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End of an Era

It was almost midnight of 09.12.2008, I was awakened by the continuous ring of my mobile. I saw in the wall clock it was 11.45PM. I couldn't imagine whose phone it may be? Without looking to the mobile screen I responded, Hello! Immediately the response came from the other side " Dash Babu I am Shakil speaking, Mr. Jadunath Kanungo is no more, he passed away at 10.30 PM today at a private nursing home near his residence at Cuttack". I was stunned for a moment and thought am I dreaming a bad dream? But it was not the dream but the reality. Jadunath Kanungo, the veteran philatelist from Orissa and the first EIPA Life Time achievement Award Winner for Philately passed away due to heart attack. He was 77. He was the President of Orissa Philatelic Association and honorary member of Eastern India Philatelists' Association. He was directly or indirectly associated in many activities including philately, besides other social works.

His works and sincerity even at this age can not be described unless witnessed personally. He has received several medals in National and international philatelic exhibitions. In each philatelic exhibition, may be District level or National level he use to visit all as far as practicable. He has a keen interest in issuing special covers in Orissa so that our state should come to lime light in the national philatelic scenario. In this context I remember one incident of 1997. India Post has decided to release a stamp on Subhas Chandra Bose on 23.01.1997. Mr. Kanungo has applied on behalf of Orissa Philatelic Association to the CPMG, Orissa for giving approval for release of a special cover on Subhas Chandra Bose at his birth place Naya Bazar, Cuttack. The request was turned down by the CPMG with the plea that as Government has already decided to release a stamp and FDC on Subhas Bose at Cuttack. But Mr Kanungo did not accept this view and went for an appeal in Orissa High Court for directing the CPMG for allowing the release of the special cover by the Orissa Philatelic Association and got the Order of the Hon'ble High court in favour of OPA and the special cover was released at the last moment. We must learn from



Shri Kanungo receiving EIPA Life Time Achievement Award from the Governor of Orissa Shri Murali Dhar Chandrakant Bhandare

him how determined and dedicated he was for the promotion of philately. A lot of such instances are there to his credit and I have no words to explain all.

The members of EIPA Deeply condole for his sudden demise. Let his soul live in peace.

**-Ajit Kumar Dash
Editor**

Stamp release or competition?

The Department of Posts made an history by releasing 31 stamps during November and December, 2008 so hurriedly that the stamps, brochures, FDC and Miniature sheets were not available at a time in the Philatelic Bureaux for sale. The miniature sheets of Aldabra Giant Tortoise declared to be released on 02.08.08 is still not available and God knows when it will be released. Similarly the Miniature sheet of Children's day released on 14.11.08 is also not available for sale. Now it has become a precedence that most of the stamps released are not available to the philatelic Bureaux on the date of release so also the FDC and brochures. Then what is the fun of releasing so may stamps only for the purpose of record! A philatelist who is collecting FDC and using them as Regd Post or Speed Post on the date of release, what will he do in such cases. Is the Department of Posts is not encouraging manipulation of such items to maintain the date? It appears that the Department of Posts is running for a competition for release of stamps.

Stamp News

India

CHILDREN'S DAY



India Post, like previous years had organized all India Stamp Design Competition for children with the theme 'India of my Dreams'. The competition was held through out the country for school children. Selection of first, second and third was made by a Selection Committee and these paintings were utilized for designing stamps, First Day Covers, brochure for Children's Day stamp.



This year the first three paintings have been made into set of three stamps. Another painting from among all groups has been selected for First Day Cover and Miniature Sheet and has been awarded consolation prize.

Credits:

Cancellation: Alka Sharma.

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 14-11-2008
Denomination: 500p, 500p, 500p
Stamps Printed: 0.8 Million each
Miniature Sheet: 0.2 Million
Printing Process: wet-offset
Printer: Security Printing Press, Hyderabad

SAINT ALPHONSA



Saint Alphonsa, was born on August 19, 1910, at Kudamaloor in the Archdiocese of Changanacherry, Kerala. Her mother died three months later after giving birth to Annakutty, later Alphonsa. Saint Alphonsa who has left everlasting footprints on her earthly pilgrimage, is today continuously bestowing divine graces on us by interceding before the mighty throne of Merciful God. Saint Alphonsa is a model

saint for all of us, for the whole of India and for the entire world. In the modern world, which is riddled with egoistic pursuits, travails and persecutions, the clarion call of Saint Alphonsa is to love, to love in the midst of all the sufferings.

