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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

The new issues of stamps in India are made available at 68 philatelic bureaus on the first day. Of the 3 different stamps that were slated for release on September 17, 2008, the stamp of Dr Nair as well as first day covers and brochures as well as the first day covers and brochures of Dr Natesan were not available anywhere on the day of issue.

In a surprise departure from the tradition of 60 years since independence, for the first time, on Thegarayar stamp his name was inscribed with his knighthood title 'Sir' from the British Empire. A beginning in this regard was made with the previous issue of Bismillah Khan where Ustad, an honorific title, was prefixed to the name.

There appears to be a lack of interest in preparing the stamp brochures, of late numerous errors and essential information like dates of birth, death, and other significant events in a person's life are being missed out. Here are a few examples, not a complete list, from the recent issues: the Hindi spellings of Bismillah Khan in stamp and the FDC & the Brochure are different. Thegarayar's name is not given correctly and no one knows what 'C' in Dr C Natesan's name stands for? The brochure which provides crucial details about the subject on the stamp should be prepared with more care.

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

- M&SJ

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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

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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](http://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 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  
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NEW STAMPS RELEASED

Minister for Communications and Information Technology A Raja released
a commemorative stamp each on Pitti Theagarayar, Dr C Natesan, and Dr T
M Nair on September 17, 2008 at Chennai by presenting the same to M
Karunanidhi, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu & President of the Dravida
Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK).

DMK traces the origin of the Dravidian Movement, launched by E V
Ramasami Periyar, to the formation of the Madras United League in 1912
With Dr C Natesan (1869-1937) as the Secretary. The League was renamed
as Dravidar Sangham in 1913. Dr Natesan along with, Sir Pitti
Thiagarayar (1853-1925) and Dr T M Nair (1868-1919), all based in
Madras (now Chennai), founded the the Then Inthia Nala Urimai Sangam
(the South Indian Welfare Association) in 1917 and proclaimed as its
goal the protection of "the social, economic and political interests of
non-Brahmins". Justice Party, the political front of the Sangam,
assumed power in the Madras Province by winning the Assembly elections
in 1921. In 1944, the Sangam, at its State conference in Salem, renamed
itself the Dravidar Kazhagam, which started functioning under Periyar's
leadership. Owing to differences with Periyar, a significant number of
members led by Annadurai left the Dravidar Kazhagam to form the DMK in
September 1949.

P THEAGARAYAR

P T Chettiar was born at Egathur on April 27, 1852. He obtained bachelors degree from the Presidency College, Chennai. He served as member of Madras Municipal Corporation for 40 years since 1882. He was elected to the Madras Legislative Council in 1910. He was served as Chairman of Madras Municipality from 1920 to 1923. He founded South Indian Chamber of Commerce and served its Chairman from 1910 to 1921. He passed away on June 30, 1925.

Sankha Samanta designed the Stamp and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. Brochure containing write-up and technical data was issued on the occasion. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed the stamp by wet offset in the quantities of 0.4 million each.

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DR C NATESAN

C Natesan Mudaliar was born in Tiruvallikeni area in Chennai in 1875. He graduated from Madras University. He worked first as lecturer in Pithampuram Maharaja College and later as interpreter in Gordon Woodroff Company. He then joined the Medical College as a student and became a doctor. He was elected to State Assembly during 1920-1926 and 1935-1937.

Security Printing Press, Hyderabad designed and printed the stamp by wet offset in the quantities of 0.4 million each. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. Brochure containing write-up and technical data was issued on the occasion. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each.

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DR T M NAIR

Taravat Mahadevan Nair was born on January 15, 1868 at Koduvayur, now in Kerala. He was precocious child and passed his matriculation examination with flying colors while still in Class 5. After his early education at Palghat he went on to acquire a master's degree in Arts from Presidency College, Madras. He then achieved a degree in medicine from the Medical College, Madras. He went to England in 1889 and obtained the highest degree in medicine MBCM in 1894 followed by a Doctorate from Edinburg University in 1896. He specialized in ENT from Paris, France.

He was Secretary of the Student Union in his college days and published a journal called 'University Student'. He was Vice President of the Indian Association in London. He published 'Antiseptic' a popular medical monthly for 16 years. He published a newspaper 'Justice' for Justice Party for many years. He also edited 'Madras Standard' a magazine published from Chennai. He regularly wrote on the ideologies of the Justice Party in British media.

