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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

The hardworking compiler of the PhilSensex was busy with his house warming this week and the data for this month will be published in the next issue, kindly bear with us till then.

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

- M&SJ

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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.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GREAT INDIAN MINIATURE SHEET MESS

The instructions to sell the miniature sheet issued on October 13, 2008 for Rs 15 instead of the prevailing Rs 20 were given and the philatelic

bureaus are now selling the sheet at the revised price with effect from October 30, 2008. There is no provision to refund Rs 5 to those who paid Rs 20 from October 13 to October 29, for this miniature sheet. However no instructions have so far been issued to correct the price of the miniature sheet issued on October 18, 2008! It continues to sell at Rs 20.

For more details of these issues see the news story 'India Post Invents!' in Issue #364 of October 23, 2008.

Almost no bureaus received the supply on the dates of issue of both these miniature sheets. It seems that longer delays are fast becoming the norm for India Post.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

- Nov 13: Standard Chartered Bank
- Nov 14: Children's Day
- Nov 16: Saint Alphonsa
- Nov 16: Bommai Narasimha Reddi
- Nov 19: Gas Authority of India
- Nov 20: Joachim and Violet Alva

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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GURU GRANTH SAHIB STAMP UPDATE

In the Issue #363 of October 16, 2008 the following news was reported: "Lieutenant General Muhammed Javeed, Chairman of the Evacuee Trust Property Board announced that Pakistan will be issuing a stamp dedicated to Guru Granth Sahib on October 20, 2008 as part of the program to commemorate the 300th Gurta-Gaddi event. He was speaking on October 9, 2008 at the 474<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary function of Guru Ram Das, the 4<sup>th</sup> Guru of Sikhs that was being celebrated at his birth place Gurdwara Chuna Mandi Sahib in Pakistan with great fervor by the Sikh Sangat from India and Pakistan jointly."

Pakistan has so far has not issued this stamp and a future plan to issue this is not known at this moment. We are at present are ascertaining whether a special postmark and or special cover was issued or being issued.

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

Health & Family Welfare 1, Kannada  
Health & Family Welfare 2, Kannada  
Health & Family Welfare 3, Kannada  
Health & Family Welfare 4, Kannada  
Health & Family Welfare 5, Kannada  
Health & Family Welfare 6, Kannada  
Health & Family Welfare 7, Kannada

The grand total till date is now 689, with 158 added this year.

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

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Postcards in 2008, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2008PC.htm>

For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2008, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2008ILC.htm>

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

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Feb 16: Chennai, 3rd International Conference on Sexology  
Apr 06: Chennai, World Health Day, M V Hospital for Diabetes  
May 22: Cuddapah, International Biodiversity Day  
Jun 11: Chennai, Egmore Railway Station Building Centenary  
July 19: Chennai, Rotary Club of Madras 80 Years of Service  
July 25: Chennai, Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer Birth Centenary

Oct 2: Ahmedabad, Mahatma Gandhi's 139th Birth Anniversary, Smoking in Public Places Banned, Speed Post Cover

Oct 23 & 25: Jaipur, SCHOOLPEX 2008, 2 covers  
Available for Rs 40 per set of 2 covers from Rajesh Paharia  
[shreeshell@hotmail.com](mailto:shreeshell@hotmail.com) Secretary General of the Philatelic Society of Rajasthan and the convener of SCHOOLPEX

Oct 31: Mysore, Stamp & Coin Show  
Available for Rs 100 for 5 covers including registered postage in India from R Ravindranath, Krishnalankar, 12<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Main, 4<sup>th</sup> Cross, Saraswathipuram, Mysore 570 009

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2008, visit  
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HARMERS STAMP AUCTION

There are about 40 lots of India Airmails in the Harmers auction sale # 4774 of November 11, 2008. For details visit  
[http://www.harmers.com/catalogue\\_archive\\_detail.php?recordID=4774](http://www.harmers.com/catalogue_archive_detail.php?recordID=4774)

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INDIAN STAMPS IN GOLD PLATED SILVER

Hallmark has tied up with India Post to offer replicas of 25 stamp designs in silver ingots with gold plating. The program offers one ingot for Rs 6,000 per month for 25 months. The quantity will be

limited to the 7,500 numbered sets. More details may be had from their web site <http://prideofindiacollection.com>.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Oct 23-25: Jaipur, SCHOOLPEX-2008