Credits:

Stamp: Suresh Kumar
Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 16-11-2008
Denomination: 500p
Stamps Printed: 1.0 Million
Miniature Sheet: 0.5 Million
Printing Process: Photogravure
Printer: India Security Press, Nasik

B.N. REDDI

He was born on 16th November, 1908 at Y. Kothapalli, Cuddapah District, Madras Province. He took to auditing and qualified as a Chartered Accountant. B.N.Reddi made his film debut as Associate Financer and as Scenarist by joining Hanumantappa Muniyappa Reddi, the father of Telugu Talkie films and Guru to many leading Directors in forming Rohini Pictures and producing "Gruhalakshmi", which was a great success (1938). His memory is etched deep in the memory of Telugu psyche through his timeless classic "Malliswari" (1951). In 1954 came "Bangaru Papa", a film based on George Eliot's Sailan Mariner, which won international acclaim. He won Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1975 becoming first person in Telugu film industry and second person from South India to win this award. He died on 8th November, 1977.



Credits:

Text: As per the material provided by the roponent.
Stamp & FDC: Nenu Gupta

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 16-11-2008
Denomination: 500 p
Stamps Printed: 0.4 Million
Printing Process: wet-offset
Printer: Security printing Press, Hyderabad

Heritage Building -Standard Chartered Bank

Standard Chartered Bank, India's first and largest international bank, celebrates the 150th anniversary



of its operations in India. Standard Chartered, which started as The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, had opened its first branch in Kolkata in April 1858.

Standard Chartered Bank in India is the country's largest international bank, with 90 branches, 234 ATMs in 33 cities. Globally, Standard Chartered Marathons are the biggest and the most popular community events and are focused on making an incremental social contribution.

Credits:

Text: As per the material provided by the roponent.

Stamp & FDC: Sankha Samanta

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 17-11-2008

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 2.4 Million

Printing Process: wet-offset

Printer: Security Printing Press, Hyderabad

GAIL (India) Limited



GAIL (India) Limited, formerly known as Gas Authority of India Limited in August, 1984 heralded a new era of natural gas in the country. GAIL enabled the use of

natural gas as a new energy resource in the country, which was earlier being flared in the offshore field of Bombay High. GAIL has also been reckoned among the top gas utilities in the world consistently for past few years by Platts. GAIL maintains highest standards of environment friendly norms in all its activities by providing green fuel for power and fertilizer industries as well as vehicles in various cities in the country.

Credits:

Text: Material provided by the proponent.

Stamp & FDC: Sankha Samant

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 19-11-2008

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 2.4 Million

Printing Process: Photogravure

Printer: India Security Press, Nasik

Joachim and Violet Alva

Joachim Alva was born on January 21, 1907 in Udupi, in South Kannara district of the Madras Presidency.



He became the first Christian to be appointed as the Secretary of the over-fifty-years old Bombay students Brotherhood. Imprisoned twice for a period of three years,

Joachim Alva was jail companion to many of India's outstanding patriots and national leaders such as Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Jaya Prakash Narayan, Morarji Desai, K.T. Mashruvalla, J.C. Kumarappa and Ashok Mehta. Mahatma Gandhi wrote to Joachim Alva at four o'clock in the morning, before prayer time in 1934 saying that he had missed meeting him at Yervada Jail because of his early release.

Violet Alva was born on April 24, 1908 at Ahmedabad. Violet Hari became Violet Alva on November 20, 1937. Inspired by Joachim Alva, she began venturing onto public platforms. Joachim and Violet Alva set up legal practice together under the benevolent eye of Bhulabhai Desai. On August 9, 1943, the first anniversary of Quit India Day, Joachim and Violet Alva founded FORUM, the Indian weekly news magazine. Joachim Alva was elected to Lok Sabha in the General Elections of 1952, and Violet Alva was elected to the Rajya Sabha both from the Bombay State. Violet Alva and Joachim Alva were the first ever couple to be elected to the Indian Parliament under adult franchise. Violet Alva breathed her last on 20th November, 1969 and Joachim Alva breathed his last on June, 28, 1979.

Credits

Text: Based on the material given by the proponent.

Stamp & FDC: Sankha Samanta

Cancellation: Nenu Gupta

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 20-11-2008

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 0.4 Million

Printing Process: wet-offset

Printer: Security Printing Press, Hyderabad

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, Hyderabad



Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, spread over 275 acres on a scenic landscape stands tall on the Hyderabad-Bangalore highway. The Academy is not only a premier police training institution of the country but one of the best police training institutions of the world. With a view to enabling all police training institutions to draw upon each other's resources and



specializations, the Academy has established a computerized network (POTNET) connecting all Police Training Colleges and Academies of the various States and Central Police Organisations with the NPA as its hub. In recognition of its outstanding

services, the Academy was awarded the President's Colours on its 40th Anniversary on September 15, 1988.

