

PROSPECTUS

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INPEX 2013
NATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION
21ST TO 25TH FEBRUARY, 2013
AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE, MUMBAI.

**(I) VENUE, DATE & ORGANIZATION **

The National Philatelic Exhibition **INPEX 2013** will be held at the World Trade Centre, (Expo Center), Cuffe Parade, Mumbai-400 005 from 21st February to 25th February, 2013.

The exhibition is being held by **The Philatelic Society of India** with the patronage of **PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF INDIA**, the apex body of Philately in India, and the active support of the **Department of Post** and other Philatelic Societies to celebrate 115 years of the Society's active existence.

It will provide an opportunity to philatelists residing in India to enter their outstanding philatelic collection in the Competitive Class.

The exhibition will also consist of INVITEE AND COMPETITIVE classes. In the Invitee section collections of eminent individuals and national institutions will be exhibited. The Competitive section will include a championship class and will be open only to those collections which have won at least a Gold Medal in a previous National or International World Philatelic Exhibition.

(II) SOUVENIR CUM CATALOGUE:

We propose to bring out a multi-colour Souvenir for this exhibition. The Souvenir will contain articles on Indian Philately by reputed philatelists. It will also contain advertisements, which will be accepted from all including philatelic dealers, business houses etc. A separate advertisement tariff card will be issued and can be obtained from the Secretary, Inpex 2013, Philatelic Bureau, G.P.O., Mumbai-400 001, and on our web site **www.psi1897.com**

A list of participants will also be included in the Souvenir

(III) SPECIAL PHILATELIC ISSUES:

Special cover will be released every day at the exhibition and the Department of Post will provide special cancellation on each day of the exhibition depicting different themes.

(IV) DEALERS' BOOTHS:

90 to 95 Dealers' Booths will be provided at the venue to dealers for dealing in

philatelic materials and other collectible items.

Dealers of stamps, coins and collectible items from all over the country may apply to the Secretary, Inpex 2013, for allotment of booths.

Various types of Booths are planned. Regular stalls are of 4 sq. mtr. where two tables and two chairs will be provide. Visit the web site 'www.psi1897.com' for full details and plans.

(V) SPECIAL REGULATIONS APPLYING TO NATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION INPEX 2013:

- 1) INPEX 2013 will be governed by India Post & the F.I.P. General Regulations (GREX); F.I.P.General Regulation of Competitive Exhibits (GREV); F.I.P. Special Regulation of Competitive Exhibits (SREV.) and Special Regulation of 'INPEX 2013'.

2) **ELIGIBILITY:**

- i) Participation in the exhibition is open to all philatelists throughout India. Exhibitor should be a member of Philatelic Congress of the India or its affiliated societies.
- ii) Collections which have received any of the following awards are eligible for the Competitive Class.

A) **CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS:**

Only collections which have won Gold within 5 years in any National, International Exhibition or World Exhibition can enter in the CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS. An exhibit that has participated once in Championship Class cannot be exhibited again at the same level

B) **COMPETITIVE CLASS:**

- i) A Bronze medal in any International or World Exhibition.
- ii) A Sliver Bronze medal in a National Exhibition.
- iii) A Silver medal in a Circle/State Level exhibition held by the Department of Post or held under the patronage of the Philatelic Congress of India.
- iv) The highest medal received in an exhibition held or recognized by the Department of Post/Philatelic Congress of India with a minimum of 50 frames.

C) **NEW ENTRANTS:**

Applications for deserving philatelic collectors can be accepted from:

Those states where no State Level exhibition has been held for the last three years and such applications should be recommended by a member of the Organizing Committee of Inpex 2013 or President of the association in their state affiliated to the Philatelic Congress of India. The application made in the prescribed form should be accompanied with a photocopy of exhibit/certificate.

D) SCHOOL COLLECTIONS:

There will be a section for School Collections in which a School may enter for the competition with the Collection developed by its students collectively.

- E)** The entire Exhibit must be the bonafide property of the Exhibitor and the collection should have been owned by him for at least 2 years. The signing of the entry form will be deemed to be an implied declaration to this effect and the acceptance of all the Rules and Regulations and any amendments made hereafter.
- F)** Each exhibit should be entered in its correct group and section. An exhibit considered to be incorrectly entered is liable to be transferred to the correct group and section.
- G)** All exhibits must be mounted on loose leaf Album/exhibit pages and enclosed in transparent protective covers. Black or dark colour pages will not be accepted.
- H)** The organizers reserve the right to reject/remove any exhibit in whole or in part without assigning any reason.
- I)** An individual exhibitor will be permitted a maximum number of 2 entries in any group or sub-group. In case of a family, no more than 4 entries may be permitted.
- J)** A youth participant may enter only one exhibit.
- K)** Exhibits of eminent individuals, national organizations and members of the Jury will be exhibited in the INVITEE CLASS by invitation only.

3) FRAME SIZE:

There will be a total number of about **800 frames**. The frames will be adequately secured, artificially lighted, avoiding direct sun light for protection of stamps. These frames will be 98 cms. wide and 129 cms. high and will hold 16 standard size album pages (22 cms. x 29 cms.)

