

INTRODUCTION

Bengaluru West Postal Division is organizing the District Level Philatelic Exhibition 'RAKSHAPEX-2020', at Bengaluru from 9th to 11th January 2020. It will be held under the patronage and guidance of the Postmaster General, Bengaluru HQ Region, Bengaluru. The Exhibition will be focused on 'Saviours' of various fields i.e, Defence, Police, environment including Indian Freedom Movement and therefore named as 'RAKSHAPEX'. 30% of frames will be allocated to these themes and 20% of frames will be dedicated to theme Mahatma Gandhi. There will be a separate category of thematic/traditional collection for this purpose.

This exhibition is being organized by the Bengaluru West Postal Division with the active co-operation and support of Philatelists' to promote the hobby of stamps collecting – PHILATELY and give an opportunity for the philatelists to showcase their collections. The Organizing Committee of the exhibition is headed by Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Bengaluru West Division, Bengaluru 560086.

2. VENUE

Karnataka Examinations Authority,
Sampige Road,18th Cross,
Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560012

3. RULES & REGULATIONS

RAKSHAPEX will be governed by India Post Regulation for Philatelic Exhibitions [IP-PER], Philatelic Jurors Programme [IP-PJP], India Post Philatelic Award System [IP-PAS] and other guidelines issued by the Organizing Committee, RAKSHAPEX-2020, Bengaluru from time to time.

4. SPECIAL COVERS & CANCELLATIONS:

Special covers will be brought out on the exhibition with special cancellations. The sale of the special covers will be carried out at the Philatelic Extension Counter at the exhibition venue. Mail orders for special covers with / without cancellations are to be placed at Philatelic Bureau, Bengaluru GPO, Bengaluru 560001. The cost of one blank special cover and that of a cancelled special cover would be decided by the Organizing Committee.

5. PARTICIPATION & ELIGIBILITY

Participation in the exhibition is open to all collectors who are residents of Bengaluru Urban and Rural. The exhibitor must be the owner of the collection displayed and will be listed under the exhibitors' name in the programme. Exhibits may be entered under the name of the exhibitor only and the use of pseudonyms is not permitted.

Exhibitors shall submit their Entry form in duplicate to The Secretary, Exhibits Committee RAKSHAPEX – 2020, O/o Sr. Supdt. of Post Offices, Bengaluru West Division, Bengaluru 560086. The Exhibitors should fill up the Entry forms completely. Incomplete forms are liable to be rejected.

Exhibits must be submitted under the correct Classification. The Exhibits Committee/ The Allotment Committee/Jury, reserves the right to reassign the incorrectly or ambiguously described entries. No exhibit may be entered in more than one class.

Notification of acceptance or non-acceptance together with the number of frames allotted to each exhibit will be sent to the applicants by **2nd January 2020** through e-mail. The exhibitors will have to pay the requisite fees and send back to **The Secretary, Exhibits Committee, RAKSHAPEX-2020, O/o Sr. Supdt. of Post Offices, Bengaluru West Division, Bengaluru 560086 in the form of UCR in favour of “The Secretary, Organizing Committee RAKSHAPEX-2020, O/o Sr. Supdt. of Post Offices, Bengaluru West Division, Bengaluru 560086.**

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to reject any exhibit in whole or part without assigning any reasons.

6.CLASSIFICATION OF EXHIBITS:

A. Invitation Class [Non –competitive]

B. Competitive Classes

I. THEME RAKSHAPEX

- i) Junior Category – Below 18 years and not less than 10 years as on 1.10.2019
- ii) Senior Category – Above 18 years as on 1.10.2019
- iii) School Category- Collective exhibits prepared by several students of a Section, Class and School.

Under this category thematic/ traditional philately collection on Defence, Police, Paramilitary forces, environment preservation and protection, Indian freedom movement (other than Mahatma Gandhi theme) including 1857 movement and allied revolts will be entertained.

II. THEME MAHATMA GANDHI

- i) Junior Category – Below 18 years and not less than 10 years as on 1.10.2019
- ii) Senior Category – Above 18 years as on 1.10.2019
- iii) School Category- Collective exhibits prepared by several students of a Section, Class and School.

III. OTHER THEMES

- i) Junior Category – Below 18 years and not less than 10 years as on 1.10.2019
- ii) Senior Category – Above 18 years as on 1.10.2019
- iii) School Category- Collective exhibits prepared by several students of a Section, Class and School

Under this category all themes other than themes mentioned in category under 6B I& 6B II will be entertained.

