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Good bye-2007

The year 2007 was full of philatelic activities not only in Orissa, but also in several parts of our country. Department of Posts, Govt. of India has also issued a number of stamps with new features. Such as inscription of *braille language* on stamps issued on the occasion of *year of disabled persons* and introductions of *Tags* for the first time in the Greetings stamps. This year also scented stamps on roses were issued. During this year Department Post has issued 69 stamps in 39 issues against 59 stamps in 45 issues during 2006. Similarly 12 miniature sheets and 21 sheet-lets were issued which is an all time record. But the most unfortunate thing is non availability of several stamps and even miniature sheets at most of the philatelic Bureaux for several days even after a month from the date of issue, depriving the serious philatelists to get them posted on the date of issue. This has given a scope of doctoring in such items by some people. This fact should be seriously viewed by the postal authorities and appropriate remedial steps should be taken. Another problem was the abnormal bigger size of some miniature sheets such as India Post, 150 years, 2004; Mahatma Gandhi's Dandi March, 2005; Buddha, 2007 and IAF 75 years, 2007. These miniature sheets could not be accommodated even on the official FDCs. Due to this abnormal size it is very difficult for a philatelist to use them genuinely and exhibit them in an exhibition.

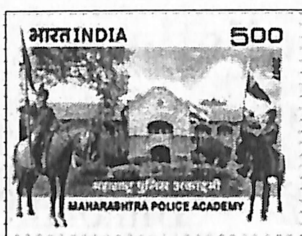
Introduction of certain new features is a good symptom for the future of Indian philately. But due to absence of proper instructions and guidelines the philatelists are forced to bear extra and unnecessary expenditure for no reason. Few such examples are (i) the folder issued on the occasion of 53rd Common wealth Parliamentary Conference, 23-09-2007 was priced Rs.50/- but there was no instruction as to what materials will be kept inside it. The Philatelic Bureaux have no specific instructions for which they send only one stamp priced at Rs.15/-

inside this and send it to the PD account holders and deducted Rs.50/- from their accounts mentioning it as Maxim card in the account statement. How fun it is ! A philatelist have to pay Rs.35/- forcibly for the folder only, which is of no use at all. When there is no maxim card why such folder was sent along with a stamp? (ii) Similarly the price of the presentation pack of Indian Air Force platinum Jubilee issued on 08.10.07 is priced at Rs.100/- which contains one FDC affixed with four stamps duly cancelled, one miniature sheet and one information brochure which amounts to Rs.64/- only. Again a sum of Rs.36/- is taken rexta for the folder only ! I don't know what is the fun behind it. When a philatelists has not given any standing instruction for the same why the Philatelic Bureaux send them forcibly to them, that to more than one copy and deducting the amount from his account. Is there any instruction from the authorities in this regard? Is it not illegal to deduct the amount from the account in absence of any such standing instruction? May I request the DDG, Philately to look into the matter for the betterment of philately, Otherwise the aim of opening a PD account will not be full filled.

-Editor

The members of the
Eastern India Philatelists'
Association,
Bhubaneswar
wish you a
Very Very Happy
and
Prosperous
New Year, 2008

MAHARASHTRA POLICE ACADEMY



Maharashtra Police Academy was established in 1906. The Academy is located on a 267 acre campus at Nashik on Nashik Trimbak Road. The Academy has three buildings of old European architecture, which came in to existence at the time it was shifted from Pune 1908. The Academy has a modern small arms firing range and a multi channel Fire Arms Training Simulator (F.A. T.S.).

Apart from providing induction training to the directly recruited Dy. Supdt. of Police, the Academy also gives familiarization training to I.P.S. Officers on joining the state cadre. The Academy also provides facilities for training to the Dy. Ss.P. & P.S.is. of Goa State on request.

Before the establishment of the Central Police Training College at Mt. Abu in September 1948, the officers of the Indian Police borne on the strength of Bombay Province (which included areas of Gujarat, Sindh Pakistan and parts of present day Karnataka) were also trained on joining the service at P.T.S., at Nashik. Since Gujarat was a part of the erstwhile Bombay State till creation of separate State of Gujarat and Maharashtra in 1961 many senior officers of that cadre too were trained in this Academy.

