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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

This week's 4 issues of 5 stamps and 1 miniature sheet, only 1 that is Buddhadeva Bose, was available on the day of issue at New Delhi. 2 stamps were made available few days later and 2 stamps plus miniature sheet hasn't turned up as yet.

What the purpose of issuing stamps is. India Post's entire resources are being deployed to serve its political masters where with the release function the job is over. India Post hasn't shown any effort being made to manage the distribution in a vast country like India or to pull up security printers for wayward deliveries or shoddy printing.

We know that officers of India Post are aware of the problems and also of the possible solutions. Now the million dollar question is how to get these implemented.

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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

10<sup>TH</sup> DEFINITIVE SERIES LAUNCHED

India Post launched the 10<sup>th</sup> definitive series of stamps 'Builders of Modern India' with release of 3 stamps on December 3, 2008. The stamps in the denomination of Rs 0.25, Rs 5, and Rs 5 feature Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, and Rajiv Gandhi. The series is slated to have a total of 12 stamps in 11 denominations.

Sankha Samanta designed the Stamps. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. India Security, Nasik printed the bi-color stamps by photogravure in sheets of 100 stamps.

For an illustrated list of definitive stamps, please visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/defin/bomi.htm>

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Dec 04: Reaching Out to Maritime Neighbors, Rs 5
Dec 08: L M Singhvi, Rs 5
Dec 08: Christmas, Set of 2 stamps, Rs 5 & 20
Dec 10: Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Rs 5
Dec 14: Indian Institute of Science, Set of 2 stamps, Rs 5 & 20 + MS
Dec 15: Swami Ranganathananda, Rs 5
Dec 16: Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw
Dec 21: T V Ramasubba Iyer
Dec 22: BrahMos Missile, Set of 2 stamps, Rs 5 & 20 + miniature sheet

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 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

SARDAR VALLALBHAI PATEL NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY

India Post issued a pair of stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 and Rs 20 on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy on its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 27, 2008.

Kamleshwar Singh 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 0.8 million. The miniature sheet is printed in the quantity of 02 million.

#### SAINT JOSEPH'S BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

India Post issued a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Saint Joseph's Boys High School on its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 28, 2008.

St Joseph's Boys' High School, Bangalore (formerly St Joseph's European High School) was founded in 1858, initially to offer to European and Anglo-Indian families the advantage of a liberal education. This was subsequently extended post Indian Independence in the 1950s and 1960s to include students from all walks of life irrespective of race, religion or caste.

Brahm Prakash 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.

#### BUDDHADEVA BOSE

India Post issued a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on eminent educationist, writer, critic, Buddhadeva Bose on his birth centenary on November 30, 2008.

Bose was born in Comilla on 30 November 1908. His ancestral home was Malkhanagar in vikramapura. Shortly after his birth, his mother died of tetanus and his father, Bhudev Chandra Bose, a lawyer of the Dhaka Bar, became a religious mendicant and left home. The child was brought up by his maternal grandparents, spending his early life in Comilla, Noakhali and Dhaka.

Buddhadev Bose passed the Matriculation examination (1925) from Dhaka Collegiate School and the IA examination (1927) from Dhaka Intermediate College. He completed BA Honours (1930) and MA (1931) in English from the University of Dhaka. He taught at Ripon College, Calcutta (1934-1945) and worked as a journalist at the Statesman (1944-1951). From 1956 to 1963 he was attached to the department of Comparative Literature at Jadavpur University. He also taught at Pennsylvania College for Women (1953-1954), Indiana University, Brooklyn College, Colorado University, Wesleyan College, and the University of Hawaii.

Buddhadev Bose was also involved with editorial work. He edited and published Pragati (1927-29) from Dhaka and Kavita (1935-1960) from Calcutta. Kavita, which published poems, was highly regarded in literary circles and played an important role in the post-Rabindra movement. Buddhadev Bose himself was able to emerge from under Tagore's shadow. He began as a romantic poet, but later emphasized thought more than emotion. He was also a writer of remarkable prose, writing both reflective articles and literary criticism.

Bose was a fairly prolific writer, with over a hundred books to his credit. He also wrote a number of children's books as well as some poems and articles in English.

In 1967, Buddhadev Bose received the Sahitya Akademi Puraskar for his play Tapasvi O Tarangini. In 1970 the Government of India awarded him the Padmabhusan. He received the Rabindra Award posthumously for his book of verse Svagata Biday (1974). He died on 8 March 1974 in Calcutta.

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. India Security Press, Nasik printed the stamp by photogravure in the quantities of 0.4 million.

#### EVERSHED EFFECT

India Post issued a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on the centenary of the discovery of Evershed Effect on November 30, 2008.

The Evershed effect, named after the astronomer John Evershed, is the radial flow of gas across the photospheric surface of the penumbra of sunspots from the inner border with the umbra towards the outer edge.