Credits:

Stamp & FDC: Kamleshwar Singh

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 27-11-2008

Denomination: 500p, 2000p

Stamps Printed: 0.8 Million each

Miniature sheet: 0.2 Million

Printing Process: Wet-offset

Printer: Security Printing Press, Hyderabad

St. Joseph's Boys' High School



St. Joseph's School, at Bangalore was founded in 1865, offered to European and Anglo-Indian families the means of securing for their children the advantage of a liberal education. Greatest

care was taken to impart to the pupils a sound moral training, to improve their minds to cultivate in them gentlemanly manners and habits of regularity and cleanliness, in short, to prepare them for the duties of their future. Great attention is also paid to physical training and games. In 1923, St. Joseph's College was separated from the school. By 1923, there were three institutions namely, St. Joseph's School, St. Joseph's College and St. Joseph's Indian School.

Credits:

Text: Based on material given by the proponent.

Stamp & FDC: Brahm Prakash

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 28-11-2008

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 0.4 Million

Printing Process: Wet-offset

Printer: Security Printing Press, Hyderabad

BUDDHADEVA BOSE

Buddhadeva Bose was born on November 30, 1908 in Kimilla, now a part of Bangladesh. As a writer, he never looked back since "Bandir Bandana", his first



major collection of powers written in late teens. He was hailed as an exceptionally talented and courageous poet when the book got published in 1930. His first novel "SaDa" also came out in the same year. He was 22. The last 15 years of his life were arguably his best

creative years. After producing fascinating verse plays reinterpreting the Mahabharata stories, he reached his zenith with his great analytical study "Mahabharater Katha". Yet he had project lined up for the next 10 years when he suddenly succumbed to a massive stroke on the 17th March of 1974, at the age of 65.

Credits:

Text: Based on material given by the proponent.

Stamp & FDC: Sankha Samanta

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 30-11-2008

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 0.4 Million

Printing Process: Photogravure

Printer: India Security Press, Nasik

Evershed Effect



John Evershed, one of the foremost solar astronomers of his time, spent his most fruitful research years at the Solar Physics Observatory

in Kodaikanal, first as its Assistant Director (1907-1911) and then as the Director (1911- 1923). He had distinguished himself as a prolific amateur solar observer, working in his own private observatory in Kenley, England, recording no less than 13,458 prominences between the years 1890 and 1905, and noting the changes in heliographic latitude during a solar cycle. He started working on the spectrum of sunspots soon after. In the early morning of January, 5 1909, on a day when the atmosphere was exceptionally steady and sky transparency was excellent, Evershed obtained Sunspot spectra which showed for the first time line displacements in the penumbral region indicating an outward radial flow of gases in the spots.

Credits:

Text: As per the material provided by the proponent.

Stamp & FDC: Suresh Kumar

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 02-12-2008

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 0.4 Million

Printing Process: Wet-offset

Printer: Security Printing Press, Hyderabad

Reaching Out to Our Maritime Neighbours



The Indian Navy, with its professionalism, technical prowess, worldwide arena of operations and human approach is not only ready to defend the nation's maritime interests in peace and war, but also ensures an environment of peace and tranquility in the Indian Ocean region by continuously "Reaching out to our Maritime Neighbours". Indian Navy won world wide acclamation for its swift and stunning act of rescue of Saudi & Indian Ships from the clutches of Somalian Pirates in high seas in November, 2008. The spontaneous response of Indian Navy on hearing a SOS message resulted in rescue of these ships and the crew. Indian Navy has also sent a strong message to the growing menace of terror in the seas in the form of seas pirates.

Credits:

Text: Based on material supplied by the proponent.

Stamp & FDC: Sankha Samant

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 04-12-2008

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 0.8 Million

Printing Process: Wet-offset

Printer: Security Printing Press, Hyderabad

Dr. LAXMI MALL SINGHVI



Dr. Singhvi was born on 9 November 1931 in Jodhpur. He was a leading Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court of India and was President of the apex Court's Bar Association for four terms. He conceived and founded "Law Day", now universally observed on November 26 each year throughout the country. Dr. Singhvi was the longest serving High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom (1991-97). Dr. Singhvi was elected to the Third Lok Sabha as an Independent Member for Jodhpur and became known

as an outstanding parliamentarian who held many prominent posts with considerable distinction. He crusaded for the ombudsman system in India and was the inventor and coiner of the words "Lokpa" and "Lokayuktya".