The Maharashtra Police Academy is a pioneer training institution, which has completed 100 glorious years of its formation, producing tough and efficient officers since its inception in 1906.

Credits:

Text: Based on material provided by Maharashtra Police Academy.

Stamp & FDC: Kamleshwar Singh

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

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Stamps Printed: 0.4 Million

Printing Process: Photogravure

CHILDREN'S DAY

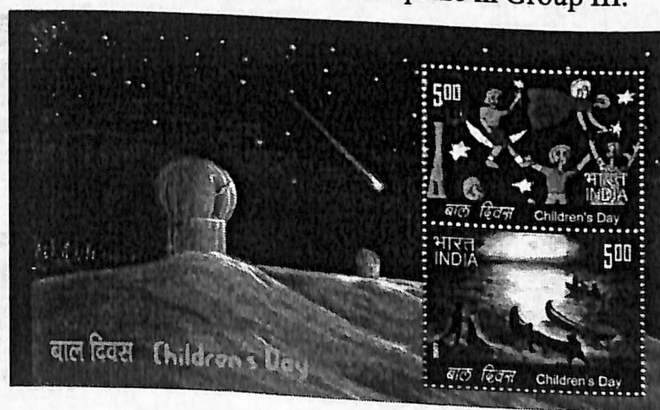


The Department of Posts commemorates Children's Day every year by bringing out stamps designed by the children themselves. The stamp designs are selected by holding an All India Stamp Design Competition. The theme for the Stamp Design Competition this year was "The Magic of the Night".



This year's stamps are based on painting made by Kum. Swarali V. Bhakare, Class IV, Annasaheb Raje Bhosale, Primary School, Satara, Maharashtra and B.

Karthick, Class VIII, T.E.L.C., Middle School, Pudukottai, Tamil Nadu which won the first prizes in Group I and Group II respectively. Miniature sheet is based on the painting made by Master Pradhan Karnik, Class IX, Kendriya Vidyalaya, NAL Campus, Jeevan Bhimanagar, Bangalore, Karnataka which won the first prize in Group III.



The design of the First Day Cover is based on painting by Raj Ballav Hazarika, Class XII, K.V. Narangi School, Assam APS, which won the second prize in Group III of the competition. The three Maxim Cards are based on paintings by Master Sankar Dinesh Kamath, Class III, Bhavan's Varuna Vidyalaya, Thirkakkara, Earnakulam, Kerala, second prize winner in group I and Jyotirmay Biswas, Class VIII, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal, second prize winner in Group II and Riti Sodhi, Class XII,

Delhi Public School, Ranipur, Sector-3, BHEL, Ranipur, Hardwar (UA), Uttarakhand, third prize winner in Group III.

Credits:

Stamp: Kum. Swarali V. Bhakare and B Karthick

Miniature Sheet: Master Pradhan Karnik

FDC: Raj Ballav Hazarika

Maxim Card: Sankar Dinesh Kamath, Jyotirmay Biswas and Riti Sodhi

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

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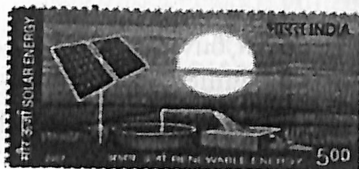
Stamps Printed: 0.8 Million each

Miniature Sheet: 0.1 Million

Printing Process: Wet Offset

Printer: Security Printing Press, Hyderabad

RENEWABLE ENERGY

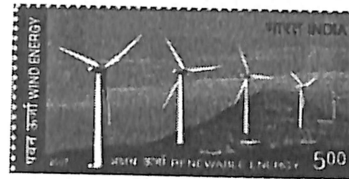


Energy is a basic requirement for economic development. Every sector of economy - agriculture, industry, transport, commercial and domestic - needs inputs of energy. The economic development plans implemented since independence in India have necessarily required increasing amounts of energy. As a result, consumption of energy in all forms has been steadily rising all over the country.