Priority will be given to Youth/Fresh comers/ Philately Clubs and Schools

7. Letter Exhibits

As a special attraction, some frames will be reserved for exhibition of letters(handwritten or type written) written by famous personalities like President, Prime Minister, Film Actors, writers, sports persons, musicians etc. The letter exhibits should be presented in the same way as Philatelic exhibits are presented. One letter should be exhibited on onesheet but two post cards can be exhibited on one sheet. The emphasis is on the content of the letter and not on the envelope or postage stamps used or cancellation. The exhibits will be rejected if the contents are controversial or violate any rules prohibiting the public exhibition. Original letters (not photocopy) will be given preference.

The letter exhibition is not in Competition category. However, prizes will be given for the best and rare exhibits at the discretion of the Organizers.

8. PREPARATION OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibits must be mounted on standard 23 x 29 cm white coloured loose-leaf album pages and enclosed in firm transparent protective covers. No exhibits mounted on dark coloured or black pages will be accepted. Exhibitor's name, address, title of the exhibit and page number should be written on the back of each page. Art works, essays, proofs, colour trials, progressives, imprimaturs and other materials generated during the course of designing and production of post Independence postage stamps, postal stationery, etc. cannot be exhibited.

Exhibitors must abstain from exhibiting material that does not show the correct international boundaries of India and/or which offends the religious or ethnic sentiments. The exhibit should not contain any fake, unissued materials or any other items which in the opinion of the Jury should not be exhibited. Any exhibit containing such items will be rejected and its participation denied. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to confiscate the entire collection.

9. APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION :

- 9.1 Intending participants in the exhibition should apply in the prescribed entry form in duplicate. The entry forms are available with The Secretary, Exhibits Committee, O/o Sr. Supdt. of Post Offices, Bengaluru West Division, Bengaluru 560086.
- 9.2 The entry form duly filled in must reach the Secretary, Exhibits Committee, Sr. Supdt. of Post Offices, Bengaluru West Division, Bengaluru 560086 on or before 25th December 2019. Incomplete entries or entries received after the due date will not be accepted.
- 9.3 The participants in Junior Group are required to furnish proof of their date of birth alongwith entry form.
- 9.4 A separate entry form must be furnished for each collection to be exhibited.
- 9.5 Allotment of Frames is entirely at the discretion of the Committee constituted for the purpose.
- 9.6 Details of earlier awards should be given in the entry form.

- 9.7 Application for the Competitive Class must be for a minimum of three frames and maximum five frames for senior class and in Junior class the minimum can be 1 and maximum 2 frames.
- 9.8 Only one entry will be accepted in each theme from one exhibitor i.e, only two entries in total. It holds good for Junior & Senior category both.
- 9.9 The decision of the Committee regarding the allotment of frames will be final and no appeal will be entertained.
- 9.10 The number of frames allotted may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

10. SIZE OF FRAMES:

Each display frame will hold 16 [4x4] pages of standard 23 x 29 cm white album sheets mounted in four rows of four per row. Larger pages may be accommodated with the approval of the Exhibits Committees. Pages beyond the prescribed heights may require the use of adhesive tape at the back to hold the page. The Exhibits Committees will not be responsible for any damage so caused to any page of the exhibits.

11. ALLOCATION OF FRAMES:

The Organizing Committee reserves rights to allot the number of frames.

For Junior Class-Maximum 2 frames will be allotted per exhibitor.

For Senior Class-Maximum 5 frames will be allotted per exhibitor.

For School Collections-Maximum 3 frames will be allotted per school.

12. ENTRY FEES:

- 12.1 There will be approximately 75 frames (150 faces taking both sides into consideration)
- 12.2 The entry fee for Competition Class is Rs. 100/- per frame for Senior Category. NO FEE for Junior Category/Youth Class.
- 12.3 The entry fee is to be paid in the form of UCR in favour of “The Secretary, Organizing Committee, RAKSHAPEX-2020” and at any Post Office. No exhibit will be accepted unless the prescribed fee has been paid in full at the time of submission of confirmation letter. Entry fee is non-refundable.

13. TRANSMISSION & RETURN OF EXHIBITS

- 13.1 All exhibits accepted along with inventory forms should reach “The Secretary, Exhibits Committee, **RAKSHAPEX-2020, O/o Sr.Suptd. of Post Offices, Bengaluru West Division, Bengaluru 560086** either personally or through Speed Post or Registered Post

addressed to “The Secretary , Exhibits Committee, **O/o Sr.Suptd. of Post Offices, Bengaluru West Division, Bengaluru 560086.** The last date for receipt of exhibits is 06.01.2020. All exhibits should be sent enclosed in the prescribed exhibit envelopes. One exhibit envelope should be used for 16 exhibit sheets of one frame only. Also no exhibit will be accepted at the venue of the exhibition hall.

