their collections.

Many collectors downplay the size and scope of their efforts, so as not to give the impression that they own many valuable stamps. They are afraid that this information in the wrong hands could lead to burglary and theft. It was for this reason, for instance, that in 1980 the American Philatelic Society stopped publishing an annual directory listing all of its members.

Stamp collectors want anonymity from the general public in order to protect their collections. Be aware of who may be listening if you are describing the value of your collection.

Use caution in public places if you are carrying or telling about parts of your collection.

Keep albums and stock books in plain-looking containers, perhaps even brown supermarket bags. Never joke in public as you never know who may be listening.

4. I will become active in my local stamp club.

Explanation: Many readers belong to local stamp clubs. Only a few attend meetings of the clubs on a regular basis and fewer take an active role in making things happen at the club.

If you would like to find even greater enjoyment from your stamps in 1991, make a promise to yourself that this year you'll make some specific contribution to the club. Consider chairing a committee or holding an office. If that's not your speed, volunteer to present a program on your favorite collecting topic.

Write something for the club newsletter. If you can't do this by yourself, call another member and do it together. Help strengthen your local stamp club in 1991.

5. I will start a fun collection to supplement my main collection.

Explanation: An exciting recent trend in our hobby has been the development of fun collections and fun exhibits. These involve using as much creativity and imagination as you have, and often creating your own stamps and covers.

Many collectors have taken to "fun in philately" by creating collections and exhibits of their own liking. Starting a fun collection of your choosing is a relaxing and fun-filled challenge, and highlights the lighter side of stamp collecting.

6. I will take a non-collecting friend to a stamp show and/or stamp club meeting for a couple of hours.

Explanation: You know that stamp collecting has a wide and broad appeal. At the same time, however, most of your close friends and associates are not currently, involved in stamp collecting.

The next time you are planning to attend a stamp show or club meeting, call a friend who is not a collector and invite him as your guest. Promise that you will explain the basics of what's going on, and that you will take him out for a great snack afterwards.

It's also a good time and a good way to be able to tell this friend more about your own collecting interests. Who knows, you might even recruit a new collector.

7. I will think of purchasing appropriate philatelic gifts for non-collecting relatives and friends.

Explanation: The world of gift giving grows ever greater, with more and more speciality shops popping up all the time.

You can help promote the hobby and have fun at the same time if you will think about appropriate philatelic gifts for your non-collecting friends. Looking through the ads. in the pages of SIPA can help stimulate ideas.

T-shirts, sweatshirts, mugs, watches and books with a stamp theme make great gifts. Many of the recent Indian Postal Service products appeal to non-collectors.

A topical collection, which you put together for a special someone, can be a magnificent gift. Purchasing a small, leather-bound stock book, and presenting a favorite person with stamps about their profession, heritage, or interest is also a great idea.

So there you have it. Seven promises for 1991. I hope you will choose at least one of them. My wife join me in wishing you a happy, healthful and above all peaceful New Year.

# COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS OF INDIA 1947-1989

Compiled by Mr. F. P. SEERVAI, Life Member SIPA.

Past President of South India Philatelists' Association

During the period India was under the DOMINION August 1947 to 25th January, 1950, only 12 stamps were issued 9 pies to Rs. 10/- on 29th May, 1948 one stamp was issued in 12 annas to commemorate the Inauguration of India -UK Air Service, the stamp was in use for one day only. Four stamps of Mahatma Gandhi 1½as, 3½as, 12As and Rs. 10/- was issued on 15th August 1948 — first anniversary of Independence on granite paper with no WMK printed by COURVOISIER of Switzerland, the only Indian Stamp not printed in India.