India is blessed with variety of renewable energy sources, the main ones being biomass, biogas the sun, wind and small hydropower.

Advantages of renewable energy are that it is:

- ? Perennial.
- ? Available locally and does not need elaborate arrangements for transport.
- ? Usually modular in nature, i.e. small-scale units and systems can be almost as economical as large-scale ones.
- ? Environment-friendly.
- ? Well suited for decentralized applications and use in remote areas.



The Government has been implementing comprehensive programmes for the development and utilization of various renewable energy sources in the country. As a result of efforts made during the past 25 years, a number of technologies and devices have been developed and have become commercially available. These include biogas plants, improved wood stoves, solar water heaters, solar cookers, solar lanterns, street lights, pumps, wind electric generators, water-pumping wind mills, biomass gasifiers and small hydro-electric generators. Energy technologies for the future such as hydrogen, fuel cells and bio-fuel are being actively developed.

India is implementing one of the world's largest programmes in renewable energy. The country ranks second in the world in biogas utilization and fourth in wind power. Renewable sources already contribute about 16,500 MW, which is about 7.5% of the total installed power capacity in the country.

Four stamps depicting the four common applications of renewable energy i.e. Solar Energy, Wind Energy, Small Hydropower and Biomass Energy.



Credits:

Text: Based on material provided by the proponent.

Stamp & FDC: Sankha Samanta

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 22-11-2007

Denomination: 500 p, 500 p, 500 p, 500 p,
Stamps Printed: 0.8 Million each
Miniature Sheet: 0.2 Million
Printing Process: Photogravure
Printer: India Security Press, Nasik

FIRST BATTALION THE FOURTH GORKHA RIFLES



The fourth Gorkha Rifles has a 150 year long history of val our, glory and selfless service. Raised as an "Extra Regiment" at Pithoragarh on 6th

August 1857 under the Command of Lt. D. Macintyre, it was the last battalion to be raised by the East India Company's rule in India. The transportation from a 'Young Regiment' to seasoned campaigner did not take long as the Regiment proved its mettle during 1st and 2nd Afghan Wars. The Regimental Centre is located at Subathu since 1953. At present, the Regiment has five battalions.

The Regiment and its affiliated Rashtriya Rifles battalion continue to excel in all spheres of military activity. To cite a few instances, the First Battalion spearheaded the operation for relief of the garrison at 'Punch'. The Second Battalion along with 2 Grenadiers captured Gurais and Kanzalwan, thus sealing the enemy's route into the Kashmir valley from the north. The 1962 Chinese aggression saw the Third Battalion operating in Ladakh and the First being rushed to NEFA. The two battalions of the Regiment saw action in 1965 Indo-Pak War. The First, Second and Third battalions of the regiment saw action in western front in J&K.

Credits:

Text: Based on material provided by the proponent.
Stamp & FDC: Kamleshwar Singh
Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

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Stamps Printed: 0.8 Million
Printing Process: Wet Offset
Printer: Security Printing Press, Hyderabad

International Day of Disabled Persons

The annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons, 3 December, aims to promote



an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. The theme of the Day is based on the goal of full and equal enjoyment of human rights and participation in society by persons with disabilities, established by the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, adopted by General Assembly in 1982.

An extensive infrastructure has been developed for rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. Seven national institutes specializing in various disabilities are working for development of rehabilitation manpower, to provide specialized services to persons with disabilities, research and development of models for delivery of services.

Signing of the United Nations Convention on the Rights for Persons with Disabilities on the 30th March, 2007, the day on which the Convention was opened for signature, has further reaffirmed our commitment for empowerment of persons with disabilities.

For the first time, the denomination of the stamp is mentioned in Braille script. The first Day cover also bears inscriptions in Braille.

