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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We have updated Rakhi Envelopes listing for 2008 now. However we feel that additions to this list may be possible and request our readers in India to check in their area to confirm whether the envelopes listed for their area are the only ones issued or there were more? We look forward to you contributions.

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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If you've found this newsletter useful, recommend it to a friend.
Better still, forward a copy of this issue. Also, please mention this newsletter when contacting other philatelists.

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

Sep 17: Pitti Theagarayar, Dr C Natesan, T M Nair, 3 Stamps

'Sardar Patel National Police Academy' issue of a Set of 2 Stamps and a Miniature Sheet that was earlier scheduled for release on Sep 15 is now postponed. India Post is yet to announce the new date of issue.

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:

Jharkahnd: Kasturba Gandhi Resident Schools, Hindi
Jharkahnd: Technical Education, Hindi
Jharkahnd: National Rural Employment Guarantee, Hindi
Jharkahnd: Girl Child Education, Hindi
Jharkahnd: Integrated Child Development, Hindi
Education or All, Hindi
Girl Child Support Plan, Hindi
Consumer Rights, Tamil
Unit Trust of India Infrastructure Fund,
Unit Trust of India
Female Feticide, Hindi
Stop Child Marriage, Hindi
AIDS, Hindi
Mother Protection Plan, Hindi
No Scalpel Vasectomy, Hindi
Inoculations, Hindi
Narmada Fertilizers, Gujarati

The grand total till date is now 676, with 145 added this year.

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

Following Inland Letter Card with advertisement were recently released:

Oriental Insurance, ISP, Hindi

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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RAKHI ENVELOPES UPDATE

There are at least 21 different Rakhi envelopes released in 2008 and illustrated list online is now updated.

This year 3 new designs were introduced as well as 4 earlier designs introduced in 2006 and continued in 2007, reissued. All 7 designs for the first time are in a new format that is top-opening. Earlier envelopes in 2006 and 2007 were in side-opening format.

The envelopes with advertisement are as follows:

Rajasthan, Vodaphone ad on an exclusive design  
Madhya Pradesh, Telecom BSNL ad on 3 new designs - #5, 6, and 7  
Jharkahnd, Postal Life Insurance ad on #3, 4, and 6  
Punjab, Oriental Insurance ad on #1, 2, and 7  
Punjab, Western Union ad on #2 and 7  
Bihar, State Health Committee ad on #5  
Uttar Pradesh, Telecom BSNL ad on #5

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

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

ITS STAMP NEWS, Whole #43, Vol.11 #3, Jul Sep 2008, Quarterly
Editor: Suraj Jaitly surajjaitly@yahoo.com
Publisher: Indian Thematic Society, Ludhiana
Annual Subscription: Rs 150, US8, Euro 6

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

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sep 12-14: Mysore, Coin & Stamps Show

Sep 21-23: Indore, Numismatic Exhibition

Sep 26-27: Aurangabad, AJANTAPEX 2008  
Organizer: Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation  
Contact: Deepak N Modi, 9890 373344/9325 826605  
Details: The Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation along with Department of Posts is organizing a Philatelic Exhibition on the occasion of World Tourism Day at Aurangabad. The exhibition is going to be inaugurated on the eve of World Tourism Day (September 26, 2008) with the Dance performance of Deccan Odyssey Artists followed by dinner. (Deccan Odyssey is a Super Deluxe luxury train and has been benchmarked against the best luxury trains in the world like the Blue Train of South Africa, The Orient Express of Europe and the Eastern and

Oriental of South East Asia). On 27th the exhibition will be open for all - School and Junior College going students are the prime focus. Various Philatelic activities would be conducted during the exhibition. A new Philatelic Association of Aurangabad Region is also expected to come into existence during this Philatelic Festival.