Four stamps were issued 2as, 3as, 4as and 12as was issued when India became REPUBLIC ON 26th Jan. 1948. 27 Commemorative postage stamps were issued till anna currency was changed. Multi Star WMK paper was used. Last stamp in anna series was of Lokmaniya Tilak 2 annas on 23rd July 1956. First issue in decimal currency was of Indian Mutiny Centenary 15np & 90np. Multiple Star WMK was used upto 30th April, 1958 and after that Ashokan Capital WMK Paper were used. No WMK Paper were used from 26th Jan. 1966.

All Commemorative stamps were issued in np denomination upto 16th March, 1964 but one more stamp in np was again issued on 27th September, 1964. From 12th June, 1964 denomination of stamps was only in numbers e.g., 15 with P in English & Hindi by the

side of the number from 4th August, 1966. P was dropped from denomination from 10th Jan. 1974. Till 1989, 949 Commemorative postage stamps have been issued on a variety of subjects and themes. There was no commemorative stamp issue in 1949. Minimum 3 and maximum 51 in one year was issued. Personality stamps have always dominated the commemorative stamps. One Commemorative stamp (22/6/1960) of Poet Kalidasa in Re. 1.03 was surcharged to Re. 1 on 2nd Feb. 1963 as a Provisional issue.

7 number of SE-TENANT Stamps were issued, 4 in pairs and three in 4 stamps.

5 number of Miniature stamp sheets were issued; one two stamps and four number with four stamps. One Miniature sheet was without perforation; two miniature sheets were charged more than the stamp value, the extra amount so obtained was meant for use of Exhibition expenses.

4 Gandhi stamps issued on 15th August, 1948 were over-printed "SERVICE" meant for official use. Traffic Light issues were issued from 8/6/1973.

Some Commemorative stamps were issued with Slogan "USE PIN CODE" for fast mail in English and Hindi and INDIA 80 and 'INDIA 90' had slogan on the blank margin position of the sheet.

## LIST OF STAMPS ISSUED IN 1990

No.	Date	Description	Value
1.	17-1-90	Dr. M.G. Ramachandran	60
2.	29-1-90	Sukhna Shramdan	100
3.	21-2-90	The Bombay Sappers	60
4.	2-5-90	Asian Development Bank	200
5.	6-5-90	150th Anniversary of First Postage Stamp	600
6.	17-5-90	Dr. HO Chi Minh	200
7.	29-5-90	Chandhary Charan Singh	100
8.	30-7-90	Indian Peace Keeping Force	200
9.	31-7-90	Indian Council of Agricultural Research	200
10.	11-8-90	Khudiram Bose	100
11.	16-8-90	Indo Soviet Issue	100 P. 650
12.	24-8-90	K. Kelappan	100
13.	5-9-90	Care for the Girl Child	100
14.	8-9-90	International Literacy Year	100
15.	10-9-90	Safe Water	400
16.	28-9-90	Pt. Sunderlal Sharma	60
17.	29-9-90	XI Asian Games	100p. 400p. 400p. 650
18.	1-10-90	A. K. Gopalan	100
19.	1-10-90	5th Gorkha Rifles	200
20.	19-10-90	Suryamal Mishran	200
21.	14-11-90	Children's day	100
22.	30-11-90	Border Security Force	500
23.	17-12-90	The Theme of Greetings	100p. 400
24.	24-12-90	Cities of India	400p. 500p. 650
25.	26-12-90	Baktha Kanakadas	100
26.	28-12-90	Ter Centenary of Calcutta	100p. 600
27.	31-12-90	Dhyaneswari	200
28.	20-11-90	Family Planning (Definitive)	75
Issues : 27			No. of Stamps : 35
			Value Rs. 90.30

**REGULAR DEFINITIVE STAMPS OF INDIA 1949-1989**

15th August, 1949: **FIRST DEFINITIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERIES**—17 values from 3 Paisa to Rs. 15/- issued WMK : Multiple star Low Values printed in Typo & Rupee Values in LITHO.  
1 ANNA Value wrongly printed corrected on 15/7/50 ;  
4 Annas colour changed (30/4/51) ; 2½ Annas added (30/4/51).