- 13.2 Exhibits reaching belatedly are liable to be rejected and will not be mounted into frames at the exhibition. No claims for the same will be accepted.
- 13.3 Though utmost care will be taken of the exhibits, no responsibility shall be attached to the Organizing Committee singly or jointly or to any person employed on paid or voluntary basis by the Committee to assist the exhibition for any loss or damage to an exhibit arising from any cause or any reason whatsoever, A exhibit will be received, displayed and dispatched entirely at the risk of the exhibitor.
- 13.4 The return of the exhibits will be monitored by the Hall & Exhibition Committee. Local exhibits as well as upcountry exhibits will be returned in person as far as possible, if so desired after close of the exhibition. The exhibits may be collected back from the Secretary of the Committee on 13.01.2020. Exhibits will be delivered to the authorized person nominated by the exhibitor in writing on proper identification. Exhibits not collected will be dispatched expeditiously, by insured parcel post insured for Rs.100/- only on the responsibility of the exhibitor. If the exhibit is desired to be returned by any other mode, the participant must indicate it and will have to bear the necessary cost. Exhibit desired to be returned at the venue or later will only be delivered against the receipt issued by the Committee.
- 13.5 All the exhibitors are requested to confirm receipt of their exhibits within 15 days of the close of exhibition and no claims will be entertained thereafter.

14. MOUNTING AND DISMOUNTING OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit mounting and dismounting shall be performed by or under the supervision of the Exhibits Committee. No exhibitor will be allowed to be co-opted. However, established Philatelists can be co-opted depending upon the requirement. Dismounting of the exhibits will not be permitted before the official closing of the exhibition under any circumstances.

15. INSURANCE AND SECURITY:

- 15.1 Exhibitors are advised that in their own interest, they should make arrangements for insurance of their exhibits.
- 15.2 The Exhibits Committee will take reasonable precautions to ensure that there will be adequate security provided to protect the exhibits.
- 15.3 The Organizer and their employees, members of the Organizing and other Committees and Jury shall not be liable for any loss, damage to the exhibits.

16. JURY:

- 16.1 The Jury will be appointed by the Department of Posts. They are the final authority in selecting and allotting awards. They can withhold or not evaluate any exhibit if, in their opinion they find to do so.
- 16.2 The Jury will evaluate the exhibits on the basis of treatment, importance, knowledge, research, rarity and presentation.
- 16.3 The Jury will present their Report and list of awards to the Organizing Committee. The decision of the Jury related to awards will be final.
- 16.4 If, in the opinion of the Jury, any collection does not appear to be the genuine work of the exhibitor, it may not be given any award. The Jury has the right to call any exhibitor for any clarification or explanation required.

17. AWARDS:

The following awards will be awarded based on Jury Report

- 17.1
 - One Best Collection in Junior and Senior category each by clubbing all themes of competitive class.
 - 1st and 2nd in each category of competitive class.
- 17.2 The exhibits in the Invitee Class [Non-competitive] shall not be eligible for awards.
- 17.3 All exhibitors will be issued Certificate of Participation and details of awards won [if any]
- 17.4 Special Prizes donated by Organizations or Individuals will also be placed at the disposal of the Jury to be awarded according to its decision.
- 17.5 In case of any failure to participate in the exhibition by any applicant after the allotment of frames, it will result in debarring the exhibitor from exhibiting for the next two calendar years.

18. LIABILITY :

No liability or responsibility whatsoever, whether as an act of negligence or otherwise or force majeure shall be attached to Organizing Committee, **RAKSHAPEX-2020**, Philatelists' Association or any volunteers [paid or otherwise] or to the coordinating official on duty or members of the Jury for any loss or damage to any exhibit and/or stock or other property from any cause or reason whatsoever.

19. UNDERTAKING BY THE EXHIBITOR:

The exhibitor undertakes to ensure that all the rules and regulations laid out are adhered to.

The exhibitor's signature on the application form is deemed as a sign of his/her acceptance to all the rules and regulations laid by the Organizing Committee of **RAKSHAPEX-2020**.

20. DISPUTE:

In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Sr. Supdt. Of Post Offices, Bengaluru West Division, Bengaluru 560086 shall be final and binding and the jurisdiction is Dist& Session Court Bengaluru.

21. ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary
RAKSHAPEX-2020
O/o Sr. Supdt. of Post Offices,
Bengaluru West Division,
Bengaluru 560086.

G.NATARAJAN
Chairperson – RAKSHAPEX-2020
& Director of Postal Services (HQ)
O/o Chief Postmaster General
Karnataka Circle, Bengaluru 560001

IMPORTANT DATES FOR RAKSHAPEX-2020

SINo	Description	Date
1	Release of Prospectus of RAKSHAPEX-2020	26.11.2019
2	Last date for receipt of Entry forms	20.12.2019
3	Notification for acceptance of entries	27.12.2019
4	Last date for receipt of Entry Fee	03.01.2020
5	Last date for receipt of Exhibits	06.01.2020
6	Return of Exhibits	13.01.2020