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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

This issue is being mailed from Tel Aviv, the city that never sleeps.

Last week the local mobile number we provided here, unfortunately did not work on arrival and we are since available on another number + 972 52 7035457. We can also access all our email addresses.

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

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

May 17: Aga Khan Foundation, Rs 20, Stamp + Miniature sheet  
May 20: Shirdi Sai Baba, Rs 5

Now days, issues are scheduled and rescheduled for release at very short notice say couple of days! As you can see that the world is moving at very fast pace and we are still bringing out an issue only after 7 long days. Thus it is impossible to inform our readers thru this weekly publication about forthcoming stamp issues of India. We however do our best to publish this information on the home page of [www.stampsofindia.com](http://www.stampsofindia.com) as soon as it becomes available.

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 2008, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2008stamps.htm>

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

Consumer Rights, Gujarati

The grand total till date is now 542, with 10 added this year.

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

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Postcards in 2008, visit <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2008PC.htm>

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

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For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2008, visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/2008pm.htm>

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2008, visit <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2008aps.htm>

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

The Fila Capsule, Vol 3 #2, Mar Apr 2008, BiMonthly
Editor: Ajit Kumar Dash akdash2000@yahoo.com
Publisher: Eastern India Philatelists' Association, Bhubaneswar
Life Subscription (including membership): Rs 1000

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KAYAMKULAM NUMISMATIC AND PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The monthly meetings of the society are held every fourth Sunday at Dr. Sukumaram Memorial LIONS Community Hall, Kayamkulam, Kerala from 1400 to 1700 hrs. Auctions and display of philatelic and numismatic items are regular feature. Contact for more information the President of the Society R G K Nair o telephone 0479-2472255.

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

READERS FORUM

<Dear Reader, Your feedback is important to us as it helps evolve the newsletter. Please send us have your thoughts and suggestions.>

RANJIT SINGH, Delhi

Is the programme of issue of stamps for the year 2008 a secret or classified document of India Post? One has to keep asking every other day about new issues

Activities of the Philately Division of India Post are quite unreliable and irritating. What a paradox stamps issued some weeks back are not available while stamps yet to be issued are easily available in the market!

In any other country officials responsible for such a mess would have been shown the door. But here nobody cares and collecting of India stamps is losing its sheen worldwide.

Interestingly stamps focus on a particular region dear to high ups.

We can simply pray. Improvement is nowhere in sight.

PREMNATH KUDVA,

This is regarding Anil Dhir's, remark regarding the Vodaphone dog licking the stamp ad. He is correct in observing that the ad shot in a foreign locale since pin code is only 5 letters. So obviously this is

not an Ad shot in India. I have still not been able to figure out the destination on the cover. So probably the stamps are also not Indian.

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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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