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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

This week saw the issue of 7 stamps and 2 miniature sheets. Believe it or not, no stamps or miniature sheets, except the miniature sheet of Saint Alphonsa and the stamp of GAIL India Limited, are available for sale anywhere in India till date.

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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Nov 20: Joachim and Violet Alva  
Nov 27: National Police Academy  
Nov 28: St Joseph Boys High School  
Nov 30: Budhdev Bose

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 <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2008stamps.htm>

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NEW STAMPS RELEASED

CHILDREN'S DAY

India Post issued a set of 3 stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 each and a miniature sheet on national Children Day on November 14, 2008.

India Post organizes a Stamp Design Competition for school children every year. This year's theme was 'India of My Dreams'. The best 3 paintings from every postal circle were entered in national selection and the best 3 paintings at national level are featured on stamps as follows:

Shanker Dinesh Kamath of Class IV Bhavana's Varuna Vidhyalaya, Thrikkakara, Cochin won the first prize. Anchal Singh of Class VII, Asha Modern School, Chandra Nagar, Saharanpur won the second prize. K Viswanath of Class XII Government Senior Secondary School, Middle Point, Bambooghat, South Andaman won the third prize.

The Miniature Sheet and the First Day Cover feature the artwork of Devapreeti Jana of Class IX, Rajkumari Santanamoyee Girls High School, Tamluk West Bengal who won the consolation prize.

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 0.8 million each. The miniature sheet is printed in the quantity of 0.2 million.

SAINT ALPHONSA

Chief Post Master General of Delhi Circle of India Post, P K Gopinath released the stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Saint Alphonsa on November 16, 2008 at New Delhi and handed it over to Supreme Court Judge Cyriac Joseph. A miniature sheet was also issued on the occasion. Exactly five weeks ago on October 12, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI announced her canonization at a ceremony at St Peter's Square in Vatican.

Saint Alphonsa Muttathupadathu (19 August 1910 - 28 July 1946) is a Catholic Saint, the second person and the first lady of Indian origin to be canonized as a saint by the Church and the first canonized saint of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, an Eastern Catholic Church.

India Post had also released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Re 1 on the 50th anniversary of her death in 1996.

Suresh Kumar 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. India Security Press, Nasik printed the stamp by photogravure in the quantities of 1 million. The miniature sheet is printed in the quantity of 0.5 million.

B N REDDI

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Bommireddi Narasimha Reddi, a doyen of Telugu film industry, on the occasion of his birth centenary on November 16, 2008.

Nenu Gupta designed the Stamp, the First Day Cover and 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.

STANDARD CHARTERED BANK

President of India, Pratibha Patil released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Standard Chartered Bank on the occasion of its 150th anniversary on November 17, 2008 at New Delhi.

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 2.4 million in the sheetlets of 16 stamps.

GAIL (INDIA) LIMITED

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on GAIL India Limited (formerly Gas Authority of India Limited) on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee on November 19, 2008.

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 2.4 million in the sheetlets of 16 stamps.

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The complete illustrated listing of Meghdoot Post Card is available at:  
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For an illustrated list of all kinds of Postcards in 2008, visit  
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For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2008, visit  
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For an illustrated list of all kinds of Envelopes in 2007, visit  
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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Nov 09: Udthagamandalam, Coonoor Udthagamandalam (Ooty) Railway Centenary

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2008, visit
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/2008pm.htm>

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2008, visit
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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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: Pandy Samoocha Madhom, Thrissur  
Dealers Booth: Rs 3,000 (limited to 15 dealers only)  
Philatelic issues: 1 Special postmark Mahatma Gandhi theme  
Contact: [philatelicclubthrissur@rediffmail.com](mailto:philatelicclubthrissur@rediffmail.com)

Dec 25-27: Kolkata, Coin Exhibition

2009

Jan 10-12: Pune, National level Numismatic Competitive Exhibition  
Organizers: International Collector's Society of Rare Items, Pune  
Venue: Sonal Hall, Karve Road, next to MES Garware College, Pune  
Entry Forms: Available from Nov 20, 2008, Last date of acceptance of  
duly filled entry forms is Dec 15, 2008.  
Dealers Booth: Rs 5000, 2 tables & 2 chairs + Breakfast & Lunch for 2  
Last date for Booth confirmation is Jan 5, 2009  
Contact: President - S R Bhat 020-25655960, 09326897201, Chairman -  
Basti Solanki 09823088865, Secretary - Rajendra Shah 020-24477660,  
09890117252

Jan 24-26: Nagpur, Coins exhibition  
Organizers: Numismatic Research Institute  
Dealers Booth: Rs 5000 2 tables 3 chairs + tea & lunch for 2  
Contact: Avinash T Ramteke 0 98230 22662, Piyush Agrawal 0 93255 68570

Jan 30-Feb 1: Ahmedabad, Festival of Stamps  
Organizer: Gujarat Philatelists' Association  
Venue: Srimati Sushilaben Ratilal Hall, opposite Choice Restaurant, C G  
Road, near Swastik Crossroads, Ahmedabad 380009  
Dealers Booth: Ground Floor Rs 7000, First Floor Rs 4000, inclusive of  
lunch and tea for 2 persons for 3 days  
Contact: Anil Choksi, Treasurer GPA, 0 99257 03513 or 079 2656 4923

