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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We will be in Bucharest from June 20 to 30, 2008 to attend EFIRO 2008 World Philatelic Exhibition. The schedule of events during the exhibition includes the 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the World Association for the Development of Philately (WADP); 70<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Philatelic Federation (FIP); Annual Congress of International Association of Philatelic Journalists (AIJP); Annual General Meeting of Association of Philatelic Publishers (ASCAT); the meetings of all three continental philatelic federations will also take place during the exhibition as well as meetings of FIP Commissions on various philatelic disciplines.

We shall update you on the proceedings of these meetings in the coming issues.

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

- M&SJ

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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 JUNE 2008

By P R Krishnan [prkrish77@gmail.com](mailto:prkrish77@gmail.com)

I am pleased to provide the Philsensex data for the month of June 2008 for the benefit of collectors, dealers and investors.

Please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/philsensex200806.htm> for viewing the data.

STAMP WATCH

MADHUBALA SHEETLET - The correct picture of the availability of this issue can be seen now more clearly. The market has around 12 to 16000 sheetlets after the philatelic bureau has separated the blocks of four from the sheetlets - thus destroying around 14000 sheetlets. The availability of this sheetlet may become scarcer and the price for this sheetlet may surpass the previous records created by other sheetlets. The market gossip is the investors will be sitting tight on this issue. Even at the present price this sheetlet is a good buy due the technicalities involved.

Sai Baba continues to rule the market - if the Department of Posts delivered the requisite quantities to the Sai Baba Trust the available quantity in the market may come down sharply and the price may shoot up.

Do not ignore the high values of 1973-77 and sets of 1989-95. The other miniature sheets waiting in sideline to join the difficult-to-get team of first 6 miniature sheets, are Mother Teresa, Asiana/Indipex, Snakes, and Waterfalls. Watch and buy before the price goes up.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Jun 25 (?): Thillayadi Valliammai

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 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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LARSEN STAMP RELEASED

The Minister for Communication & Information Technology, A Raja released a commemorative postage stamp in honor of the co-founder of

the Larsen & Toubro, Henning Holck-Larsen on June 12, 2008 at New Delhi.

Henning Holck-Larsen was from Denmark who co-founded the Indian engineering firm Larsen & Toubro (L&T).

Henning Holck-Larsen was educated at the University of Copenhagen. He came to India in 1937. In 1938, he set up Larsen & Toubro in partnership with his former schoolmate Søren Kristian Toubro. L&T went on to become one of the most successful Indian companies. After retirement, he served as the chairman emeritus of the company. He used to call India his "adopted homeland" and divided his time between Denmark and India.

He was honored with Ramon Magsaysay Award for International Understanding (1976), Knighthood from Queen Margarethe II of Denmark (1977), Sir Jehangir Ghandy Medal for Industrial Peace (1980), Chemtech Foundation's Chemical Industry Stalwart Award (2000), Bombay Management Association's Lifetime Achievement Award (2001), Citation from the Indo-European Union Business Summit for promoting business beyond boundaries (2002), and Padma Bhushan (2002) for contribution to Indian industry.

He passed away in 2003 at Mumbai after a brief illness.

Sankha Samanata 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 Rs2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed the stamps by wet offset in the quantities of 2.4 million in Sheetlets of 16.

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

- National Tobacco Control Program 1, Tamil
- National Tobacco Control Program 2, Tamil
- National Tobacco Control Program 3, Tamil
- National Tobacco Control Program 1, Oriya
- National Tobacco Control Program 2, Oriya
- National Tobacco Control Program, Hindi
- National Tobacco Control Program, Bengali
- Jalayagnam(Irrigation initiative)Adilabad District
- Jalayagnam(Irrigation initiative)Niamabad District
- Jalayagnam(Irrigation initiative)Karnool District
- Jalayagnam(Irrigation initiative)Vijayanagaram District
- Jalayagnam(Irrigation initiative)Nalgonda District
- Jalayagnam(Irrigation initiative)Prakasham District

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>

For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2008, visit
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2008ILC.htm>

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>

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

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DORAISAMY TAKES OVER AS SECRETARY (POSTS)  
Radhika Doraisamy, took over as the Secretary to Government of India, heading the Department of Posts in Ministry of Communications and Information Technology as well as the Chairperson of the Postal Services Board and the Director General of India Post, with effect from June 9 2008.

She replaces the I M G Khan who has moved to the Union Public Service Commission as a member.

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NEW STAMP BOOKLETS

2008 Jun 16: Silver Jubilee of the Philatelic Bureau Dehradun, Rs 50
2 stamps of Rs 4 and 2 stamps of Rs 5
Uttarakhand Circle, India Post
Quantity: 250

For an illustrated list of stamp booklets, please visit
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/sb.htm>

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INDIAN EXHIBITS FOR ROMANIA  
Sahadeva Sahoo, India's national commissioner to EFIRO 2008 world philatelic exhibition at Bucharest, Romania from June 30 to 28, 2008 succeeded in obtaining the necessary permissions for participating exhibits from India.

The High Court of Orissa had given directions to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to issue the Temporary Export Permit in its order of June 12 2008. ASI convened a meeting of National Screening & Evaluation Committee on June 17, 2008 which approved the exhibits enabling ASI to issue the necessary permit.

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For a list of exhibitions in 2008, please visit
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/events2008.htm>

MEETINGS

The schedule of meetings of the philatelic organizations in India is available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm>

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

SRINIVAS NARRA,
I'm writing to express my sincere thanks on behalf of all serious philatelists from India for an exemplary job you have been doing with your website & newsletter. Since I started reading your newsletter nearly 2 years ago, I have not missed a single issue.

There is one minor issue with the link for exhibitions given in the newsletter and on your website. It doesn't work. I hope this will be fixed in the future.

ATISH KUMAR JAIN, Kottayam
It would be appropriate to call India's postal department as "mother of premature babies"

I hope India can enter Guinness book of world records in issuing so many premature stamps.
For that our post office babus should be awarded with awards for meritorious services.

I cannot understand the reason for so many pre mature issues, whereas stamps which have been issued officially, we are not getting from any bureau-take the case of Madhubala and Sai baba.

BY these means, ministry of telecommunication is letting its employee make their fortune; otherwise ministry would surely have taken steps to stop the nuisance of pre mature issues.

Good idea for collectors- now a collector can make one frame exhibition for PREMATURE ISSUES.

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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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