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Text: Based on material provided by the roponent.
Stamp & FDC : Sankha Samanta
Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 03-12-2007
Denomination: 500p
Stamps Printed: 0.8 Million
Printing Process: Photogravure
Printer: India Security Press, Nasik

THE DALY COLLEGE

The Daly College was founded in 1882. However, the story started in 1869 when General Sir Henry Daly was appointed Agent to the Governor General in Central India. Those days, the Indore Residency School which was hitherto running in the building



of the East of the Indore Residency Post Office. This in 1867 was to be called the Indore Residency College with Mr. Aberigh-Macay, as the Principal.

Henry Daly retired in 1881, and it was decided to develop the separate classes for the princes into a full-fledged school and name it "The Daly College" with an independent building. For sometime it was called the Indore Residency Rajkumar College and had a separate identity from the Indore Residency College, even though they had one Principal.

The building was constructed by the Military Works Department. On 14th November, 1885, it was inaugurated by Viceroy Lord Dufferin. In 1912 the new building was formerly opened by Lord Hardinge.

The Daly College is affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi, and trains students to appear for the All India Secondary and Senior Secondary School Certificate Examinations under the 10 + 2 scheme.

Credits:

Text: Based on material provided by the proponent.

Stamp & FDC: Brahm Prakash

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 08-12-2007

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 0.4 Million

Printing Process: Wet Offset

Printer: Security Printing Press, Hyderabad

WILSON COLLEGE



The founder of these institutions was the Rev. John Wilson D.O., F.R.S. of the Scottish Missionary Society. John and his wife Margaret arrived in Bombay on February 14, 1829, learnt the local language and with great

zeal set up schools for boys and girls of all castes and classes.

John Wilson was a linguist, an orientalist, an author. In recognition of his service to the cause of

education, social awakening and scholarship, the Department of Archives, Government of Maharashtra, in 2000, honoured Dr. John Wilson as one of the Seven founders of Modern Bombay.

Here in Wilson's institutions were made the first efforts to frame academic courses, to write text books in the sciences, arts and religion, to conduct public examinations and award its own certificates. It is in these institutions that the portals of education were opened for the first time to girls and boys of lower and upper castes, the socially disadvantaged and deprived and the first lessons in human equality and dignity were taught.

Wilson College gave India its only Prime Minister from Bombay-Morarji Desai, and the Bharat Ratna recipients P.V. Kane and O.K. Karve are also proud alumni of the institution. In 1952, the Management of college came under and autonomous Board of Governors in India. Since 1963, the college is under the John Wilson Education Society.

Today Wilson College is one of the few colleges in Mumbai which offer a very wide variety of subjects in the Arts, Science and Vocational stream, along with undergraduate courses in Management Studies and Mass Media.

The aim and guiding principle remains "to produce intellectually well trained, morally upright, socially conscious and spiritually oriented men and women."

Credits:

Text: Based on material provided by the proponent.

Stamp: Ms. Bharati Mirchandani

FDC & Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 11-12-2007

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 0.4 Million

Printing Process: Photogravure

Printer: India Security Press, Nasik

Greetings

1st of January is the New Year's Day in many parts of the world, different cultures have different interpretations of the new year depending upon the respective calendar system. India still looks at the rain bearing clouds, the solar and lunar movements, the ancient ballads and mythologies and above all the ripening of grains in the fields. The Assamese



New Year is Bihu, the Bengali Nabo Varsho is 1st of Vaishakh, Gudipadava is the first day of New Year in Maharashtra, Ugadi is celebrated in Andhra Pradesh, Puthandu is the new year in Tamil Nadu, Pooram Vishu in Kerala and, all more or less coincide with the Vaishakh or Chaitra months in March/April.



The new year is in fact one of the longest surviving festival traditions in the human history. The ancient Babylonians observed this approximately 4000 years ago. The ancient Roman calendar had only ten months and started the year on the 1st of March. The months January and February were added around 713 BC. In 153 BC 1st January was considered as the beginning of the year, and it continued even after adoption of the Julian calendar in 45 BC. With the introduction of the Gregorian calendar in 1582 AD acceptance of 1st January as the New Year's Day gradually increased, though it still took a long time. The celebrations, festivities and the tradition of greeting and meeting friends and family apart from prayers and worships etc., is a common feature across the globe.