4) CLASSIFICATION OF EXHIBITS:

A) INVITEE CLASS: (NON COMPETITIVE CLASS).

Exhibits of Postal Administration, the National Philatelic Museum, Mumbai GPO Philatelic Museum, Army Postal Services, India Security Press and other organizations.

Outstanding collections from individuals and collections of the members of the Jury by invitation.

B) COMPETITIVE CLASS:

Class 1: National Championship Class.

Class 2: Traditional Philately.

2A India Pre Independence.

2B Indian Princely States.

2C India since Independence.

- 2D Indian States
2E Rest of the world.
- Class 3: Postal History.
3A India Pre Adhesive Period.
3B India Pre-Independence.
3C Indian States
3D India since Independence.
3E Rest of the world
- Class 4: Postal Stationery.
4A India Pre-Independence.
4B Indian States
4C India since Independence.
4D Rest of the world.
- Class 5: Aero philately/Astro philately.
5A India.
5B Rest of the world.
- Class 6: Thematic.
6A Indian Themes.
6B Other themes.
- Class 7: Maxi Philly.
- Class 8: Revenues
8A India
8B Indian States.
8C Rest of the world.
- Class 9: First Day Covers.
- Class 10: Open Class
10A Mophila (Stamps issued in the last 15 years).
10B Frugal Philately.
10C Social Philately.
10D One Frame exhibits.
Exhibits in this class should be based on a narrow subject that is best treated as One Frame. An extract from a past International award winning multiple frame exhibits (5 to 8 frames) to One Frame is not allowed.
- Class 11: Philatelic Literature
11A Philatelic pamphlets, books and studies (issued within past 5 years).
11B: Philatelic Journals, periodicals, columns and articles. (The whole annual volume published within past 1 year.).
11C: Catalogues (issued within past 2 years).



Class 12: Youth Class:

- 12A Age between 11-12 (as on 1-1-2013)
- 12B Age between 13-14 (as on 1-1-2013)
- 12C Age between 15-16 (as on 1-1-2013)
- 12D Age between 17-18 (as on 1-1-2013).

Note: All applications in the Youth Class should be accompanied by proof of date of birth.

Class 13: School Collections.

5) APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY IN COMPETITIVE CLASS:

- i) Exhibitors desirous of participating in the exhibition should apply in the prescribed form in duplicate. The entry forms duly filled in and signed should reach the Secretary Inpex 2013, latest by 20th December, 2012. A Introductory page and synopsis of the exhibit should be sent with each application. Such forms will be available with the Secretary, Inpex 2013, Philatelic Bureau, G.P.O., Mumbai-400 001, or on our web site www.psi1897.com
- ii) Application for the Competitive Class must be for minimum of 5 frames and maximum of 8 frames. In the Youth Class application for 2 to 4 frames may be considered.
- iii) All exhibits must be accompanied by one photo copy of each album sheet duly signed by the exhibitor for security purpose only.
- iv) Each exhibit must be accompanied by inventory of each album sheet in duplicate. Inventory form will be supplied along with the allotment letter or can be downloaded from the Inpex 2013 web site.
- v) Exhibitor already received Large Vermeil or Gold in last National Exhibition will only be allotted 8 frames, at the discretion of the allotment Committee.
- vi) Exhibitors must have won his/her exhibit for a minimum of two years at the time of exhibiting.
- vii) No dark colour pages will be allowed.

6) RESTRICTION ON UNWANTED ISSUES:

Art works, essays, proofs, colour trials, progressives, imprimaturs and other materials generated during the course of designing and production of India postage stamps, postal stationery, etc., printed in India after independence and any Indian items not officially issued and/or pre-released after independence are banned from being exhibited as an entry or part of an exhibit.

Any item, which does not show the correct International Boundaries of India, and/or which offends the religious, ethnic, national integrity or environmental sentiments will not be allowed to be displayed. Exhibitors should ensure that no exhibit includes any such material.

7) ALLOTMENT OF FRAMES:

- i) The entries accepted and the number of frames allotted will be notified to the participants by 15-01-2013.
- ii) The number of frames allotted may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the Allotment Committee without assigning any reason.
- iii) The names and addresses of the exhibitors should be written in CAPITAL LETTERS at the back of each album sheet which shall be numbered on the right top corner.

8) PARTICIPATION FEES:

- i) No charge will have to be paid for exhibitors in the INVITEE CLASS.
- ii) The participation fee in the Competitive Class is Rs.1,000/- per frame and in Championship Class Rs.2,000/- per frame. There is no fee for Youth Class and School Collections.
- iii) On receipt of the allotment letter the participation fees should be paid in full and remitted to The Secretary, Inpex 2013, Philatelic Bureau, G.P.O., Mumbai-400 001, The cheque/demand draft must be drawn in favour of **THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF INDIA**, payable at Mumbai, and sent by Registered Post, not later than 01-02-2013 along with application form. No outstation cheques will be accepted.