He presented his views on communal representation principle in the British Parliament in 1918. He traveled to England again in 1919. He passed away on July 17, 1919 at London.

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Jul 26: Madurai, Lady Doak College 60 years

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For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2008, visit
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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

GPA NEWS, Jul 2008, Monthly  
GPA NEWS, Aug 2008, Monthly  
Editor: Ilyas Patel [iap\\_ip@yahoo.co.in](mailto:iap_ip@yahoo.co.in)  
Publisher: Gujarat Philatelist Association, Ahmedabad  
Annual Subscription: Rs 200

For a list currently published Indian philatelic periodicals, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/a602.htm>

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AUCTION ACTION

Indian Thematic Society indianthematicsociety@gmail.com is holding Auction Sale #42 closing on October 18, 2008. There are 130 lots in this sale. The scans of some lots are available at
http://www.flickr.com/photos/its_offers

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INDIAN PARTICIPATION IN PRAGA 2008

PRAGA 2008 World stamp exhibition was held on September 12 to 14, 2008 at Prague, Czech Republic. It was a specialized exhibition limited to Traditional, Postal History, One Frame, and Philatelic Literature classes.

Damyanti Pittie was India's national commissioner. There was no Jury from India. Following Awards were won by exhibits from India:

Large Vermeil Medal  
Damayanti Pittie - 'Bombay City Cancellations till 1900'  
Postal History - 87 Points

Abdul Matin Mollah - 'Indian Government Fiscal and Judicial Stamps and Stamp Papers', Literature - 87 Points

Large Silver Medal  
Sathi Veerachandra Menon - 'Postmarks of Travancore State'  
Postal History - 75 Points

Silver Bronze Medal  
Colonel Jayanta Dutta, 'Deccan Philatelist'  
Literature - 65 Points

Other exhibits were from India were either absent and or did not score the minimum marks for an award.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sep 21-23: Indore, Numismatic Exhibition

Sep 26-27: Aurangabad, AJANTAPEX 2008
Organizer: Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation
Contact: Deepak N Modi, 9890 373344/9325 826605
Details: The Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation along with Department of Posts is organizing a Philatelic Exhibition on the occasion of World Tourism Day at Aurangabad. The exhibition is going to be inaugurated on the eve of World Tourism Day (September 26, 2008) with the Dance performance of Deccan Odyssey Artists followed by dinner. (Deccan Odyssey is a Super Deluxe luxury train and has been benchmarked against the best luxury trains in the world like the Blue Train of South Africa, The Orient Express of Europe and the Eastern and Oriental of South East Asia). On 27th the exhibition will be open for all - School and Junior College going students are the prime focus. Various Philatelic activities would be conducted during the exhibition. A new Philatelic Association of Aurangabad Region is also expected to come into existence during this Philatelic Festival.

Oct 2-3: Chandigarh, ONE FRAME EXHIBIT STAMP EXHIBITION
Organizer: Chandigarh Philatelic Club
Venue: fourth floor, GPO, Chandigarh
Time: 9am to 5 pm on all the days
Dealers Booth: Rs
Philatelic issues: 1 Special postmark Mahatma Gandhi theme on Oct 2
Contact: Rakesh Walia rakeshwaliastamps@gmail.com

Oct 13-15: Rajkot, Numismatic Exhibition

Oct 17-19: Bangalore, Philatelic Exhibition
Venue: Basava Bhavan, High Grounds, Near Chalukya Hotel Circle

Oct 23-25: Jaipur, Inter School Schoolpex-2008
Venue: St. Xavier's School

Oct 25-26: Bhubaneswar, Eastern India Philatelic Exhibition EIPEX-2008

Organizer: Eastern India Philatelists' Association, Bhubaneswar
Venue: Jayadev Bhawan, Unit-II, Bhubaneswar
Philatelic issues: 1 Special Cover on Oct 25
Details: The exhibition will be a non-competitive one and is limited to the members of EIPA only. All the participants will be given a certificate of participation with a commemorative medal or memento. The details of prospectus, entry forms, and inventory forms are available in the website <http://eipadownload.blogspot.com>. The last date of submission of entry forms is October 15, 2008. A souvenir will also be released for the occasion.

