

ISSN 0972-3587

----- STAMPS OF INDIA COLLECTORS COMPANION -----
The News, Views, & Features on Philately & Postal Services of India
Issue # 327 - February 7, 2008. Published Every Thursday
Edited by Madhukar and Savita Jhingan

~~~~~  
I N T H I S I S S U E

Stamp Poll 2007  
Forthcoming Stamp Issues  
New Postal Stationery  
Recent Special Postmarks & Covers  
Greetings Stamps Issued in Two Sizes  
Romanian Philately Website Presentation  
Coin Cover Con Alert  
Recent & Forthcoming Events  
The Calendar of Worldwide Philatelic Auctions  
Readers Forum: Rajesh Kumar Sinha, Jeevan Jyoti, Ajit Dash,

~~~~~  
To SUBSCRIBE, please visit www.stampsofindia.com
To UNSUBSCRIBE, click on the second link at the end of this message.
BACK ISSUES <http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/Download/archives.htm>

~~~~~  
JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We sincerely apologize for delay in mailing this issue.

While one of us went out-of-town another got caught up in the local state level stamp show that opened on the day this issue was scheduled to be mailed.

In the hindsight it would have been better that we should have mailed it a day earlier.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Jeevan Jyoti, Shrikant Parikh, Victor Manta,

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

~~~~~  
If you've found this newsletter useful, recommend it to a friend.
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, 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.

~~~~~  
NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAMP POLL 2007

The winner is the stamps issued to mark the International Day of Disabled Persons. More details in the next issue.

~~~~~  
FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Feb 08: D R Gadgil

Feb 14: Damodaram Sanjeevaiah

New issues along with the First Day Cover and the information sheet, at Rs 2 each, are put on sale on sale at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Philatelic Counters in India.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2008, please visit
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2008stamps.htm>

~~~~~  
NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

National Rural Employment Scheme 1, Hindi

National Rural Employment Scheme 2, Hindi

National Rural Employment Scheme 3, Hindi

The grand total till date is now 524, with 247 added in 2007 alone.

The complete illustrated list of Meghdoot Post Card is available at:  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/meghdoot.htm>

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Postcards in 2007, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2007PC.htm>

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Envelopes in 2007, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2007EN.htm>

For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2007, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2007ILC.htm>

~~~~~  
RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

2007 Dec 07: Chandigarh, All India Mayor's Conference

2008 Jan 0: Cuttack, Mahatma Gandhi 60th Death Anniversary

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2007, visit
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/2007pm.htm>

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2007, visit
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2007aps.htm>

~~~~~  
GREETINGS STAMPS ISSUED IN TWO SIZES

The five stamps issued as Greetings Stamps in December 15, 2007 were also issued in two sizes.

Each stamp in this issue has a label attached to it. These labels also carry Greeting messages. This is the first Indian issue with 'tabs'. India Security Press, Nasik printed the stamps by photogravure in the quantity of 3 million for the 4 stamps and of 5 million for the 5th stamp.

The stamps are printed se-tenant 5 x 5 and in the initial supplies the horizontal rows 1 to 4 are 29 mm in height and the row 5 - the bottom row is 31 mm in length or height. Later supplies arrived where this perforation error was corrected and all 5 rows uniformly are 29 mm in height.

This is not a freak but is a major constant variety that merits a listing in catalogs.

For images, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/IDgreetings.htm>

~~~~~  
ROMANIAN PHILATELY WEBSITE PRESENTATION

The Philatelic Webmasters Organization (PWO), in collaboration with the International Association of Philatelic Journalists (AIJP) and the Organizing Committee of World Philatelic Exhibition EFIRO 2008 is organizing at the Bucharest, Romania, from June 20-28, 2008 a presentation of excerpts from worldwide philatelic websites, devoted to Romanian philately.

The webmasters of the most important sites were already contacted by the PWO and they kindly accepted to participate in this important philatelic event, dedicated to the 150th anniversary of the creation of the first Romanian stamps, the famous Bull Heads.

PWO is offering to all interested stamp collectors worldwide a unique opportunity to participate in a world philatelic exhibition with one or two web pages dedicated to Romanian philately.

The presentation will take place at one of the best locations at EFIRO 2008, in the vicinity of the Court of Honor and of the Philatelic Museum, on a surface of 45 m2. The Organizing Committee of EFIRO 2008 will reward all participants with beautiful Romanian philatelic material.

The participating web pages can deal with any chapter of the rich Romanian philately. They can contain scanned images of philatelic material, explanatory text and captions. The accepted languages for the text and captions are English, French, German and Romanian. The participation is free of charge. It is not required that the participants be members of specific philatelic organizations.