Ambesh Upmanyu, Director Postal Services, Rajasthan Circle of India Post inaugurated the three Day Inter School State level Stamp Exhibition, Schoolpex-2008 organized by Philatelic Society of Rajasthan and St Xavier's School on Oct 23, 2008. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the event and had 114 entries from Jaipur, Jodhpur, Kota, Bikaner, Ajmer and other places in Rajasthan. The exhibits are divided in two age groups, Junior (Class 5 to 8th) and Senior (class 6th to 12th) and each group was divided in two groups, Country and Thematic collections.

Yogesh Bhatnagar Convener, St Xavier's Philatelic Club conducted a Philately Workshop on Oct 24, 2008.

S Gaurier, Chief Postmaster General, Rajasthan Circle of India Post gave away the awards on Oct 25, 2008. Jury Panel comprised of senior members of the Philatelic Society of Rajasthan Jayant Pandya, Ashok Sharma and P M Bhargava.

2 special covers with special postmarks were released on Oct 23 and 25, 2008.

Awards

Juniors - Country Collection

1st Prize: Rishabh Dhor, Seedling High school

2nd Prize: Shreya Mathur, Central Academy, Jodhpur

3rd Prize: Shrivatsa Agarwal, Vidyashram

Ramesh Khanna Trophy for Best Innovative Entry in Juniors (India):

Chhavi Daga, Mahaveer Public School

Consolation Prizes:

Pranam Daga, Mahaveer Public school

Ajay Danwar, Subodh Public school

Poorvi Pandya, St Xavier's

Anjali Jain, St Angela Sophia, Ajmer

Dev Goyal, Vidyashram

Anirudh Mathur, Mahesh Public School, Jodhpur

Sanket Goyal, Neerja Modi

Saurabh Jain, St Stephen Ajmer

Juniors - Thematic Collection

1st Prize + Dr Jaya Bharagava Trophy for Best Exhibit in Junior Group:

Poorvi Pandya, St Xavier's

2nd Prize: Anjali Jain, St Angela Sophia, Ajmer

3rd Prize: Pranam Daga, Mahaveer Public School

Samyaktva D Modi Trophy for Best Innovative Entry in Juniors Thematic:

Manushi Jain St Stephens School, Ajmer

Consolation Prizes:

Yash Mathur, Mahaveer public school

Prakhar Chowdhry, St Xavier's

Gaurav Soni, Subodh Public school

Siddharth Jain, Maheshwari School, Ajmer

Shrivatsa Agarwal, Vidyashram  
Ridhi Jain, Mayura School  
Anjalika Maru Emmanuel School, Bikaner  
Niti Rakhija, St Anns Jodhpur

Senior - Country Collection

1st Prize + O P Bhatnagar's Trophy for Best Exhibit in Senior Group:  
Aakansha Sunger, St Angela Sophia  
2nd Prize: Raghav Pandya, St Xavier's  
3rd Prize: Vedant Gautam, St Anslems  
Jayant Pandya Trophy for Best Innovative Entry in Senior group:  
Abhilasha Gupta, India International School

Consolation Prizes:

Pranjal Daga, St Xavier's  
Aditya Ladda St Xavier's  
Pranay Chowdhry, St Xavier's  
Arahant Jain, St Xavier's

Senior - Thematic Collection

1st Prize: Ria Sarda, Step by Step  
2nd Prize: Kashish Thapar, St Xavier's  
3rd Prize: Shubham Jain, Vidyashram  
Consolation Prizes:

Venkatesh Vyas, Central Academy Jodhpur  
Pranjal Daga, St Xavier's  
Aarsh Saluja, St Xavier's  
Amolak Agarwal, St Xavier's  
Deeksha Dhaiya, Ankur Bharti, Jodhpur  
Swati Jain, St Edmunds  
Manasvi Sood, St Pauls, Kota  
Praniti Sharma, Warren Academy

Special Awards

Garvit Mathur, Central Academy, Jodhpur  
Prakhar Mittal, St Xavier's School  
Pranay Pareek St Xavier's School  
Shivam Modani, St Xavier's School

