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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

One more philatelic bureau, Pune, is reported to have used both types of postmarks for the Sai Baba issue. There may be more such bureaus and in case you are aware of one, please help us document the facts.

To view the images of Sai Baba first day postmarks please visit the <http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/newspost/350plus.htm>

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

- M&SJ

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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

Jul 21: 14 Battalion Punjab Regiment

Aug 21: Ustad Bismillah Khan

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 STAMPS RELEASED

A Raja, Minister for Communications and Information Technology released the set of 2 stamps of India China Joint Issue on July 11, 2008 at New Delhi. Zhang Yan, China's Ambassador to India and Jyotiraditya Scindia, Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology along with officers of India Post and China attended the function.

The stamps in the denomination of Rs 15 each, feature India's Mahabodhi Temple and China's White Horse Temple. A miniature sheet was also issued.

Bharati Mirchndani designed the Stamp 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. India Security Press, Nasik printed the stamps by photogravure in the quantities of 0.8 million each. The miniature sheet was produced in the quantity of 0.2 million.

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

National Tobacco Control Program 1, Kannada  
National Tobacco Control Program 2, Kannada  
National Tobacco Control Program 3, Kannada  
National Tobacco Control Program 1, Malayalam  
National Tobacco Control Program 2, Malayalam  
National Tobacco Control Program 3, Malayalam

The grand total till date is now 630, with 99 added this year.

The complete illustrated list of Meghdoot Post Card is available at:  
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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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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Jun 29: Mumbai, Installation of Rotary International's District Governor

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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RAKHI ENVELOPES

India Post introduced 3 new designs of envelopes for Rakhi festival. This is an all India issue, priced at Rs 5 each and is made of Dupont's Tyvec material that was first used in 2006.

For an illustrated list of Rakhi envelopes, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pss/rakhi.htm>

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AUCTION ACTION

Mittal Stamp Company of Jaipur is holding its postal auction sale # 22A closing on July 29, 2008. Please contact mittalstamps@yahoo.com for the catalog with 24 plates including 8 in color describing over 2000 lots of India, Indian States, Fiscals, Cinderella, and foreign.

Indian Thematic Society indianthematicsociety@gmail.com is holding an Instant Auction Sale closing on August 7, 2008. The auction features modern India and foreign thematic issues.

For a list of auctions in India, please visit
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/auction.htm>

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NEW FLIGHTS OF LUFTHANSA

Lufthansa introduced flights between Pune and Frankfurt from July 1, 2008. The new six times a week no stop flights are operated by an Airbus A319, offering a total of 48 seats in an all-business class configuration.

Earlier on May 5, 2008 Lufthansa introduced a thrice weekly flight from Mumbai to Munich.

We will appreciate help in obtaining covers flown on these flights.

Lufthansa also flies to and from Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, and Kolkata in India.

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

GPA NEWS, June 2008, Monthly
Editor: Ilyas Patel iap_ip@yahoo.co.in
Publisher: Gujarat Philatelist Association, Ahmedabad
Annual Subscription: Rs 300

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

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Aug 1-3: Coimbatore, Coin & Stamps Show

Aug 8-10: Puduchery, Coin & Stamps Show

Aug 15-17: Bangalore, Coin & Stamps Show

Sep 12-14: Mysore, Coin & Stamps Show

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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SOUTH ASIA NEW ISSUES

BANGLADESH

Jul 06: 29th Olympic Games Beijing, Set of 4, TK 10, 15, 20, 25

May 19: The Aga Khan Golden Jubilee, Set of 4, TK 3, 3, 6, 6

Mar 25: Independence and National Day - 2008, TK 10

http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/south_asia_new_issues.htm

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

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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.>

ZULAIHA MOHAMED

I am writing again about premature issues. One can understand a once in a blue moon premature issue. But in the case of India posts, this is becoming a regular affair. The recent "official release of India china premature release" confirms my strong belief that it is done with the knowledge of the postal authorities and it is a big SCAM.

Can an influential person like you, with your wide circle of philatelist contacts, not take some action against this atrocity? Or send a petition to the government with the backings of all philatelists in India? I feel that something has to be done and every single philatelist (except those that are involved in this scam) will cooperate.

Please consider my suggestion. If you can put it to vote through your website, I am sure there will be a good response.

KISHORE YALAMANCHILI

I would like to share my experience at three post offices during my recent visit to India. I bought all the available definitives, postal cards, aerogrammes and inland letter cards at a sub post office in Vijayawada. The counter lady was very helpful in finding the items, although she was perplexed by my request for blocks of four.

At the Hyderabad GPO, I managed to get 2006 collector's pack and 2007 FDC collection with the information brochure included. The philately counter has been effectively converted to a passport office, so it required some searching to find the person who has the philatelic items. Interestingly they don't have 2007 collector's pack. It also required some coaxing to get the meghdoot cards but in the end, I got some 80 different varieties.

At another sub post office in Hyderabad, I managed to get a registered envelope and a block of the Rs. 50 stamp. Also sent a speedpost item. The counter staff was helpful but appeared to be overwhelmed by people cashing savings bonds.

All in all, a good haul from this trip.

SEKHAR CHAKRABARTI

I just read from Limca Book of Records 2008 Olympic Special issue that Mr. R. Paharia of Rajasthan has been given credit for his collection of most number of foreign Postage stamps featuring Indian National Tri-colours. According to your report in his collection there are 104 stamps issued from 34 different countries.

I am a veteran Stamp Collector specializing on "Flag Stamps" since early 1960s. I have in my collection Stamps featuring Indian National

Flag in its full form, from 51 countries to be exact totaling 126 all different Stamps as on date.

Besides, there are another 16 Stamps from 10 countries projecting our National Tri-color but without the Ashoka Chakra, for example UK's Mahatma Gandhi issue of 1969, or Nicaragua's 1997 issues showing the "Flag Logo" of India's 50th Anniversary of Independence, etc. I have also in my collection Stamps from countries like Japan, South Korea etc. where Indian National Flag appears on the Sheet Margins of Stamps issued on other Indian topics.

If, you are interested, I shall be glad to furnish more details.

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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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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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