For more info and the contact address, visit:

<http://www.pwmo.org/efiro-08/invitation-efiro2008-en-bs.htm>

~~~~~  
COIN COVER CON ALERT

Indian Air Force celebrated its platinum jubilee on October 8, 2007. A set of 4 stamps and a miniature sheet as well as was a coin of Rs 2 denomination was released on this occasion in a grand function organized at New Delhi.

About 3 weeks later at a Coins exhibition in Delhi in October 2007 philatelic covers with this coin were seen on sale.

The investigation revealed that a Delhi based person had cut a hole to paste up the Rs 2 coin issued on October 8, 2007 in the special cover issued by the Army Postal Service seven months ago on March 7, 2007 to commemorate the Fleet Review by the President of India!

The seller by giving false impression that the Army Postal Service has issued this cover with coin, which they have denied, has cheated the buyers of their money. This person is selling this cover at an exorbitant price of Rs 400 to 500 each that cost him Rs 10!!!

This is a case of fraud

For image, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/newspost/327-plus.htm>

~~~~~  
RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Feb 7-9: New Delhi, Delhi State Philatelic Exhibition
Venue: National Science Centre, Near Pragati Maidan Gate 1, Bhairo Marg
Contact: A S Dahiya 99683 64888

For a list of exhibitions in 2008, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/events2008.htm>

MEETINGS

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

~~~~~  
THE CALENDAR OF WORLDWIDE PHILATELIC AUCTIONS

The Calendar for February 2008 has been updated and is now available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/2auctions.htm>

This information is provided by special arrangement with Charles E Cwiakala and updates to this information are available at their comprehensive Website [www.cwiakala.com](http://www.cwiakala.com).

~~~~~  
ADVERTISEMENTS

Please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/siteguide/x16.htm> for tariff and terms

WANTED India Stamp Booklets of King Edward VII, King George V & VI, Unexploded, exploded, and in all conditions,
Contact MADHUKAR DEOGAWANKA deogawanka@satyam.net.in

SELLING Miniature Sheets of India Complete Mint 51 Different, Rs 6500
Contact RAMAWTAR B JAIN, Mobile: 093777 66365