5 Types of perforations used in these series;  
Perf: 14 for 3P to 2As ; Perf. 13½ for 3As to 12As ;  
Perf : 14 x 13½ Re. 1 & Rs. 10/- ; Perf : 13½ x 14 Rs. 2 & Rs. 5 Perf : 13 Rs. 15/- Rupees 10/- printed in two colour Shades.

26th January, 1955 **SECOND DEFINITIVE SERIES**  
Perf: 14 x 14½ **FIVE YEAR PLAN** 18 Values 3Ps to Rs. 10/- WMK Multiplestar.

1st April, 1957 **THIRD DEFINITIVE SERIES MAP DESIGN** WMK: Multiple Star ; Decimal Currency Issue ; Perf: 14 x 14½ 14 Values 1NP to 90NP.  
The 8, 15 and 90 n.p. have their value expressed as 'nP'

1958-63 **FOURTH DEFINITIVE SERIES DESIGN & PERF** as above WMK : **ASHOKAN CAPITAL** Values 18 ; 1n.p. to Rs. 10/- Rupee Values same design as Five Year Plan Issue ;

N.B Six Values 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 50 n.p. were issued in Coils prepared from sheets for experimenting with coil machines. Some values were sold across the counter.

1965-75 **FIFTH DEFINITIVE SERIES ON DIFFERENT THEMES** : Handicrafts, Agriculture, Archaeological etc., 18 values—2p to Rs. 10/- ; WMK : **ASHOKAN CAPITAL** ; 2p and 5p stamps were issued on WMK : Large Star & India Govt. in sheet paper ; 5p was issued also on No WMK

1974-1983 **SIXTH DEFINITIVE SERIES BUT WITHOUT p and Re. 15p - 25p - Re. 1** were issued with P & Re. Two WMK Papers were used (a) Ashokan & Large Star & Govt. of India in Sheet. 17 values 2 to 100). Some stamps with different WMK Ashokan position ; Rs. 2 issued in two dies ; 50p issued in two sizes ; Re 1 stamp issued 1Re and 100 ; 5p issued on NO WMK 12/5/74

1976-1986 **SPECIAL DEFINITIVES** of **NEHRU & GANDHI** were issued in different values 25, 30, 35, 50 and 60. Two size portrait of Gandhi and three size portrait of Nehru were issued ; WMK : Ashokan ; There were two dies 25p of Nehru, different Hindi wording of Nehru ; 25p of Gandhi also have two dies, shoulder variation ; Different WMK position of stamps 50p Nehru & Gandhi were issued.

1970-1985 **SEVENTH DEFINITIVE SERIES ON DIFFERENT THEMES** 16 values 2p to 1000p. Two Types of WMK (Ashoka & Large Star) used : two types of printing Photogreave & Litho ; Three different Perforations 14 x 14½ ; 14½ x 14 and 13 used ; Re. 1 & Rs. 2/- are in two sizes printing and overall size Die I & II Different position watermark paper used—upright, to right, to left and inverted. Different perforation and different WMK position and different dies used with the result 60 different stamps in 16 values were issued.

1986-1989 **EIGHTH DEFINITIVE SERIES** Same Values issued ; 7 values issued 25 to 5000 with WMK Ashokan in different position ; Perforation 13 used and there are 12 stamps of 7 values.

1971 **OBLIGATORY TAX. REFUGEE RELIEF.**  
From 15th November 1971 to 31 March 1973, the Indian Government levied a 5p surcharge on all mail, except postcards & Newspapers, for the relief of the refugees from the former East Pakistan. Gibbons havelisted only Typographed overprints. Nasik for all India over printed 5p on 15/11/1971. For various areas ; Bangalore; Jaipur, Rajastan ; New Delhi ; Goa ; Jabalpur & Alwar —5p of fifth definitive were overprinted **REFUGEE RELIEF** in Hindi & English or in-English only in different sizes and shapes of letter 'by the different Postal Circles. New Design Stamps for Refugee Relief 5np were issued at **NASIK** with WMK : Ashokan. Overprint of 2np & 3np exist but no one is sure whether it was approved by the Postal Department.

