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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

This issue comes to you from Bucharest, Romania.

M A Sayeed of United Arab Emirates have just been announced the winner of the Grand Prize of the EFIRO 2008 world philatelic exhibition for his exhibit "India 1852-1855 The Scinde District Dawk, lithograph issues and usages". His was one of the 13 exhibits in FIP Championship Class, and one of the 4 candidates voted for this honor by the 54 jurors. His exhibit was displayed in 8 out of 3300 frames at the show. Congratulations.

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

- M&SJ

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If you've found this newsletter useful, recommend it to a friend.
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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

INDIA'S MEDAL TALLY AT ROMANIA

Gold Medal

Anil Suri's Fiscals of Cochin

Large Vermeil Medal

Adul Matin Mollah's Indian Government Fiscal & Judicial Stamps & Stamp Papers (Literature)

Vermeil Medal

Sahadeva Sahoo's Postal History of Orissa Region of India 1803 - 1873

Silver Medal

Madhukar Jhingan's Indian Internal Airmails 1911 - 1938

Silver Bronze Medal

Ashish Talwar's Definitive Issues of India

Yogini Jhingan's Holograms

Padmini Balan's Window to Philately (Literature)

Bronze Medal

Lallan Singh's The four seasons

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

June 30: Madhav Rao Institute

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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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

- National Tobacco Control Program 1, Hindi
- National Tobacco Control Program 2, Hindi
- National Tobacco Control Program 3, Hindi
- National Tobacco Control Program 4, Hindi
- National Tobacco Control Program 5, Hindi
- National Tobacco Control Program 6, Hindi

National Tobacco Control Program 1, Gujarati  
National Tobacco Control Program 2, Gujarati  
National Tobacco Control Program 3, Gujarati  
Untouchability is a crime, English  
Reliance Mutual Fund, Kannada

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

Following Inland Letter Cards with advertisement were recently released:

Consumer Rights Awareness: Weights & Measures, Gujarati

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 Postcards in 2008, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2008PC.htm>

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

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OLYMPLEX 2008

Olympic Expo Beijing 2008, Olympex 2008, is jointly sponsored by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (BOCOG), the Chinese Olympic Committee (COC), and China Post Group. Olympex, organized by China Post Group, will be held in Beijing Exhibition Center from August 8 to 18, 2008. The show aims to display Olympic history and development and promote Olympic spirit and culture with "Inheriting Olympic Spirit, Inspiring Beijing City" as its theme.

The development of the modern Olympics maintains sound cooperation and collaboration with the postal industry. The success of the first modern Olympics Games in 1896 attributed to the fund-raising by issuing stamp. Since Seoul Olympics 1988, Olympic Philatelic Exhibition has been made a common practice of the host country. IOC decided to call this exhibition Olympex from Beijing Olympic Games 2008 in order to promote Olympic spirit, spread Olympic concept and carry Olympic culture forward.

As the first Olympex, Olympic Expo Beijing 2008 extends the tradition of the Olympic Philatelic Exhibition from collecting diversified Olympic related stamp products to treasures, souvenirs, arts and crafts. Olympex also integrates Olympic culture and collection significance involving three sections: exhibition, promotion, and special activities. The visitors will be really impressed by IOC Museum and former IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch's personal collections and understand more deeply Olympic value of "Friendship, Respect, Excellence" and the Olympic spirit of "Faster, Higher, Stronger". As a platform for international cultural exchange, Olympex 2008 will be a showcase of the three concepts—"Green Olympics, High-tech Olympics and People's Olympics", and give the world an opportunity to experience the charm of Olympic Games and the profound and far-reaching influence of the Olympic culture.

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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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PHILATELIC EXHIBITS ONLINE

The ExpoNet <http://www.exponet.info> at present has 387 philatelic exhibits from 37 countries online. The Exponet has now decided to provide links to 151 online philatelic exhibits that are hosted elsewhere and thus becomes a guide to almost all exhibits online.