Credits:

Stamp & FDC: Kamleshwar Singh
Cancellation: Alka Sharma

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Stamps Printed: 3 Million, 3 Million, 3 Million, 3 Million, 5 Million
Printing Process: Photogravure
Printer: India Security Press, Nasik

S.B. CHAVAN



Shri Shankarrao Bhaurao Chavan was an eminent political personality, an outstanding parliamentarian and an able administrator.

Born to Shri Bhaurao Chavaf and Shrimati Laxmibai Chavan at Paithan in Aurangabad district of Maharashtra on 14th July 1920, Shri Chavan graduated from Madras University. He got a Law degree from Osmania University. Shri Chavan participated in the freedom struggle in erstwhile Hyderabad state right from his student days and gave up practice during the Quit Court Movement there.

Shri S.B. Chavan had a long and distinguished political career starting with member of the Bombay State Legislative Council in 1956. In 1957, he was elected to the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly and remained a member of that Assembly till 1980. He was again elected to the Maharashtra Legislative Council in 1986 and remained a member of it till 1988. Shri Chavan held the office of the Chief Minister of Maharashtra twice, from 1975 to 1977 and again from March 1986 to June 1988.

Shri S.B. Chavan served as a Cabinet Minister for several years holding the portfolios of Education, Culture and Social Welfare, External Affairs, Defence, Home Affairs and Finance. He passed away on the 26th February, 2004, at the age of 84 years.

Credits:

Text: Based on material provided by the proponent
Stamp & FDC: Brahm Prakash
Cancellation: Nenu Gupta

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SNOWS BASILICA

The SNOWS BASILICA is situated in Tuticorin. The story started when Fr. Pedru Consalves build a church in Tuticorin is 1538 A.D. and dedicated it



to St. Peter. Then through the efforts of the priests of Society of Jesus, a church dedicated to our

Lady of Mercy was consecrated by the Rev. Monsignor Devoura, on 5th August, 1582 on the feast of Our Lady of Snows.

The Church underwent changes and came in to present structure when especially Fr. Vigil Mange made efforts to beautify the structure. The newly constructed Church was consecrated and blessed on the feast of Our Lady of Snows on 5th August, 1713A.D.

The statue of Our Lady of Snows was initially kept in a Chapel in a convent of the Augustinian Sisters in Manila, Philippines. St. Francis Xavier wished that it should be sent to Tuticorin. The statue was received at this Church from Philippines on 9th June 1555A.D.

Pope John Paul-II raised this Church to the status of Basilica on 30th July 1982 on the occasion of its 400th Anniversary.

Credits:

Text: Based on material provided by the proponent

Stamp: Kamaleswar Singh

FDC & Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

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Printing Process: Wet-offset

Printer: Security Press, Hyderabad

WATER YEAR 2007

India faces a challenging water future. Water resource management system requires immediate attention and a national policy perspective to sustain the developments that India envisages. Water availability of the country as a whole has been assessed as 1869 billion cubic meters (BCM) of which only 1123 BCM can be utilized that includes 690 BCM surface water and 433 BCM ground water resources.



India has a highly seasonal pattern of rainfall with 50% of precipitation falling in just 15 days and over 90% of river flows in just 4

months. Throughout history people have adapted to this unique flow by either living along the river banks or harvesting imaginatively in tanks and underground storages. Water management was largely community oriented. Over last 150 years India has made huge investments in managing water infrastructure and to solve the water crisis.

India can store only 30 days of rainfall compared to 900 days in major river basins in the arid areas of developed countries. The present per capita storage capacity is only 207 cubic meters as compared to 1111 cubic meters in China. Growing population further puts pressure on per capita availability of water. It is estimated that it will be about 1341 cubic meters by 2025. The need for storage will still grow due to climatic changes that are bound to have major impact on India.