**MILITARY ISSUES**

17-2-1950 **Korea : ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERIES**  
1948 Definitives were overprinted in Hindi 'Bharatiya Sanghraksha Katak Korea' **INDIAN CUSTODIAN FORCES IN KOREA** 12 values 3p to Re 1/-

1-12-1954 **INDO - CHINA (INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION) ARCHAEOLOGICAL** series stamp 5 values 3p, 1a, 2as, 8as & 12as overprinted in Hindi "ANTARRASHTRIYA AYOG COMBODGE or **VIETNAM** or **LAOS** all together 15 values.

1-4-1957 Same as above but overprinted on Map Stamps WMK : **STAR** 5 values 2np, 6np, 13np, 50np & 75np total 15 stamps.

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\* **Read Books on Philately —** \*  
\* **Avail Library facilities.** \*  
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# Violation of the UPU Code on Harmful Philatelic Emissions

The three leading international philatelic organizations FIP, ASCAT and IFSDA have taken a common stand in relation to the harmful emissions being flooded by some Postal Administrations. A Press Release by the three organizations declared "These emissions which have no postal justification have a menacing effect on the further development and survival of Modern Philately and have continued to be issued despite many previ-

ous warnings and measures taken by various philatelic organizations and the UPU".

The following is the first list of the issues declared as violating the Code and hence will not be accepted at exhibitions patronised by the FIP and will be only shortly mentioned or may even be ignored in the major international catalogues and philatelic albums :-

Country	Description	Violation (Article of the "Code of Ethics of UPU" violated)
Antigua and Barbuda	Animals. Over printed "Barbuda Mail" 8 values	7.1 and 7.3
Bhutan	Locomotives, 12 values and 12 souvenir sheets	7.1 and 7.3
Bhutan	Japanese Pictures, 12 values and 12 souvenir sheets	7.1 and 7.2
Bhutan	Ships 12 values and 12 souvenir sheets	7.1 and 7.3
Bolivia	Fall of the wall at Berlin souvenir sheet 2Bs.	5 and 6
Bolivia	* 700th Anniversary of the Helvetic Confederation souvenir Sheet 2 Bs.	5 and 6
Bolivia	World Championship "Italia 90" souvenir sheet 2 Bs.	5 and 6
Comoros	Space telescope, 1 stamp perf. and 1 imperf. 1 souv. sheet perf. and 1 imperf.	7.1 and 7.3
Comoros	Pope and Gorbacev 1 stamp perf. and 1 imperf. 1 souv. sheet perf. and 1 imperf.	7.1 and 7.3
Comoros	Baseball 1 stamp perf. and 1 imperf. 1 souv. sheet perf. and 1 imperf.	7.1 and 7.3
Comoros	Titan 2002 1 stamp perf. and 1 imperf. 1 souv. sheet perf. and 1 imperf.	7.1 and 7.3
Comoros	Concorde and T. G. V. 1 stamp perf. and 1 imperf. 1 souv. sheet perf. and 1 imperf.	7.1 and 7.3
Comoros	Chess and champions 1 stamp perf. and 1 imperf. 1 souv. sheet perf. and 1 imperf.	7.1 and 7.3
Guyana	Butterflies 8 values, four[sheetlets of 16 stamps each 3 souvenir sheet	7.1
Republic of Guinea	Railway - Concors 1 stamp and 1 souvenir sheet	5 and 7.1 and 7.3
Republic of Guinea	Orbital Station "Galileo" 1 stamp and 1 souvenir sheet	5 and 7.1 and 7.3
Republic of Guinea	Gorbacev, Bush and Pope Stamps and 1 souvenir sheet	5 and 7.1 and 7.3
Hungary	Stamp day 2 values. (8 Ft and 12 Ft) perf. and 2 imperf. 1 souvenir sheet (20 + 10 Ft) perf. and 1 imperf.	5 and 7.3
Sierra Leone	Actors 8 values and 2 souvenir sheets	7.1 and 7.3
Sierra Leone	Mission on the Mars 4 souvenir sheets	5, 7.1 and 7.3
St. Vincent	Baseball 81 values printed on 9 different mini-sheets	7.1
Sahara Occidental		
R. A. S. D.	Independence 4 values	1
Sahara Occident 1	World Championship "Italia 90"	
R. A. S. D.	7 values and one sheet	1
Vietnam	World Cup "Italy 90"	
	7 values perf. and imperf. 1 souv. sheet perf. and 1 imperf.	7.1
Vietnam	World Cup "Italy 90"	
	Overprinted 8 values	7.1