Credits:

Text: Based on material supplied by the proponent.

Stamp & FDC: Bharati Mirchandani

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 8-12-2008

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 0.4 Million

Printing Process: Wet-offset

Printer: Security Printing Press, Hyderabad

Merry Christmas



Christmas, the annual Christian holiday, commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. Most members of the Roman Catholic Church and followers of Protestantism

celebrate Christmas on December 25, and many celebrate on the evening of December 24 as well. In addition to being a religious holiday, Christmas is a widely observed secular festival. For most people who



celebrate Christmas, the holiday season is characterized by gatherings among family and friends, feasting, and gift giving. The Christmas tree is often explained as a Christianization of pagan tradition and ritual surrounding the Winter Solstice, which included the use of evergreen

boughs, and an adaptation of pagan tree worship. The Modern Christmas tree tradition is believed to have begun in Germany in the 18th century though many argue that Martin Luther began the tradition in the 16th century.

Credits:

Stamp: Bharti Mirchandani

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 08-12-2008

Denomination: 500p, 2000p

Stamps Printed: 1.5 Million each

Printing Process: Photogravure

Printer: India Security Press, Nasik

Universal Declaration of Human Rights



On December 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Declaration is recognition of the fact that the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family are the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world and reaffirmation of faith, of the peoples of United nations in the Fundamental human rights. The National Human Rights Commission of India is a fully compliant internationally accepted Paris Principles for independent and autonomous National Human Rights Institution. The National Human Rights Commission of India was constituted under the Protection of Human Rights Act 1993 for better protection and promotion of human rights.

Credits:

Text: Based on material given by the proponent.

Stamp & FDC: Sankha Samanta

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 10-12-2008

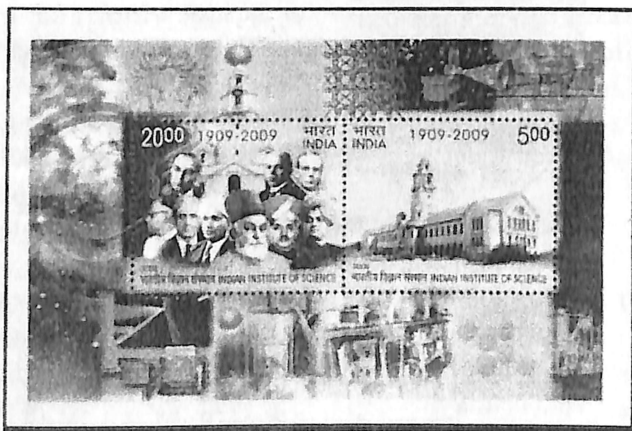
Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 1.0 Million

Printing Process: Photogravure

Printer: India Security Press, Nasik

Indian Institute of Science



The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) was conceived as a 'Research Institute' or 'University of Research' by Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata, towards the end of the 19th century. It took thirteen long years from initial conception in 1896 to the birth of the institution on May 27, 1909. The Institute offers a variety of Master's degree programs in Engineering, an integrated (post-B.Sc.) program in science and Ph.D.

programs in a wide spectrum of disciplines in science and engineering.

Credits:

Text: Based on material given by the proponent.

Stamp & FDC: Shankha Samanta

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 14-12-2008

Denomination: 500p, 2000p

Stamps Printed: 1.5 Million each

Printing Process: Photogravure

Printer: India Security Press, Nasik

SWAMI RANGANATHANANDA



Ranganathananda was a great orator and scholar, a man with a great insight into the problems of India and the world. He undertook extensive lecture tours from 1946 to 1972 covering over 50 countries in North and South America, Asia, Africa and Europe, including Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia. From 1973 to 1986 he annually visited Australia, USA and Europe, spreading the message of Vedanta. He declined the Padma Vibhushan as it was conferred on him in his individual capacity but accepted the Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration in 1987 and the Gandhi Peace Prize in February 1999 as both were conferred on the Ramakrishna Mission. He obtained his final vows of monasticism from Swami Shivananda (also known as Mahapurush Maharaj) in 1933.