It is extremely essential that our precious asset is governed by a national perspective and an effective plan to harvest, conserve and utilize water gainfully. The Union Cabinet in its meeting on 4.1.2007 accepted the proposal of the Ministry of Water Resources and declared year 2007 as Water Year.

Credits:

Text: Based on material provided by the proponent.

Stamp & FDC: Suresh Kumar

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 28-12-2007

Denomination: 500p .

Stamps Printed: 0.4 Million

Printing Process: Wet-offset

Printer: Security Press, Hyderabad

RITWIK GHATAK

Ritwik Ghatak was born in Dhaka in East Bengal (now Bangladesh) on 14.11.1925. He belonged to an illustrious family. His father Suresh Chandra Ghatak was a district magistrate and also a poet and palywright. Mother's name was Indubala Devi. He was their 11th and youngest child. He and his

family moved to Kolkata just before millions of other refugees from East Bengal began to flood into the city, fleeing the catastrophic 1943 famine and the Partition of India 1947.



In 1948, Ghatak wrote the first play Kala Sayar (The Dark Lake), and participated in a revival of the landmark play Nabanna. In 1951, Ghatak joined the Indian People's

Theatre Association (IPTA). Ghatak entered film industry with Nemaï Ghosh's Chinnamul (1950) as an actor and assistant director. Chinnamul was followed two years later by Ghatak's first completed film Nagarik (1952), both major breakthrough for the Indian cinema.

His films are almost all veiled autobiography. Ghatak came of age during the convulsions of the 1940s-World War II, the terrible "man-made famine" of 1944, the communal violence that came with independence, and especially the partition of Bengal, which obsessed him all his life. His subjects are almost invariably chosen from among the uprooted and the dispossed; parentless children, homeless families, disoriented refugees, and the petit bourgeoisie, economically broken by their exile. Yet, there is a glimmer of hope in even the darkest movements. He directed eight full-length films. His best known films were Meghe Dhaka Tara (The Cloud-Capped Star) (1960), Komal Ghandhar (E-Flat) (1961) and Subarnalekha (1962), a trilogy based in Kolkata and addressing the condition of refugee-hood. Ghatak moved briefly to Pune in 1966, where he taught at the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII). He died on 06.02.1976. As a creator of powerful images in an epic style he was virtually unsurpassed in Indian cinema."

Credits:

Text: Based on material provided by the proponent.

Stamp & FDC: Sankha Samanta

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

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Exhibition News

New Commissioner for PRAGA 2008

Due to health problem, Dr. R.S.Gandhi is not able to attend the 'World Stamp Exhibition PRAGA 2008' as National Commissioner. Therefore, The PCI has appointed Mrs. Damayanti Pittie as the National Commissioner in his place. Participants are requested to contact her at the address given below for further enquiries, etc. The exhibition will be held at Prague, Czech Republic, between 12-14 september, 2008. It is a specialized exhibition comprising of (1) Traditional, (2) Postal History and literature class only under the patronage of FIP.

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PHILA KOREA 2009

PHILA KOREA 2009, 24th Asian International Philatelic Exhibition will be held from 30th July to 4th August, 2009 at Seoul, Korea, with FIAP patronage. Mrs. Damayanti Pittie has been appointed as the National Commissioner for India. Philatelist interested in participating in the exhibition may please contact Mrs Pittie in the address given above, about their interest, and send details of their exhibits so that she can contact them and send them Bulletins, etc. as and when these are received by her.

INPEX-2008

The tenth India National Philatelic Exhibition will be held at Rani Meyyammai & Rajah Muthiah A/C Halls, 18-C & 18-D, Rukmuni Lakshmi pathy Road, Egmore, Chennai-600 008 from 2nd to 6th January, 2008. About 1000 frames will be displayed in the exhibition.