(Courtesy, "Flash" - December 1990)



## Government has failed to Promote Philately

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has taken serious note of the failure on the part of the Ministry of Communications to promote philatelic services and postal life insurance scheme.

The CAG in his report on Posts and Telecommunications presented to the Lok Sabha on May, 15, said "Philately which aroused considerable interest the world over, has received less than adequate attention in the department of posts despite the recognition of philately as an effective medium to accord symbolic recognition of past achievements of the country. Motivation for development of philately and sustained efforts to involve the younger generations in schools and colleges was lacking".

Promotion of business and publicity for philately were also given inadequate attention despite repeated recommendations of the Philatelic Advisory Committee -n this regard the CAG said.

The CAG said philatelic stamps issued by the department were not "balanced in accordance with the recommendations" of the Advisory Committee. "There was dominance of stamps on personalities" but not on flora, fauna and culture heritage. The design and quality of the stamps needed improvement and there was need to introduce better and more attractive themes.

Activities pertaining to philately had not been reviewed by the Postal Services Board for the last 10 years. Exhibitions were not held at the Circle level as per the prescribed periodicity. The strength of the philatelic bureaux remained static and the number of counters for sale of philatelic stamps increased "only marginally".

Philatelic material, stamps and first day covers were printed much in excess of requirement. These were distributed to the bureaux without co-relating their past sales leading to accumulation of unsold stocks.

Philatelic material, stamps and first day covers were being utilised as ordinary postage and stationery involving avoidable expenditure, the CAG has commented.

(Courtesy : Stamps & Stamps)

1963-65 Same as above but overprinted on Map stamp WMK : ASOKAN only one stamp 2np with overprint for Cambodia while five values for Laos & Vietnam.

15-1-1963 Congo (Indian U N Force) Overprinted on map stamp WMK : Star & Ashokan in English only U. N FORCE-INDIA-CONGO 6 values 1np to 13np and 50np.

15-1-1963 ICC 15np Nehru definitive were overprinted "ICC"

2-10-1968 ICC 5th definitives Series were overprinted ICC in English and Hindi on 2p, 3p, 5p, 10p, 15p, 60p, Re. 1 and Rs 2/- total 8 values.

15/1/1965 Indian U. N. FORCE IN GAZA (PALESTINE) UNEF 15p Nehru definitive were overprinted in English "UNEF"

1948 : Gandhi issue of 4 Values issued on 15/8/1948 were overprinted 'SERVICE' in English.

19/0 /51 : Ashokan Pillar Series with Multiple Star WMK were issued in 14 stamps 3p Rs 10/- . 4as were issued in two colours.

1-4-1957 Ashokan Pillar np Series when decimal currency was introduced a set of 7 numbers 1 np to 50np in Multiple Star WMK was issued by Litho printing.

1953-69 As above with Ashokan Capital WMK 19

stamps from 1np to Rs. 10 Issued by Typo printing. 10np was also printed by Litho ; 15np and 50np were printed in two colours. Some stamps were printed with WMK INVERTED and SIDEWAYS.