The speed varies from around 1 km/s at the border between the umbra and the penumbra to a maximum of around double this in the middle of the penumbra and falls off to zero at the outer edge of the penumbra. Evershed first detected this phenomenon in January 1909, whilst working at the Kodaikanal Solar Observatory in India, when he found that the spectral lines of sunspots showed doppler shift.

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. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed the stamp by wet offset in the quantities of 0.4 million.

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#### NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Inland Letter Card  
Oct 31: AIDS, Hindi, SPP

For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2008, visit  
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For an illustrated list of all kinds of Postcards in 2008, visit  
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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Nov 26: New Delhi, Indian Mountaineering Foundation Golden Jubilee
The Prime Minister of India, Dr Manmohan Singh released the cover.

Nov 23: Lucknow, Newal Kishore Press 150th Anniversary
Distributed by Stamps of India mj@stampsofindia.com

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2008, visit
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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

GPA NEWS, Whole # 132, Jul 2008, Monthly  
GPA NEWS, Whole # 133, 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

ITS STAMP NEWS, Whole #44, Vol.11 #6, Oct Dec 2008, Quarterly  
Editor: Suraj Jaitly [surajjaitly@yahoo.com](mailto:surajjaitly@yahoo.com)  
Publisher: Indian Thematic Society, Ludhiana  
Annual Subscription: Rs 150, US\$ 6, Euro 6

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Nov 21-23: Thrissur, THRISSURPEX-2008
Therambil Ramakrishnan, Member of Legislative Assembly of Kerala
inaugurated a philatelic and numismatic exhibition conducted by
Philatelic Club Thrissur in connection with their 30th anniversary
celebrations on November 21, 2008. Shobha Koshy, Post Master General,
Central Region, Kerala circle of India Post released the Special
postmark and special cover. Mani Vithayathil, Chairman KSFE, Dr C K
Thomas, Assistant Director Doordarsan and N Prasad, Corporation
Councilor were also felicitated on the occasion.

O K Prakash, Chairman of Thrissurpex-2008 welcomed the audience and the
vote of thanks was given by Olvex M Noronha Vice Chairman of
Thrissurpex-2008. The exhibition committee is most satisfied by the
response from the public. There was a steady flow of visitors and it
was encouraging.

P John Joseph, E P James, C P Seby, P V Kumaran, and M A Joy conducted
a philatelic workshop and quiz program for students on November 22,
2008. 35 students participated in quiz and 3 prizes were distributed
among winners.

O K Prakash welcome all to the valedictory function on November 23,
2008. Therambil Ramakrishnan, Member of Legislative Assembly of Kerala
distributed the mementos and prizes for quiz winners participants and
also dealers. K K Jayasankar, Senior Superintendent of Post released
the Souvenir. C J Vincent, General Convener gave the vote of thanks.

The organizers had to accommodate 25 dealers in this event due to
overwhelming response from all quarters. There were 102 philatelic

Frames and 19 numismatic box frames at the exhibition.

Night auction was conducted after the exhibition on November 21 and 22, 2008 and the sales were encouraging.

The special cover features to the 6 Rajas of Cochin as a tribute to the Cochin Anchal (Post) which is more than 100 years old. The special postmark depicted of Mahatma Gandhi. The cover and the postmark designed by O K Prakash and C J Vincent were well appreciated by everybody.

This good response from all quarter has committed us to conduct a yearly exhibition starting with 2009. The comments recorded in the visitors book is an indication that people are satisfied with the conduct of the exhibition and also with the offers at the stalls. The dealers also have left Thrissur as a satisfied lot with a promise to return again to this place for the next exhibition.

Dec 24-26: 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: New Delhi, Coins, Numismatic Exhibition

Organizer: Delhi Coin Society

For a list of exhibitions in 2008, 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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THE CALENDAR OF WORLDWIDE PHILATELIC AUCTIONS

The Calendar for December 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).

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

KRISHNAN VEERARAGHAVAN,

Regarding availability of MS of Saint alphonsa, I am to state that it is not available in our area so also stamps on Dusserah.

NARESH AGRAWAL, Bilaspur

Mans' aspiration to fly are now moved up to space and may be ahead of it, yet moving back to the roots, travelling by foot, moving on animals, moving on cycle, train, car, motorcycle. Still the train have its beauty, its charm, its leisure, its pleasure, its importance, its necessity and of course the thrill and the joy. May be occasionally as you did it adds to the learning of man because particularly train journey is nothing but an open stage to see, to view, to look at and to experience various aspects of our culture, living, thoughts and overall view of our heritage.

I wish you more of such leisure days and train journeys to look more closely our people and our country. Life is ever busy phenomenon; we have to steal some time to enjoy this.

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Indian Laws Relevant to Philately

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