Oct 1-3: Chandigarh, ONE FRAME EXHIBIT STAMP EXHIBITION

Organizer: Chandigarh Philatelic Club

Venue: fourth floor, GPO, Chandigarh

Time: 9am to 5 pm on all the days

Dealers Booth: Rs

Philatelic issues: 1 Special postmark Mahatma Gandhi theme on Oct 2

Contact: Rakesh Walia

Oct 13-15: Rajkot, Numismatic Exhibition

Oct 17-19: Bangalore, Philatelic Exhibition

Oct 25-26: Bhubaneswar, Eastern India Philatelic Exhibition EIPEX-2008

Organizer: Eastern India Philatelists' Association, Bhubaneswar

Venue: Jayadev Bhawan, Unit-II, Bhubaneswar

Philatelic issues: 1 Special Cover on Oct 25

Details: The exhibition will be a non-competitive one and is limited to the members of EIPA only. All the participants will be given a certificate of participation with a commemorative medal or memento. The details of prospectus, entry forms, and inventory forms are available in the website <http://eipadownload.blogspot.com>. The last date of submission of entry forms is October 15, 2008. A souvenir will also be released for the occasion.

Nov 7-9: Mumbai, Numismatic Exhibition

Nov 21-23: Thrissur, Philatelic Exhibition, THRISSURPEX-2008

Participation: Open to Kerala State, 100 Frames

Organizer: Philatelic Club Thrissur, part of their 30 year celebrations

Venue: Pandya Samootha Madhom, Thrissur

Dealers Booth: Rs 3,000 (limited to 15 dealers only)

Philatelic issues: 1 Special postmark Mahatma Gandhi theme

Contact: philatelicclubthrissur@rediffmail.com

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>

#### ADVERTISEMENTS

Please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/siteguide/x16.htm> for tariff and terms

ITS COLLECTORS DIRECTORY, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition 2008 Edited by Suraj Jaitly, 80 pages listing contact details of stamp collectors, dealers, clubs, magazines, websites, from India & overseas. Plus lots of relevant information. Price Rs.250 or US \$8 or Euro 6 OR £4 [Post paid]  
Contact at [surajjaitly@hotmail.com](mailto:surajjaitly@hotmail.com) or [indianthematicsociety@gmail.com](mailto:indianthematicsociety@gmail.com)

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STAMP QUIZZES by Anil Dhir, 224 pages, 2007 edition, contains over 1500 questions and answers. Comprehensive & detailed with quizzes on General Philately, India, Indian States, USA, Britain, Australia & New Zealand Must for all Philatelists & stamp clubs, Rs 300 post free in India. US\$20+ actual postage elsewhere, ANIL DHIR [anildhir2k5@hotmail.com](mailto:anildhir2k5@hotmail.com)

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

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INDIAN PHILATELY - A BLACK MARKETING OPPORTUNITY

By G Radhakrishnan

Recently, the French court ordered the web giant auctioneer eBay to pay €40 million (\$65.8 million) in damages to up market fashion luxury goods group LVMH for allowing to sell fake luxury goods on its online portal and held eBay responsible for the negligence, knowingly or unknowingly, in allowing the sale of fake bags, lipsticks and designer clothes of reputed fashion houses. The court further held eBay responsible for encouraging trade in pirated and stolen goods, and failing to act within their powers to prevent the reprehensible use of its site, by the user, to commit acts of counterfeiting and imitation of French brand names.

Here the contentious point was that who is responsible for what happens on eBay portal? The court was of the view that eBay was, as they're the ones making the profit out of the sales of fakes, at the same time accusing it of encouraging trade in pirated and stolen goods with full knowledge. It further warned of banning eBay from operating in France unless it conforms its operations within the ambit of domestic auction law.

World over, anyone abetting or helping to sell a stolen product, knowingly or unknowingly, is viewed as equally guilty like the one who steals the product in the first place. Thus in short, both the people who sell and/or help to sell the pre-issues or unissued stamps of Indian Stamps either through the web sites blatantly mentioning that it is an unissued stamp (or in other words stolen / obtained illegally with the connivance of postal employees e.g. Guru Granth Sahib Stamp sheetlet and Miniature Sheet) or quoting prices for this product in their catalogues (published from Kolkatta and from UK) are equally guilty of selling the product, obtained through illegal means from the Government of India Post Offices, having full knowledge about its source.

This indeed is a serious crime.

On behalf of the thousands of philatelists in India may I request the Department of Posts, under the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Government of India to wake up from its slumber of ostrich like attitude and take strong steps in this matter and

initiate legal recourse already available with them so that, stamp collecting in India does not become yet another black marketing opportunity for people least connected with Philately - the king of hobbies and hobby of kings.

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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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STAMPS ON INDIA <http://www.stampsonindia.com>

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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