There are many reasons for an exhibit being not added on EXPONET such as: the owner wants to show it by himself, the exhibit is owned by a fellowship where the owners have decided not to connect it to another website or to a person they don't know, unable to obtain permission from its owner or couldn't get in touch with, the publication can be a big deviation of its design quality, the publication is too complicated or the presentation of the exhibit is very sophisticated and closely connected to a personal presentation, the presentation is deliberately individual - nonstandard, the presentation of the exhibit in disaccord with the dictum of EXPONET as Power-Point presentation or unrepresentative presentation by help of cuttings and html proceedings, and lack of time, or because EXPONET voted it out. From now on all online philatelic exhibits will easily be reachable thru EXPONET.

The new external exhibits are indicated by a different color in the menu. They are background-colored in light green, different from the beige color. Step by step the external exhibits will be added under the English menu, in their original language. One can find them by clicking at the respective category menu:

<http://www.japhila.cz/hof/index02.htm> or under the alphabetical menu
http://www.japhila.cz/hof/index_a_z.htm

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AUCTION ACTION

Indian Thematic Society [indianthematicsociety@gmail.com](mailto:indianthematicsociety@gmail.com) is holding an Instant Auction Sale closing on July 7, 2008. There are 35 lots in this sale.

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

GPA NEWS, April 2008, Monthly
Editor: Ilyas Patel iap_ip@yahoo.co.in
Publisher: Gujarat Philatelist Association, Ahmedabad
Annual Subscription: Rs 200

For a list currently published Indian philatelic periodicals, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/a602.htm>

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

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

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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.>

S D CHAUGULE, Belgaum

Ministry of Communications should do proper home work regarding the quantity of stamps to be issued. For Example Sai Baba stamps should have been issued in 10 million sheets of 35 stamps as there is sentiment behind this stamp. Ministry should have visualized the present demand. One cannot understand the logic behind to issue Sai Baba and Madhubala stamps in such small quantities. Is it not due to lobbying from the brokering communities!? The Ministry should take corrective measures in future to discourage hoarding of such stamps and to reduce the activities of brokers and middlemen and sufficient sheets are made available to the philatelists and general public.

Officially non issued stamps availability in the market at exorbitant rates can be avoided only by issuing such stamps officially at the earliest. We cannot avoid such stamps coming into the market as black sheep always exist in the system. It is for the Ministry to trace out such elements for awarding exemplary punishments. Otherwise such business is bound to thrive. It is high time that the Ministry should wake up to this existing mess before it goes out of control and receive more public reactions.

NARESH KUMAR AGARWAL, Bilaspur

Yes, this is the best way to do business in India. We see people doing business in the name of God. Beggars, and Babas, are doing good business in the name of god by exploiting the religious sentiments of people. Philatelists in general are no exceptions.

Though the other stamps and pre-issues have obtained a good philatelic market throughout yet business in the name of SAI BABA is unbearable. The stamp is being sold for 10 to 15 times higher of its price. Philatelists in India are dying to buy it and the dealers are using this opportunity to serve their financial interests.

I personally feel that at least when the celebrations are on, even the Department of Posts should have kept the price low and quantity high so to serve not only philatelic fraternity but people of India in general.

I appeal to my dear dealers and the staff of India Post not to charge any premium on this stamp and further to my collector friends to retain only one or two pieces with them so that maximum of aspirants get it.

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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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NEWSSCAN

<We invite you to contribute clippings on philatelic and postal matters, from other print and electronic publications, for inclusion here>

THE LAST POST - REVIEWS

A lot of journalists interviewed Anil Dhir for his short film "The Last Post" and reviews have been published in many newspapers all over India. Dhir also received quite a few queries from abroad too in this regard.

The following are links to the reviews in web editions of the newspapers:

<http://www.deccanherald.com/Content/Mar232008/finearts2008032258889.asp>

<http://www.hindu.com/yw/2008/06/24/stories/2008062450430600.htm>

LANDMARK BRIDGES by R Soundararajan

<http://www.hindu.com/yw/2008/06/24/stories/2008062450120500.htm>

STAMPED WITH ANTIQUITY

<http://www.expressindia.com/latest-news/Stamped-With-Antiquity/326006/>

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

INDIAN POSTAL GUIDE 1869

The first issue of the official postal guide, reprinted by Stamps of India 2004, 236 pages, hardbound, enlarged from original octavo to A4 size, limited edition, Special price - Rs 2750, Credit cards & PayPal accepted, visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/shop/bookshop.htm>

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