5-11-74 As above but WMK No gum a set of 10 stamps 2p to 50p was issued in Typo printing

1971 5np Service Stamps were overprinted REFUGEE RELIEF by local postal circles and at Nasik for all India use. 5np Official Refugee Relief Stamp was printed also in new design.

1967-1974 Ashoka Pillar new design with WMK Ashokan Capital sideways gummed paper in 8 values 2p to Re. 1

1976-81 As above but value without n - p WMK : Large Star and Govt. of India without Gum set of 14 values 2p to Rs. 10/-

1976-81 As above but value without p & Re. with WMK : ASOKA by Photo & Offset printing only 4 values 100 - 1000

10-12-1981 As 1976-81 issue but unperforated 11 value 5p - R1000.

22-11-1982 Design same as 1976-81 with perforation 12 values 5p to 1000.

16-4-1984-88 Design as above but WMK : Asokan 13 value 5p to 1000. There are two WMK position upright and to right.

## PROCEDURE FOR SPECIAL CANCELLATION

For special cancellations, we often receive request from the sponsors rather late as a result of which we are unable to process the cases for providing such cancellations. A minimum of 7 weeks time is required by us to process the case for granting a special cancellation. Therefore, it is reiterated that those desiring a special cancellation should move their request before CPMG/PMG well in time keeping the time margin of at least 7 weeks to process the approval for cancellation and arrange for its advance publicity.

## PROVISION OF SPECIAL CANCELLATIONS REVISION OF CHARGES THEREOF

With effect from 1. 4. 91, the rates for providing of special cancellations have been revised as under.

1. Working days Rs. 500/- (Rupees five hundred only) per cancellation per day per post office.
2. Sundays/Holidays Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One thousand only) per cancellations per day per post office.
3. Special cancellations at the premises of the sponsor. Double the rates at (1) & (2) above
4. Special cancellation during Dist. Level Phil. Exhibitions. 50% of the above rates.
5. The provision regarding 3 months advance notice will also be strictly observed.

## POSTAL LOSSES

Deputy Minister for Communications Jai Prakash told Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra that the anticipated loss suffered by the Department of Posts during 1990-91 would be about Rs. 161.86 crore.

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## MAIL SERVICES TO BE STREAMLINED

Union Minister of State for Communications said the Postal Department was considering whether the subsidy on postal services could be removed and a cost plus tariff could be introduced to make the postal services profitable. Making the idea known for a wider public debate, the Minister said that October 10 would henceforth be observed as National Post Day to focus the public attention on the Department's activities. He said India, alongwith 170 other member-countries of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), would celebrate the World Post Day. One of the biggest problems facing the Postal Department, was the escalating operation costs and consequent deficits year after year. However, In 1990-91, he hoped the deficit would be brought down to about Rs. 100 crore from Rs. 263 crore in 1989-90. Until the tariff system kept pace with costs, the Postal Department would remain under strain. In the big cities, he said, the bulk mail from the corporate sector threw the mail services out of gear. A persuasion campaign had been launched to influence senders to pre-sorting such mails. If necessary, this would be made mandatory later. The multi-storeyed buildings should have letter-boxes on the ground floors to save time of postmen. Listing the Department's achievements, the Minister said 807 new post-offices were opened this year, raising their total number to 1.47 lakh of which 1.31 lakh were in the villages. There was one post-office for every 4,658 people. Ludhiana in Punjab, would become the 60th centre in the Speed Post network from October 10. As part of the effort to improve the Speed Post service, the Department would now pick up packets from regular customers and would offer special customer services between select stations on a contractual basis. A point-to-point service, delinked from the national Speed Post network, would also be offered. In Bombay, a computerised mail sorting system was being set up at a cost of Rs. 17 crore. The system would sort out 30,000 articles in an hour and was expected to be operational from 1991 end.