This time the application forms for the exhibition were not available in the Philatelic Bureaux or post offices. The official web site was activated at a later stage causing a lot of inconvenience to the desirous philatelists intending to take part in the long awaited exhibition. This has created confusion about the uncertainty of the exhibition in time. Any way at last the exhibition is going to be held in time. This time the response from the philatelists were overwhelming causing the allotment committee difficult to allot frames. Some dislocations were also ob-

served where the deserving philatelists didn't get allotment even after fulfilling the required criteria. Let us hope for the best. Best wishes to all the competitors.

Gujarat State Philatelic Exhibition

The 11th Gujarat Circle Philately Exhibition, GUJPEX-2007 was organised from 6-8 October, 07 at Ahmedabad. More than 300 frames were displayed during the exhibition. Three special covers were released during the exhibition on Gil Child Campaign, ICC World twenty Twenty and Forty Years of space applications in India. Besides three maxim cards were also released by the Postal Department for the occasions.

NEWS LETTERS RELEASED

GPANEWS

Editor- Ilyas Patel

The monthly bulletin of Gujarat Philatelists' Association 'GPA News' for the month of November, 2007 was received. Special tribute was given to the departed philatelist Gourav Dalal. Besides the details of GUJPEX-07 during 6-8, Oct, 2007 and exhibition on Gandhiji on 02.10.07 were discussed.



Readers Desk

Thanks for your editorial. It would be better if the Fila Capsule is colourful. Please publish all members' addresses so that we can communicate each other very easily. Wish you and all the members of EIPA a very very Happy and prosperous New Year.

Dolamani Behera

Rourkela

(Thank you Mr. Dolamani for your suggestions. We shall definitely try to fulfil your wish at abetter time. The list of all the philatelists along with the addresses have already been published in early editions. However we shall try to republish them in future.

-Editor

VIEWS AND OPINIONS

Judging at the exhibition

The Philatelic exhibitions organised at different levels are judged by a panel of experienced members of jury. It is a moral duty of each member of jury to give impartial and unbiased judgement. To some extent they try to do their best. But sometimes it doesn't happen and they favour certain exhibits due to some personal reasons better known to them. Medals are changed at the last moment in order to give higher medals to certain

exhibits. The readers who attend philatelic exhibitions time to time know much more about it. This practice not only hurts a participant's feelings but also keeps him away from future exhibitions. In the manipulations of the judgements some philatelists are pushed forward and some are dragged behind. On the other hand during the judging of junior exhibits care is also not taken. Usually the higher awards go to those exhibits which are either prepared by the senior persons or exhibited in the name of their children. There is no match in the age group and quality of the exhibit. At least the judges must consider the match between the age group and the material displayed. This is normally neglected. The exhibits which seem to be genuinely prepared by the youngsters must be well awarded and given proper recognition. This will not only encourage youngsters but also be a big step in promotion of philately. Last but not the least here I also want to mention about the recently introduced class 'one frame' in which generally new comers participate. There must be some awards for them. Giving ranking I, II and III is not sufficient. They should also be given evaluation sheet in order to further improve their collection.. Because the participants in this class are also important and playing an important role in making the arena of philately bigger and checking its extinction.

-Jeevan jyoti, Shimla

The life members of EIPA who have not sent their photographs are requested to send their p/p size or stamp size photographs for the record of our Association and preparation of new EIPA identity cards

Our readers are requested to give their comments, suggestions regularly to the Editor so as to improve the quality of this bulletin and also to promote philately. The views and comments will be published in the 'Reader's Desk' column of this bulletin. They are also requested to contribute any article or information on philately so that it can help the other philatelists to share their knowledge. They should send their articles in both hard copy as well as in soft copy by floppy or CD to the editor or may e-mail to any of the following email IDs "eipaorissa@yahoo.co.in" or "akdash2000@yahoo.com" so that it will be easier to edit and publish them in this bulletin.

OUR NEW MEMBERS

The following new life members joined to our EIPA family during November-December, 2007.

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Philatelic Interest: *India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Gandhi, Mother Terresa*



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Ph. 0674-2595005, Mobile-
9437034621
Membership No. LR-08

Philatelic Interest: *FDC and India*

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