Credits

Text:

Stamp & FDC: Alka Sharma

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 15-12-2008

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 0.5 Million

Printing Process: Wet offset

Printer: India Security Press, Hyderabad

FIELD MARSHAL SAM HORMUSJI FRAMJI JAMSHEDJI MANEKSHAW, MC
One of the finest officers of the Indian Army, Field Marshal Sam Hormusji Framji Jamshedji Manekshaw, MC, popularly known as Sam Bahadur, has had a long and illustrious military career. Manekshaw successfully handled many planning and administrative problems that crept up after partition. The Jammu and Kashmir operations of 1947-48 were



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largely successful because of his professional acumen. As General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Command, he handled the tricky problem of insurgency in Nagaland and the grateful nation

honoured him with a Padma Bhushan in 1968. On 7th June 1969 Sam Manekshaw replaced General Kumaramangalam as the 8th Chief of Army Staff. His immense military experience came to good use during the Indo-Pak War of 1971 which led to a splendid victory under his command. In 1972 President Shri V.V. Giri awarded him the Padma Vibhushan for his distinguished and selfless service to the nation. On 1st January 1973 he was bestowed with the prestigious rank of Field Marshal, another first in Indian military history. He died at the age of 94 on the 27th June 2008 at Wellington Military Cantonment due to pneumonia and related complications.

Credits

Text: Based on material given by the proponent.

Stamp & FDC: Shankha Samanta

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 16-12-2008

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 0.5 Million

Printing Process: Photogravure

Printer: India Security Press, Nasik

TV RAMASUBBAIYER



Shri T.V. Ramaasubbaiyer, born on 2nd October 1908 at a place called Tazhuviyamahatevar Kovil. The most significant contribution of T.V. Ramasubbaiyer has been the publication of the famous Tamil Daily Dinamalar which has over the years

become the major voice of rural populace in Tamil Nadu. T. V. Ramasubbaiyer was a visionary, a social reformer, a prolific writer, a campaigner for social causes and a champion of downtrodden. He single handedly shaped the course of events on large number of issues —be it education or civic facilities or social upliftment of the downtrodden. He was the voice of the voiceless and face of the faceless. He made Dinamalar an instrument for social, political and economic transformation. His contributions will always occupy a place of eminence in Tamil Nadu.

Credits:

Stamp & FDC: Suresh Kumar

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 21-12-2008

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 0.4 Million

Printing Process: Wet-offset

Printer: Security Printing Press, Hyderabad

BRAHMOS



BrahMos, name represents two well known rivers, Brahmaputra of India and Moskova of Russia. The calmness and serenity of Moskova River and the power and speed of Brahmaputra depict the main characteristics of "BRAHMOS Supersonic Cruise Missile", the product of

the Joint Venture. The combination of speed, power and precision achieved by this missile is unparalleled and by far the best in the world in this class of Weapon System. BRAHMOS is a supersonic missile that approaches target with three times the speed of sound and is capable of being launched from multiple platforms i.e. land based launcher, warships, submarines, maritime patrol/ASW aircraft and combat aircraft. Numerous flight tests have taken place from different platforms in variety of configurations such as from ship to ship, land to ship, land to land and ship against the land. today the BrahMos is operational with the Indian Navy and Army.



Credits:

Text: Based on material given by the proponent.

Stamp & FDC: Kamleshwar Singh

Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 22.12.2008

Denomination: 500p, 2000p

Stamps Printed: 2.0 Million (500p), 1.0 Million (2000p)

Miniature Sheet: 0.2 Million

Printing Process: Photogravure

Printer: India Security Press, Nasik

UDUMALAI NARAYANA KAVI



Udumalai Narayana Kavi was born on 25.09.1899 in Poolavadi Village about 20 kms from Udumalpet, Coimbatore District in Tamil Nadu. Udumalai Narayana Kavi displayed acting talents in local dramas at a very early age of 15. He entered the world of cinema in 1933 when he continued till 1976. He wrote several lyrics for Tamil films. His

Kathakalakshepam titled "Kindanar" was to eradicate caste-based discriminations among the people. His poems contained rationalistic, patriotic and social messages.

Credits:

Text: Based on material provided by the proponent.

Stamp: India Security Press, Nasik

FDC & Cancellation: Nenu Gupta

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 31.12.2008

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 0.4 Million

Printing Process: Photogravure

Printer: India Security Press, Nasik

M. BHAKTHAVATSALAM



M. Bhakthavatsalam was born on October 9, 1897 in Nazarathpet, a village in Chingleput District, Tamil Nadu. Bhakthavatsalam took active interest in the Home Rule Movement started by Dr. Annie Besant even while he was in college. It was then that he came into contact with Rajaji.

Influenced by Mahatma Gandhi, he took part in the agitation against the Rowlatt Bill and joined the freedom struggle in 1921. He took a leading part in the Civil Disobedience Movement and was imprisoned in 1932. To stimulate Congress propaganda he started the daily newspaper "India" in Tamil and 'Was its Managing Director till 1933. In the Individual Satyagraha Movement, he was imprisoned for 9 months (1940-41). Once again, he played an exemplary role in Quit India Movement in 1942 during which he was incarcerated for 2 years. He passed away on 13.2.1987.