## D. N. JATIA FELICITATED IN DELHI

Shri. D. N. Jatia R.D.P., F. R. P. S. L., the renowned philatelist of India was felicitated by Philatelists of Delhi on his being elected the President of Federation International de Philatelie (FIP). The glittering function was well attended by the philatelists of Delhi, officials, of the Deptt. of Posts and Delhi Postal Circle, was organised on 18th January 1991. On the occasion Shri. Jai Prakash-Ji, the Honourable Deputy Minister for Communications was the Chief Guest. The occasion was marked by issue of a special cancellation and covers. The function ended with a dinner hosted by M/s. K. C. Suri & Sons.

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

On 13/1/1991 Second Sunday Meeting, 32 Members were present. Mr. F. P. SEERVAI had put on Display all the Issues of 1990, News Cuttings and gave an interesting Talk on Currency Notes, and exhorted the members to take to stamp collecting seriously and said on how from common definitive Stamps of Mahatma Gandhi 24 different combinations of PERFORATIONS could be made from his studied collection. New Members introduced themselves. Our President, Shri G. MADAN MOHANDAS gave a brief resume of the new issues welcoming the members to a HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR and serious collecting. He wanted members to confine themselves to one or two themes and or one country collection and the issue of Commemorative Stamps of India are issued in High denominations and beyond the capacity of ordinary collector. He requested members to bring at least a few album pages from their collections and have it displayed. Some more members shared their views. Shri M. T. Karunakaran showed some SPEEDPOST COVERS of India and Foreign countries.

On 10/2/1991 Second Sunday Meeting, 27 Members were present. Shri F. P. SEERVAI displayed all the new issues of India issued upto date. An Analysis of Stamp Issues of India during 1990 was given. Total number of stamp issues 35 ; number of personalities on stamps 10 ; total face value Rs. 87.50. He read out for the benefit of members present about "PRESERVATION of STAMPS" in great detail and was very much appreciated. New Members got themselves introduced. Next Mr. A. V. KRISHNARAO put on display BICENTINENTAL STAMPS OF AUSTRALIA with a short talk, advised members of how to obtain used stamps of Australia from our Vice-President, Mr. D. H. Rao, A ROTARY

member who is getting USED Australia and giving at cheap prices and the proceeds go to Hospital fund. Mr. D. H. Rao had also brought for the benefit of members SPECIAL Covers of ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 323 Annual Conference held at SALEM on 4th January, 1991 priced at Rs. 5/-. Outstation members can get it from our Association.

Our President Shri G. Madanmohandas appraised the members of the deliberations of the PHILATELIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE held at New Delhi, policy for issue of new commemoratives, new releases, then gave some NEW YEAR Resolutions to be followed by the Members in developing their collections. He gave a short Talk on British Non-denominated GREETINGS STAMPS depicting colourful good-looking symbols issued in 10 Se-tenant Booklet Stamps on 5th February, 1991, depicting a variety of items, including eggs, the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, charms, black cats, weather vanes, birds keys, four leaf clovers, matches, a wishing well, a coin, horseshoes, spiders and other animals with inscription Ist without value (GOODLUCK SUPERSTITIONS). The Booklets are inscribed "Ist" to pay the first class letter rate in Great Britain. The current rate is 22 pence. Previous non-denominated British stamps include Queen Elizabeth II definitives for first and second class mail. All the stamp designs united to form a continuous design. This Booklet is the Great Britain's third Greetings Stamp Booklet. The first released on Jan, 31, 1988 included 19 pence stamps showing a rose, cupid, ships, a fruit bowl and teddy bear. The 1990 Booklet issued on Feb. 6 has the theme "SMILES". The ten Se-tenant 20 P stamps depicts smiling versions of a teddy bear, the British Dennis the menace, Mr. PUNCH, the cheshire cat, the man in the moon, the laughing policeman, a clown, Mona liza, the Queen of Hearts, and Stan Laurel.