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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We are planning to introduce new products and services and invite your suggestions for the same. Please let us have your views ASAP.

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

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs, please email to [writeback@stampsofindia.com](mailto:writeback@stampsofindia.com)

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Report the philatelic activities in your area for publication here. We shall reimburse the costs incurred on images, philatelic items issued, publications, courier and other agreed charges.

Please send your queries in detail (images welcome) on all matters related to Philately and Postal History of India and Indian States. We will attempt to find an answer for you.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHILSENSEX September 2007  
By P R Krishanan

Philsensex is entering the fourth month. Like an inquisitive kid I have asked the editor of this magazine the reaction or the feedback from the

readers of this column and he informed me that most of the viewers reaction are positive. It gives me enough synergy to pursue further to develop this column with more accurate data to help the collectors, dealers and investors of Indian stamps and to popularize Indian stamps among the new collectors of Indian stamps within the country and abroad. Thanks for all the support.

I am pleased to release the data for September 2007 on Indian Post Independence mint stamps for the benefit of collectors, dealers and investors.

Visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/philsensex0907.htm> for viewing the data.

#### JUST A THOUGHT

Watch the unimaginable low issue quantities of "Sheetlets" of the current issues of India.

One of the sheetlets of Landmark Indian Bridges is attracting dealers and collectors very much? Guess

Fairs of India sheet lets in the lime light

#### STAMP WATCH FOR THE MONTH

Do you miss the following miniature sheets in your collection! Don't wait! These may be next hit after UPU & Mask.

India 89 Rs 15

Waterfalls of India

Snakes of India

Sangeet Natak Academy

UN Peace Keeping Forces

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Nothing Officially Scheduled As Yet

New issues along with the First Day Cover and the information sheet, at Rs 2 each, are put on sale on sale at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Philatelic Counters in India.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2007, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2007stamps.htm>

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#### NEW STAMPS RELEASED

Dr Manmohan Singh, the Prime Minister of India released a commemorative postage stamp on Dr J P Naik on the occasion of his birth centenary on September 5, 2007 at New Delhi.

Dr Naik was a freedom fighter in his youth. He spent his later years working for the advancement of social science research in the country. He was the founder Member-Secretary of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi. The first ever education policy of independent India was drafted by Dr Naik.

Born on September 5, 1907 in a poor family, he had a brilliant academic career and his mind was equally interested in literature, history and mathematics. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1974. He always worked

on a nominal salary of Re 1 per month as he was freedom fighter in his youth and wished to retain his freedom throughout his life.

Brahm prakash designed the Stamps and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. Brochure containing write-up and technical data was issued on the occasion. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed the stamps by Wet Offset in the quantity of 0.4 million each.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2007, please visit  
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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

TB, Telugu
Charminar Hyderabad Andhra Pradesh Tourism, Bengali
Tirupati Tirumala Andhra Pradesh Tourism, Gujarati

The grand total till date is now 444, with 168 added in 2007 alone.

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

Following post card with advertisement was recently released:

Sep 03: Gagan, Hindi, ISP, M

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

Following envelope with advertisement was recently released:

Sep 03: Gagan, English, ISP, M

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

For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2007, visit
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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Sep 5: New Delhi, Export Credit & Guarantee Corp of India Ltd, 50 years

The special cover, reported in the previous issue, and released at Jamshedpur on July 28, 2007 was issued by Parents Association of Mentally Handicapped of Jamshedpur to mark the 103rd birth anniversary of J R D TATA. Please note that the sale proceeds of this cover will be spent on mentally handicapped children. This association runs a school "School of Hope" and organizes various activities for such children. Philatelists are requested to buy as many covers and help PAMHJ. Cover is priced at Rs. 20 (postage extra) and available with P Babu Rao

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For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2007, visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/2007pm.htm>

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2007, visit <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2007aps.htm>

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NEW MAXIM CARD

We now report the maxim card for Pamban Bridge, one of the 4 stamps of the Landmark Indian Bridges and look forward to reporting the maxim cards for other 3 stamps soon.

For an illustrated list of maxim cards in 2007, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2007mc.htm>

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TILAK COMMEMORATIVE COIN

India Government Mint Mumbai will accept booking of Proof and Uncirculated coins on 150th birth anniversary of Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak. The booking will commence from September 17, 2007 and will remain open till 31st December 2007.

Dr Manmohan Singh, the Prime Minister of India unveiled the commemorative coin on July 23, 2007 at New Delhi. The initial supply of these coins had the Hindi inscription 'Bal Gangadhar Tilak Ji'. The word 'Ji' is an honorific and is suffixed to the names somewhat similar to English word 'esquire'. The correct usage of the honorific Ji is that it is added after the proper name and not after the family name as was the case here. Also the honorific as a matter of policy has never been used while issuing coins on other distinguished personalities.

The coin was expected to be available for circulation on August 1, 2007 however it has been now delayed as the inscription is revised and the honorific Ji has been dropped. Reserve Bank of India recalled about 2 million coins with the earlier inscription. The surviving coins with earlier inscription are fetching over US\$ 100.

For the image please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/newspost/305-plus.htm>

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sep 29-Oct 3: Surat, Mahatma Gandhi Stamps and Memorabilia Exhibition
Contact: Ramavtar Jain 0 93777 66365

Sep 30-Oct 2: Gwalior, Coins & Stamps Exhibition

Oct 6-8: Ahmedabad, Gujarat State Philatelic Exhibition

Oct 26-29: Jaipur, 12th Inter School Philatelic Exhibition Schoolpex
Venue: St Xavier's School
Issues: 2 special covers including 1 scented cover,
Facilities: Sales Stalls for Rs 600, accommodation assistance
Contact: Rajesh Paharia, Mobile 9351716969

Oct 31-Nov 2: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh State Philatelic Exhibition

Nov 30-Dec 2: New Delhi, Coins & Banknotes

Dec 5-8: Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala State Philatelic Exhibition
Venue: Kanakakunnu Palace

For a list of exhibitions in 2007, please visit
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ASHWIN KANDOI

I think this needs mention. If somebody has noticed the recent numbers of errors in perforation and errors in print appearing on eBay which has actually made lose the shine of errors and perforations. The expected price is sometimes so exorbitant I am not sure if deals also happen.

But the errors if you see are in Miniature sheets where the quality of sheets have deteriorated because of the kind of perforations which is not the normal square or rectangular ones but are skewed at times which causes more for errors. Our dear collectors have to be warned in investing into such things which might not yield the kind of results they should as the numbers are increasing day by day because of poor quality standards maybe.

FEATURES & RESOURCES

Indian Laws Relevant to Philately
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/laws.htm>

Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud related to Indian Philately
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>

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The site devoted to the stamps from all over the world on Indian topics

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