Nov 7-9: Mumbai, Numismatic Exhibition

Venue: Sunderbai Hall, Near Income Tax Office, Churchgate

Nov 16: Ludhiana, Stamps Exhibition and Stamp Bazaar

Venue: Rajindera Model Senior Secondary School, Haibowal Kalan,

Timings: 10 AM to 5 PM

Organizers: Ludhiana Philatelic Club

Contact: Satish K Sondhi 98156 57647, Yashpal Bangia 98143 76478,

Rajesh Gupta 94631 32086, Mukesh Malhotra 94173 49803

Dealer Participation is Welcome

Visitors from outstations are advised to arrive on November 15 and witness the mammoth Bhagwan Jaganath Yatra (biggest in northern India), starting from 3 PM onwards.

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 Samooha 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)

Dates to be announced: Coins, Numismatic Exhibition  
Organizer: Delhi Coin Society  
Venue: BEING RESCHEDULED AS THE ELECTIONS ARE BEING HELD ON THIS DATE  
Visit: [www.delhicoinsociety.com](http://www.delhicoinsociety.com)  
Contact: [delhicoinsociety@gmail.com](mailto:delhicoinsociety@gmail.com)

2009

Jan 30-Feb 1: Ahmedabad, Festival of Stamps

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 November 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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#### 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.>

JEEVAN JYOTI, Shimla

It refers to some of the common problems and poor working conditions prevailing in different Philatelic Bureaus of India which causes a lot of inconvenience to the philatelists coming from distant places.

Last week I was in Kanpur and visited Philatelic Bureau I was surprised to note that the stamp packs were sold without miniature sheets or stamp sets at the rate printed on respective packs. When I asked the in-charge who will purchase these without stamps? He said that he received orders to sell without stamps. I still could not believe what he was saying. I just thought he did not understand the actual orders. This is the state of Philatelic Bureaus in India.

I asked for recent Miniature sheets he replied that design of cachets and miniature sheets reach there one month later after the issue. I was highly surprised to see the poor availability of recent philatelic items at a prestigious Philatelic Bureau of such a big city. Then what to say about Philatelic Bureaus / Counters of small cities/towns? There is no regular supply of philatelic items. How one can collect and complete one's collection? Till 31st October the cachets of Festivals of India and other recent issues and recent miniature sheets were not available at Kanpur Philatelic Bureau. So I had to purchase blank First Day Covers.

The higher authorities of India Post must check this prevailing poor condition of Philatelic Bureaus of our country to promote this hobby. Indian Postal Department is earning a good amount of money through sale of philatelic items. Philatelists must get efficient and reliable services from Philatelic Bureaus.

One more important issue that I want to mention here is that the account holders have to deposit money at philatelic bureau through a different counter of the Post Office. Ideally the facility to deposit money should be available at Philatelic Bureau. It causes a lot of problem at GPOs of big cities which is usually quite big & multistoried and a philatelist has to move up and down for depositing money. I had faced a lot of problem at Kanpur GPO. After the person deposits money he has to show the slip to In-charge to note down the deposited amount. I had to spend about an hour in all this procedure. The person who has a limited time can easily lose patience.

In my opinion, the working of Philatelic Bureau should be well organized and systematic. There is a dire need of bringing a change in the working of Philatelic Bureau. The person in-charge of a Philatelic Bureau should be given a special training before he is given the charge of a Philatelic Bureau. It is very important to give special training to the persons working at Philatelic Bureaus. They must be made aware of basic philatelic knowledge. Usually there is only one person at Philatelic Bureau and he locks the office when he goes out to some other branch. It is a big problem for the collectors coming from faraway places. They have to wait for long time or return from the bureau during peak office hours. There should be at least two persons at the bureau instead of one.

I have observed many times non-availability of In-charge at various Philatelic Bureaus. Like me many collectors face inconvenience due to

shortage of time at the bureau. It's not occasional but I had to return many times from Philatelic Bureaus in peak office hours because either the Philatelic Bureau was locked or the In-charge was absent in big cities like Bhubaneshwar, Kanpur, Shimla & Chandigarh and due to limited time I could not wait there for long. To avoid this inconvenience to the collectors there must be appointed two persons at the Philatelic Bureaus.

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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>

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