STAMP QUIZZES by Anil Dhir, 224 pages, 2007 edition, contains over 1500 questions and answers. Comprehensive & detailed with quizzes on General Philately, India, Indian States, USA, Britain, Australia & New Zealand Must for all Philatelists & stamp clubs, Rs 300 post free in India. US\$20+ actual postage elsewhere, ANIL DHIR anildhir2k5@hotmail.com

~~~~~  
VIEWS & OPINIONS

#### READERS FORUM

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

RAJESH KUMAR SINHA, Jamshedpur

I have read comment of few members regarding the Awards at National Exhibition at Chennai.

While writing any comment we should take care that if Judges have made any mistake in judging any one's exhibit that does not give any right to that person to make statement like "It was a very nasty affair and I personally feel that all awards above Large Silver were pre-conceived and prefixed."

In this way the person who was judged unfairly, make himself a comment that seems that he knows everything and he has right to insult any one on his will. Personally I have no relationship with any of the judges and neither do I believe in having good relationship with judges to get good awards. I am not a master of philately but I believe " Being victim of anything/circumstance does not give us right to say anything to anyone who is nowhere related to how you have been victimized".

JEEVAN JYOTI, Shimla

It refers to the resentment letters of Mr Ilyas Patel and Rajesh Verma regarding judging in Inpex 2008. I am highly surprised to read how the exhibits of these participants were judged even they were present at the exhibition. One can understand very well how much time and attention was given to the exhibits whose owners were not present there. Here I want to mention that all the exhibitors who participate in National Exhibition and at least those who had already won silver bronze medals at National exhibition have some technical knowledge of philately. Those who get a lower award, doesn't mean they are not philatelically sound. It is a matter of chance and obviously the money we spend on our collection. It is highly insulting and unfair to treat the participants in such a ridiculous way (comments on Mr Ilyas by a jury member that he deliberately downgraded his collection) .

Philatelic Exhibition is not a TV reality show where judges treat participants as if they are kids. It was quite difficult for judges to understand 49 associated topics of Bridges but If Mr Ilyas had included some pre India rare items in his bridges collection irrespective of the connection between theme and material he would have been awarded a gold medal.

The exhibitors put their hours of hard work especially in preparing the write ups and collecting details for a Thematic exhibit. It is not so easy. Those who have made comprehensive collections know much better about it. It is an intellectual expression of the exhibitor.

In my opinion special attention and more time must be given by jury members while judging a Thematic exhibit as in this class Philatelic and Thematic knowledge are equally important.

The Thematic Exhibits are still being judged in a traditional way. The judges don't bother to be comprehended with the subject of the exhibit.

I agree very much with Mr Rajesh Verma's views that the jury must update themselves with the time and current trends and must follow the rules provided by India Post on judging philatelic exhibits. The Critic Session must be held for a sufficient time and jury members must reveal the facts to the exhibitors with logics and should not try to avoid them.

AJIT DASH, Bhubaneswar

On 30-01-08 a special cover was released by the Orissa Philatelic Association at the Swaraj Ashram, Cuttack where Mahatma Gandhi stayed for a night on 23-03-1921 after addressing a gathering at the bank of river Kathajodi to strengthen the freedom movement. The cover design depicts the meeting where Gandhiji was addressing the public and the cachet design depicts the Swaraj Ashram and Chrakha.

This is a good step taken by the Orissa Philatelic Association. But the way it was released was very much disappointing. None of the following rules prescribed by the Postal Department were followed.

- i. Though the permission of the CPMG was taken, none of the representative of the Postal Department was present at the release function where the cover was released by a cabinet minister of Orissa in express violation of Rule 58.2.
- ii. As per Rule 53(F) the special cancellation cachet should be manufactured by the circle Office as per the approved design, which was not followed & the cachet was manufactured by the Organisers at their cost and produced the bills to the Department for reimbursement.
- iii. As per rule 13(F) all the special covers printed should be handed to the circle office to be cancelled and sold at the venue by the representative deputed by the Postal Department. Not a single cover was handed over to the Circle office.
- iv. As per Rule 13(G) and the sale proceeds of the special covers as per the rate approved by the Postal Department along with the unsold covers should have been handed over to the organisers. But practically not a single cover was sold by any source at the venue and there was no sale counter at all during the function.
- v. As per Rule 13(L) the Organisers should have handed over 200 blank special covers to the local Philatelic Bureau for sale for a period of one month from the date of release. But after strong oppose before the Post Master, Cuttack only 65 covers were issued to the Cuttack Philatelic Bureau on 04.02.2008 for sale out of which some of the office bearers of OPA has bought back maximum covers leaving hardly 25-30 covers for the general philatelists.
- vi. The cachet is the property of the Postal Department and it should be brought back by the Postal representative immediately after completion of the function and should be made available at the Philatelic Bureau for one month from the date of release. But the cachet was only handed over by the organizers to the Philatelic Bureau on 04.02.08 after lodging complain to the Post Master.

This is the state of affairs happening in release of special covers. It is learnt that the organisers have prepared 500 covers and they are going to sale the covers @Rs.100/- each.

The backside of the cover contains the description of the cover design and cachet. Besides it also bears the addresses of the person who designed the cover as well as the Secretary, OPA along with his phone number and e-mail. The name of the person who designed is rightly mentioned but I don't know the justification of printing the name and address of the Secretary in details. Is it the right procedure? The rule is also silent on this. I am sending the backside view of the said cover for your reference.

For the purpose of release of a special cover fairly, I suggest the following few guide lines.

1. The Organiser should disclose the actual number of covers they are going to print as per Rule13.A(iv) and the expected price of the cover as per rule 13.A(iii).
2. All the covers should be numbered to avoid any type of forgery thereafter.
3. The cachet should be manufactured by the Postal Department and in any way such privilege should not be given to the Organiser, as there is a possibility of preparing more than one cachet including the one with Postal Department.
4. The covers should be sold at the venue positively by the representative of Postal Department at the rate prescribed by the Department.
5. Minimum 200 covers should be supplied to the Philatelic Bureau for sale to the philatelists or general public.
6. Permission should be accorded to the Organiser with an undertaking to follow the guide lines, failing which no such permission should be given to the organizer in future.
7. The Department should intimate the local Philatelic Clubs Associations regarding such release.

~~~~~  
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>
~~~~~

NEWSSCAN

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

-----\*\*\*\*\*O\*\*\*\*\*-----  
ADMINISTRIVIA

'Stamps of India Collectors Companion' is published by Madhukar Jhingan [mjhingan@yahoo.com](mailto:mjhingan@yahoo.com) for 'Stamps of India', 49-D, BG-5, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi 110063. Phone: +91-11-25281578, Mobile: +91-9350537037  
Subject to Delhi Jurisdiction

Awards Received: Silver Medal with the 'Felicitations of the Jury' at 'BELGICA 2001' World Philatelic Exhibition, Brussels, June 9-17, 2001

'Stamps of India' does not rent, sell, or otherwise share your e-mail address with any third-party.

Our now famous Disclaimer!

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/siteguide/w04.htm>

STAMPS OF INDIA also publishes:

STAMPS OF INDIA <http://www.stampsofindia.com>  
The Hub Site of Indian Philately

PRINCELY STATES REPORT <http://www.princelystates.com>  
Journal of Indian States History, Philately & Numismatics

STAMPS ON INDIA <http://www.stampsonindia.com>  
The site devoted to the stamps from all over the world on Indian topics

INDIAN POSTAL GUIDE 1869

The first issue of the official postal guide, reprinted by Stamps of India 2004, 236 pages, hardbound, enlarged from original octavo to A4 size, limited edition, Special price - Rs 2750, Credit cards & PayPal accepted, visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/shop/bookshop.htm>

=====

© Copyright 2008, Stamps of India, New Delhi. All rights reserved.  
For reproducing content from Stamps of India publications please ask the publisher for permission stating exactly what you would like to use, and for what purpose, before using the same.