Credits:

Text & Stamp: Based on material provided by the proponent.

FDC & Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 31-12-2008

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 0.4 Million

Printing Process: Photogravure

Printer: India Security Press, Nasik

THILLAIYADI VALLIAMMAI

Born in Johannesburg on 22.2.1898 to Indian migrants from Tamilnadu, Munusamy and Janaki Ammal, she was deeply influenced by the Civil Disobedience



Movement started by Mahatma Gandhi in South Africa and its spectacular effect on the Indian and other communities there. On 28th Oct. 1913 Satyagraha was launched by Kasturba in which Thillaiyadi Valliammai took the plunge. On 22nd December, 1913 she was arrested and imprisoned

in Maritzburg. The rigours of the prison took a toll on her health and though released on 11th February, 1914, she died on 22nd February, 1914 at the tender age of sixteen.

Credits:

Text: Based on material provided by the proponent.

Stamp: India Security Press, Nasik

FDC & Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 31-12-2008

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 0.4 Million

Printing Process: Photogravure

Printer: India Security Press, Nasik

SHEIK THAMBI PAVALAR



He was born on July 31 in the year 1874 to Pakeer Meeran and Amina Ummal in Edalkudy Village, near Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari. Handloom weaving was the main occupation of this place. At the age of twenty-one he went to Chennai along with Hazarat Syed Tahalebbai to put into print

'Meygnana Thirupadal Thirattu' (about 6000 poems) of the Sufi Saint Gnaniar Appa in Sri Padmavilasam Printing Press owned by Itta Parthasarathy Naidu. In 1907, he married Mohamed Fathima Beevi at Kottar. He was included in the Tamil Sangam, Madurai established by Pandithurai Thevar. He was a strong supporter of Khadi. He died on February 13, 1950.

Credits:

Text: Based on material provided by the proponent.

Stamp: India Security Press, Nasik

FDC & Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 31-12-2008

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 0.4 Million

Printing Process: Photogravure

Printer: India Security Press, Nasik

A. T. PANEERSELVAM



He was born on 01.06.1888 at Selvapuram in Thiruvavur District in Tamil Nadu. In 1934 he became a Member of the Administrative Council to the Governor. In the same year he became the Minister of Finance & Home in the interim Ministry formed by the Justice Party in Tamil Nadu after the Congress

decided not to form the government even after winning the elections. In 1938 the British conferred the title 'Sir' to Paneerselvam. On 1st March 1940, as he was on way to London upon the invitation of the British he died in an air crash.

Credits:

Text: Based on material provided by the proponent.

Stamp: India Security Press, Nasik

FDC & Cancellation: Nenu Gupta

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 31-12-2008

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 0.4 Million

Printing Process: Photogravure

Printer: India Security Press, Nasik

Rani Velu Nachchiyar



She was born in 1750. Sakkandhi was one of the auxiliary Palayams of Sivagangai State adjoining Sivagangai. Queen Velu Nachchiyar was very active and talented when she was young. She wanted to learn many languages and accordingly she learnt Telugu,

Malayalam, Kannada, Urdu,

English and French languages. The meeting of Velu Nachchiyar with Hyder Ali took place in Oindigul. The rule of Nawab of Arcot over Sivagangai which has already been weakened by the problems created by the revolutionary forces fumbled further on hearing about the assurance given by Hyder Ali to help Velu Nachchiyar. She died there on 25.12.1796.

Credits:

Text: As per the material provided by the proponent.

Stamp: Security Printing Press, Hyderabad

FDC & Cancellation: Alka Sharma

TECHNICAL DATA

Date of Issue: 31-12-2008

Denomination: 500p

Stamps Printed: 0.4 Million

Printing Process: wet-offset

Printer: Security Printing Press, Hyderabad.

10TH DEFINITIVE SERIES LAUNCHED



India Post launched the 10th definitive series of stamps 'Builders of Modern India' with release of 3 stamps on 1st December, 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.