Feb - dates to be announced: Coins, Numismatic Exhibition  
Organizer: Delhi Coin Society  
Venue:  
Visit: [www.delhicoinsociety.com](http://www.delhicoinsociety.com)  
Contact: [delhicoinsociety@gmail.com](mailto:delhicoinsociety@gmail.com)

For a list of exhibitions in 2008, please visit

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#### VIEWS & OPINIONS

##### INPEX 08 RTI APPEAL

The original application and India Post's response to Dipok Dey regarding INPEX 08 under Right to Information was published in issue # 351 of July 24, 2008. Dey's appeal was published in the issue # 354 of August 14, 2008. India Post has recently sent the following response to Dey in this regard:

To  
Shri Dipok Dey  
Editor  
Stamp World  
107/2 Raja Rammohan Sarni  
Kolkata 700009

No. PHIL/11-15/02/08-09 dated Chennai 600002 the 29-09-08

Sir

Sub: Information under R.T.I. on INPEX 08 - reg.  
Ref: I Your appeal dated 06-08-08  
II This office letter of even no. dated: 12-09-2008

A kind reference is invited to your appeal dated: 06-08-2008.

The detailed information regarding the income and Expenditure account of INPEX 2008 and the Expenditure made on Postal Staff engaged in mounting and dismounting and Expenditure incurred on regular and apprentice jury and the Specification (Metal contents and weight) of each category of medals and amount incurred on Grand Prize of

Championship Class and other Special Prizes were already communicated vide this office letter of even no. dated 14-07-2008.

The total amount incurred on fooding, snacks, and tea for entire staff who worked during mounting / dismounting of exhibits approved by competent authority.

The mounting and dismounting work was competed in time by the officials of the exhibit team.

Totally 13 jurors out of which 8 regular jurors and 5 apprentice jurors were participated for the INPEX 2008 as furnished below:

Details of the Regular Juror

1. Shri G. Madanmohan Das, Secunderabad
2. Shri V.S. Saxena, New Delhi
3. Shri Sunder Bahirvani, Secunderabad
4. Prof. S.P.Gupta, Meerut
5. Shri S. Sahoo, Bhubaneswar
6. Prof. V.K Gupta, New Delhi
7. Shri Ashok Bayanwala, Ahmedabad
8. Shri Rajesh Kumar Bahri, Kolkata

Details of the Apprentice Juror

1. Shri Charles Lobo, Dharwad
2. Shri Ambesh Upmanyu, Jaipur
3. Shri R.S.Gandhi, Patna
4. Shri Manohar Lal, New Delhi
5. Shri R.D. Binani, Kolkata

As called for, the details of Hotel Charges, no.of rooms booked and amount incurred on each individual jury member are furnished below:

Sl.No., Name of the Juror (S/Shri), Hotel Name, room No., No. of days stayed; Charges (Rs.)

1. R.S.Gandhi, Patna and R.D. Binani, Kolkata, Hotel Vestin Park Egmore, 601, 7; 24,764.00
  2. Manohar Lal, New Delhi, Hotel Vestin Park Egmore, 602, 8; 17,455.00
  3. S. Sahoo, Bhubaneswar, Hotel Vestin Park Egmore, 615, 7; 20,246.00
  4. Ashok Bayanwala, Ahmedabad, Hotel Vestin Park Egmore, 612, 6; 15,974.00
  5. G. Madanmohan Das, Secunderabad, Hotel Vestin Park Egmore, 603, 7; 18,193.00
  6. Sunder Bahirvani, Secunderabad, Hotel Vestin Park Egmore, 607, 7; 18,660.00
  7. V.S. Saxena, New Delhi, Hotel Vestin Park Egmore, 606, 6; 16,581.00
  8. Ambesh Upmanyu DPS Rajatahn Circle and Charles Lobo, PS Dharwad, Hotel Vestin Park Egmore, 604, 6; 18,303.00
  9. Prof. S.P.Gupta, Meerut, Hotel Vestin Park Egmore, 608, 6; 22,481.00
  10. Prof. V.K Gupta, New Delhi, Hotel Vestin Park Egmore, 611, 6; 16,916.00
  11. Rajesh Kumar Bahri, Kolkata, Hotel Vestin Park Egmore, 614, 6; 17,303.50
- Total 206,876.50  
Rounded off 206,877.00

The details of metal contents, weight, and cost of each category of medal is furnished below:

Type, Contents, weight gms, Cost  
Gold, Raw Metal - Copper, 35, 1338.63  
Vermeil, Raw Metal - Copper, 35, 1338.63  
Large Vermeil, Raw Metal - Copper, 105, 762.69  
Large Silver, Raw Metal - Copper, 105, 762.69  
Silver, Raw Metal - Copper, 35, 551.95  
Silver Bronze, Raw Metal - Copper, 35, 551.95  
Bronze, Raw Metal - Copper, 35, 548.96

The quantum and the price of the grand prize was finalized by the Chairman of the award Committee. this was also shown to the Chairman of IPEX 2008 and other Jury members before the prize distribution.

Yours Faithfully  
R. Anand  
Director of Postal Services (HQ)  
Tamilnadu Circle  
Chennai 600002

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STAMPS ON INDIA <http://www.stampsonindia.com>  
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