Note: No refund will be made for absentee exhibits. Penalty : He may get barred for life time.

9) TRANSMISSION AND MOUNTING OF EXHIBITS:

- i) Each participant will be furnished with a set of Exhibit Covers for sending exhibits (album pages). The participant is required to indicate the desired arrangement of sheet on layout printed on the front of the cover. Every care will be taken to see that the exhibit is mounted accordingly.
- ii) Exhibits if sent by Post must be forwarded through INSURED POST at owner's risk. The organizers will not be responsible for any loss or damage during transit or otherwise.
- iii) All exhibits arriving by Post or through Courier should reach The Secretary, Inpex 2013 on or before 19-02-2013 but not earlier than 15-02-2013.
- iv) Exhibits will not be accepted at the venue except under exceptional circumstances.
- v) The Organizers will be responsible for the mounting and dismounting of all exhibits. No exhibit will be removed during the exhibition. Exhibitors who so desire can collect their exhibits in person after the close of the Exhibition.
- vi) Exhibits will be returned as soon as possible after the close of Exhibition by Registered Insured Parcel for Rs.500/- only free of charge at the risk of the exhibitor.

If the exhibits are desired to be returned by any other mode, the participant must indicate the same and bear the cost thereof.

- vii) Local Exhibits should be collected personally after the close of the Exhibition at the venue.
- viii) Exhibits in the Literature Group (only printed books, no manuscripts) must be submitted in duplicate. One copy will be kept by the Philatelic Society of India in its library. The other copy may be presented by the organizers to the Postal Museum G.P.O., Mumbai or to the Philatelic Congress of India or the Postal Archives as may be decided. The items for competition in this groups are (a) Books, pamphlets & studies, (b) Philatelic Journals, Periodicals, (c) Catalogues. A periodical will consist of a complete volume of a year. The mailing instructions will be sent out with the acceptance of the entry. The literature exhibit must be in the hands of the Organizing Committee by 20th January, 2013.

10) **INSURANCE AND SECURITY:**

Exhibitors are advised that in their own interest they should make arrangements for individual insurance of their Exhibits. The Organizing Committee will have adequate professional security round the clock at the venue for the whole duration of the exhibition.

LIABILITY:

- i) Though every possible care will be taken of the exhibits, no liability/responsibility shall be attached to the organizers of the Exhibition nor to the members of the Organizing Committee or its employees or Voluntary Associates for any loss or damage to the exhibits arising from any cause or reason whatsoever.
- ii) For all disputes arising that cannot be solved, the decision of the Organizing Committee is final, and for all legal matters the jurisdiction shall be limited to Mumbai.

11) **THE JURY:**

- i) The Jury appointed by the Organizing Committee will elect its own office bearers and set its own procedure. The jury as a group will have the privilege to consult and take independent opinion. They shall have the power to withhold any award when in their opinion an entry has not conformed to the Exhibition standard or for any other reason.

NOTE:- No member of the Jury or their family members can participate in the Competition Class.

- ii) The Jury will evaluate the exhibits as per the **FIP** rules and guidelines framed for evaluation of the exhibits in the Competitive Class.

- iii) Evaluation sheet will be provided to the Competitors.
- iv) The Jury will present its report and list of awardees to the Organizing Committee. The decision of the Jury in all classes will be final.
- v) If in the opinion of the Jury any collection does not appear to be the genuine work of the collector, the same may not be given any award.
- vi) The Jury will award Gold, Large-Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver Bronze and Bronze Medals. In the Championship Class special awards will be given to Champion of Champion entry. Exhibits in the Invitee Class also will be presented with special awards. A best exhibit award will be given in the School Collection Section. A certificate of participation will be given to every entrant.
- vii) Special prizes donated by Societies or Individuals will be placed at the disposal of the Jury to be awarded at their discretion. No nomination or preference for such an award will be accepted from the donors.

Class 12: Youth Class:

12) HOTELACCOMMODATION:

Visitors and participants from outside Mumbai desiring accommodation are to arrange directly with the hotels of their choice.

13) PHILATELIC BOOTH:

- a) A philatelic booth will be opened at the exhibition venue by the Philatelic Bureau, Mumbai GPO to sell Commemorative stamps, FDC'S Special Covers, Inpex 2013 Souvenir and other philatelic materials.
- b) Another booth shall be opened by the Philatelic Society of India where its publications, special cancelled covers and other philatelic items will be available.
- c) My Stamp Booth will be open by the Department of Post, Mumbai.

14) AMENDMENT OF RULES:

- i) The Organizers reserve the rights to add, alter or amend any of these rules, anytime.
- ii) The decision of the Organizers on all questions concerning the Exhibition other than decisions of the Jury shall be final.
- iii) In any matter arising from Jury decisions, the ruling by the Chairman of the Jury is final and binding.
- iv) Signature of an exhibitor on the Entry Form shall be his or her own and deemed as a sign of acceptance of these Special Regulations in their entirety.

All Communications, Registered letters or Remittances to be sent to:

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