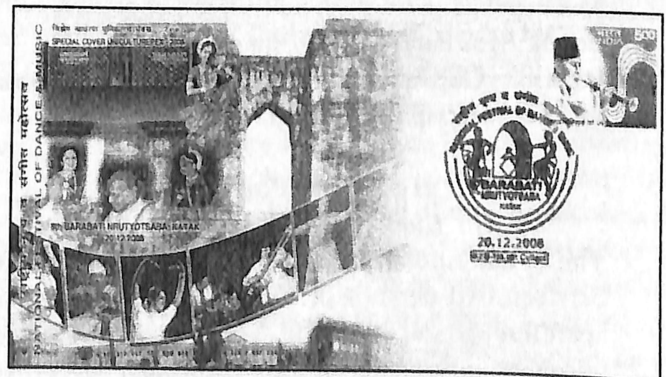
Exhibition News

Hong Kong-2009

23rd Asian International Stamp Exhibition, HONG KONG 2009 is going to be held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wanchai, from May 14, 2009 to May 17, 2009. Mr. Dhananjay Desai is the National Commissioner for India. The detailed Regulations of HONG KONG 2009 are also available at request from Mr. Dhananjay Desai I/M, National Chambers, Near City Gold Cinema, Ashram Road, AHMEDABAD – 380 009. Telephone: +91-79-26580688 Fax: +91-79-26581167 E-mail : dhananjay_47@yahoo.co.in

8th National Festival of Dance and Music

The 8th National Festival of Dance and Music was held at Barabati Fort, Cuttack, Orissa from 20.12.2008 to 26 12.2008. A small philatelic exhibition comprising



of 10 frames was also held on the theme of dance Music. The exhibits of noted Philatelist of EIPA Dr. Pradeep Padhy was displayed during the festival.



A special cover was released on 20.12.08 during the inauguration of the Festival. The special cover depicts the Padma awardees on dances from Orissa such as Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra, Sonal Mansingh, Kumkum Mohanty and others



such as Mamata Shankar. The postmark conceptualized by Pradip Mohanty and designed by

renowned artist Pranab Akhand depicts the logo of festival. An advertising postmark publicizing the 8th National Festival of Dance and Music was also used at Bhubaneswar GPO and Cuttack GPO from December 20 to 26, 2008 on all inbound and outbound mails during the festival.

Festival of Stamps in Ahmadabad

Gujarat Philatelists' Association is going to organize one of the biggest festival of stamps in Ahmedabad from Jan 30-Feb 1, 2009 at Srimati Sushilaben Ratilal Hall, opposite Choice Restaurant, C G Road, near Swastik Crossroads, Ahmedabad 380009. Philatelists and dealers from different states are likely to attend this festival.

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The History of Postal System

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The 'Post' means a system of communication between two persons or two organisation staying apart through out the world. The process of sending messages, information or articles through post office is known as 'post' now a days, though the same facilities can also be availed through a private carrier or courier. The need for transmitting messages and

information is known since more than 4000 years ago. The earliest description of such letter carriers or couriers is found in an inscription on a clay tablet in Egypt of 2300 BC. Letters and information used to be sent through such messengers who ran or walked long distances, or traveled on horse back in the service of the rulers only. For long distances, the need for relay system arose, when after a certain distance, messengers were changed at particular places.

The word 'Post' meant such fixed places, and the word came from *Positus* in Latin. Thus all these fixed places where messengers used to be changed were called posts. And from the word 'Post' later on came 'postman', 'Post boy', 'postmaster', 'post office', and so on.

With the growth of civilization, communication between human groups living great distances apart became an urgent necessity. So private messenger services sprang up, serving various groups.



In 15th and 16th centuries the existence of messenger services between different sectors is found, and during those period the entire world was criss-crossed by private postal systems.

During 16th and 17th centuries they were further consolidated to serve not only particular sectors, but all people. Some of such private services are:

- Thurn and Taxis in Europe,
- Pony Express, Wells Fargo Express in America,
- Dockwara Post in England,
- Minhsin Chu in China, and
- Postwalla in India

How the stamp was born.

Before 1840, letters were sent without prepayment, and the payment was made by the addressees on receipt of their letters.

One day, Mr. Rowland Hill, a Philanthropist of Great Britain, was having his morning walk when he found a postman knocking at a door. A lady opened the door and the postman handed over a letter to her. She examined the closed envelope and then returned it to the postman, refusing to take delivery. Mr. Hill thought that the poor lady might not have the money to take the delivery of that letter. He approached the postman and paid him the charges and took the letter. He then delivered the letter to the lady. The lady

instead of giving thanks, scolded him for wasting the money. She then opened the envelope and showed him the blank paper inside. She told Mr. Hill how she planned with her son to regularly receive letters without payment. If he was all right he would not write anything. This incident made Mr. Hill think about the heavy loss incurred by the postal department. He felt that if the postal department could charge for the letters before they were sent, such losses would be avoided and consequently, the charges for the postal service would be much less.