Nov 7-9: Mumbai, Numismatic Exhibition
Venue: Sunderbai Hall, Near Income Tax Office, Churchgate

Nov 21-23: Thrissur, Philatelic Exhibition, THRISSURPEX-2008
Participation: Open to Kerala State, 100 Frames
Organizer: Philatelic Club Thrissur, part of their 30 year celebrations
Venue: Pandya Samootha Madhom, Thrissur
Dealers Booth: Rs 3,000 (limited to 15 dealers only)
Philatelic issues: 1 Special postmark Mahatma Gandhi theme
Contact: philatelicclubthrissur@rediffmail.com

Nov 28-30: Coins, Numismatic Exhibition
Organizer: Delhi Coin Society
Venue: Bapu Sewa Sadan, Panchkuian Road,

For a list of exhibitions in 2008, please visit
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MEETINGS

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

ORGANIZING ONLINE EXHIBITIONS
By Naresh Agrawal, Bilaspur

A few days back while I was surfing on net, I could come across one site where various exhibits from an exhibition were on display .I was delighted because that gave me an opportunity to visit that exhibition without spending so much time, money, no hassles, no disturbance and with cool and peaceful mind & further, I could see the exhibit pages zooming them in or out to my satisfaction and shifting from one page to the other OR from one frame to the other OR from one exhibit to the other just by the movement of my finger tips. A real treat, wow! What a facility! never ever thought of this happening in reality. In fact, most of the philatelists are conservative in one way that they don't want their exhibit to be seen by people where it could be copied. Well, my dear friends, now is the time when people come to exhibition halls with Digicams or Moviecams. Things are becoming fast, electronic. We usually say, this is an electronic world. We do want to enjoy the things but in short period of time and that too convenient to us. In other words, we miss a few too.

Speaking not too much on this, I come to the point which struck in my mind that the time has come to organize Online Philatelic Exhibitions. On line examinations, online conferences, online competitions, online marketing, even Electronic Mail is nothing but online mail, on line stamp purchase, online monetary transactions. So much is Online, then why not philatelic exhibition ONLINE?

I hope this will bring revolution in philatelic exhibiting and bring more satisfaction amongst the philatelists. People will save on time and viewer range will increase tremendously. Popularity of the different fields of philately will increase. Online interaction will be there with the jury and other philatelists. I mean, when we start thinking on these lines lot can be found out and explored.

Jury will have enough time, better view, better interaction, no physical exertion, no physical Heated interaction, collective and repeated reviews of the exhibits and most importantly the participants will have their exhibit in their hand if they are not required to send the same, no chances of misplacements, thefts, damage, medals/awards can be suitably given, I mean we can think upon it.

Not giving my ideas right now. I welcome suggestions from different reader's range on this topic. Believe me, if you look at the positive aspects of it, if this comes in to reality, a big Revolution will come in the field of competitive philatelic Exhibiting. I am looking forward to your views.

READERS FORUM

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

ZULAIHA MOHAMED

G. Radhakrishnan's letter in the previous issue regarding ebay and pre issues is straight to the point. Did he write to the Departments of posts directly? I had written to them some time ago, but have had no response from the Post Master General's office.

How can they take steps in the matter if they are part of a scam? Unlike other scams, the general public will not be aware of it, nor

will they be affected in any way. It is only the philatelists, who form just a small percentage of the population, are the victims. Would the minority commission have a say in this matter? After all, philatelists are a minority, aren't we?

India today's article on this topic should have had some effect, i thought. I am surprised why other papers like the Hindu and Express have not followed this up!

RANJIT SINGH, New Delhi

Is this philately? The stamps marked for issue on 15th September was not available and reported postponed. It was sheer waste of money to visit Phil bureau.

Another big lapse, three stamps were supposed to be issued on 17th September but only two were made available at the Philatelic Bureau thus the FDCs intended to be posted on the day could not be sent as the complete set was not available. Again big loss and waste of money, time and energy.

I think New Delhi philatelic bureau should be closed as it is more of a headache to visit it than any pleasure or satisfaction

So this is the way India Post wants to promote philately by wasting time, and money of stamp collectors.

This department philatelic) needs complete overhauling. If this is the state of affairs in the Capital of India, wonder what might be happening in other states.

Why can't inept and inefficient babus or directors be thrown out who I presume know little about philately and cannot provide proper service?

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Indian Laws Relevant to Philately

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

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