He also proved that the cost of carrying letters from one place to another, anywhere in England, would only cost one penny instead of one shilling, which could conveniently be realized by selling a one-penny label at the post offices.

One Pound=20 Shilling
One Shilling = 12 Penny

On all letters for dispatch the one-penny label should be fixed. The postal administration of England also agreed to this and requested Mr. Hill to produce such labels. Thus, the world's first postage stamp was born on 6th May, 1840 in England which is known as the famous 'PENNY BLACK'. Other countries followed, and now postal administrations of all countries issue stamps for prepayment of postage for articles transmitted by post.



Postal system in India

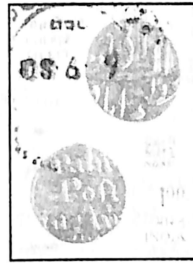
The early recorded postal services date back to as early as 1296, during the reign of the Turkish ruler, Allauddin Khilji. This was further improved at the time of the great ruler, Tughlak, when he established a speedy service of horse-delivery along with a slow one on foot by runners.

But Sher Shah during his reign built the 2000 mil long road from Bengal to Peshawar for the use of his postal services. He also built as many as 1700 'serais' where two horses were always kept ready to ensure quick dispatch of his messages. During Akbar's rule camels were also used for the first time in addition to horses and runners.

In 1672, Raja Chuk Deo of Mysore organized a postal service throughout his dominion, with headquarters at the post office in Mysore which was further developed by Hyder Ali and was used extensively.

In 1688 the postal service was constructively improved by the East India Company when they opened a proper post office first at **Bombay** (now

Mumbai) and then at **Calcutta** (now Kolkata) and **Madras** (now Chennai) which was further expanded by Lord Clive in 1766.



The noble improvement came from Warren Hastings in 1774, when he made the service available also to general public. The common people could avail of this service on payment of a fee of 2 annas per letter up to a distance of 100 miles. For this purpose a special metal token of 2 annas was minted. These tokens were used at the time of posting of letters and the letters were hand stamped as 'POST PAID'. If not, they were stamped with 'POST UNPAID' or 'BEARING', etc. The stamp of 'POSTAGE FREE' was put on the letter used by Government and by service personnel

History of Indian Stamp



In India, Mr. Bartle Frere, the Commissioner of Sind, introduced paper stamps in token of prepayment of postage in the province of Sind in 1852. These stamps, the famous 'Scinde Dawks' were the first postage stamps not only for India but also in Asia. The central design of the stamp was the East India Company's broad arrow and the stamps were embossed in different colours. Vermilion stamps were issued first, but they had a very short life because they were embossed on brittle wafer paper. White stamps followed but embossing on white paper could not be seen clearly. So, stamps were finally embossed in blue colour on white paper.



After the 'Scinde Dawks', there was general issue of stamps in India. The first design was the 'Lion and the Palm Tree' made by Colonel Forbes of the Calcutta Mint. But as he could not promise an adequate supply with the limited machinery at his command the design was never used. Captain Thuillier, Deputy Surveyor-General, then took up the production of stamps by lithography. With his zeal and efforts, he succeeded in bringing out the first All-India stamp in 1st October, 1854. The stamps were of 1/2 anna value, blue in colour and had Queen Victoria's head on them. Later, others of 1 anna and 4 annas value were also printed. Thus the stamps carried the head of Queen Victoria, Edward VII, George V and George VI in Succession.

Stamps of different denominations were printed in different colours.



From 1856 to 1926, Indian stamps were printed by Messrs Thomas De La Rue & Co. of London. The design was changed with the change of the ruler. In 1926, the India Security Press was set up at Nasik and the responsibility of printing postage stamps was entrusted to it.



The first Indian pictorial stamp was issued on 9th February, 1931 on the occasion of the Inauguration of New Delhi.

These stamps depicted scenes and landmarks of New Delhi. The next occasion when commemorative stamps were issued was silver Jubilee of King George V on 6th May, 1935. During 23rd August to 15th December 1937 stamps with pictures showing various modes of postal transmission were issued.



The first Indian stamp after independence was issued on 21st November, 1947 is the Ashok pillar and tricolour in the name of 'Jai Hind'

OUR NEW MEMBERS

The following new Life Member joined to our EIPA family during November-December, 2008.

Mr. Dilip Kumar Panda,
O/o DIG of Police,
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Philatelic Interest: Games and Sports, Educational & Research Institutions, Children's Day

The monthly meeting of EIPA is held on every third Sunday at plot No. A/117, Press Colony, Kharavela Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751001 from 5.00 PM to 7.00 PM.

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