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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We had uploaded the data of PhilSensex for July 2008 last week but missed out including the same in the previous issue of this digital weekly.

We also mixed up the name of the philatelic associations in Orissa while reporting new maxim cards and stamp booklet in the previous issue. The corrected information is that Utkal Philatelists & Numismatists Association issued the max cards and Orissa Philatelic Association [oripphil@gmail.com](mailto:oripphil@gmail.com) issued the stamp booklet. We regret the inconvenience caused.

We have moved 3 items from the listing of Stamp Booklets issued by philatelic organizations and individuals to Packs. The items do say Stamp Booklet on their cover but belong more appropriately in the listing of Packs.

We ask you to visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/sheetlets.htm> to have a look at Sheetlet # 82 and 83 and give us your opinion whether either or both are qualified to be included in there or not.

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

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs, please email to [writeback@stampsfindia.com](mailto:writeback@stampsfindia.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

PHILSENSEX JULY 2008

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

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

Please visit <http://www.stampsfindia.com/other/philsensex200807.htm> for viewing the data.

STAMP WATCH

For the last one week Sai Baba stamp is under heavy selling pressure due to market rumors floated by certain dealers that (1) Department of Posts has issued and delivered additional 0.4 million stamps to the Sai Baba Trust and (2) some of the philatelic bureaus in South have also received couple of packets of this second printing. Both these rumors are UNTRUE and I warn the collectors and investors not to be the victim of this baseless information. The reissue of a stamp is a cumbersome process and India Post does not have the inclination for the same. Please hold your stock and be patience and you will be rewarded - Philatelic investment is a waiting game and the people who wait will be rewarded in due course.

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MORE PREMATURE ISSUES

It is now confirmed that India Post sold Indian stamps and first day cover of India China Joint issue in China on June 6, 2008 while in India these are scheduled for release on July 11, 2008. R R P Singh, Deputy Director General of India Post heading its Philatelic Division was in China for the joint release ceremony during Pranab Mukherjee's, India's minister for External Affairs, visit to China.

It is openly on sale at eBay at the following link:

[http://cgi.ebay.com/CHINA-2008-White-Horse-Temple-Mahabodhi-Temple-INDIA\\_W0QQitemZ170236636233QQihZ007QQcategoryZ3487QrdZ1QQssPageNameZWD1VQQcmdZViewItemQQ\\_trksidZp1638Q2eml18Q2ell1247](http://cgi.ebay.com/CHINA-2008-White-Horse-Temple-Mahabodhi-Temple-INDIA_W0QQitemZ170236636233QQihZ007QQcategoryZ3487QrdZ1QQssPageNameZWD1VQQcmdZViewItemQQ_trksidZp1638Q2eml18Q2ell1247)

It is a premature issue of a different kind - an official premature issue!

For images of Indian premature issues, please visit:

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/premature.htm>

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Jul 11: India China Joint Issue, Set of 2, Rs 15 each

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 POSTAL STATIONERY

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released

- - : Anti Tobacco 1, Hindi
- - : Anti Tobacco 2, Hindi
- - : Anti Tobacco 1, Bengali
- - : Anti Tobacco 2, Bengali
- - : Anti Tobacco 3, Bengali
- - : Anti Tobacco 4, Bengali
- - : Anti Tobacco 5, Bengali
- - : Anti Tobacco 6, Bengali
- - : xxxxxx, Telugu

The complete illustrated list of Meghdoot Post Card is available at:

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/meghdoot.htm>

Following post card with advertisement was recently released:

Tamil Nadu Newsprint & Papers Limited, Tamil, SPP

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

Jul 06: Shimla, 125 Years of Shimla General Post Office

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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PERMANENT PICTORIAL POSTMARKS

We have recently uploaded the list of permanent pictorial postmarks currently in use Tamil Nadu. Please visit the following link  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/ppp/ppp-19.htm>

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BHATINDA PHILATELIC CLUB

Bhatinda Philatelic Club meets on the last Sunday of every month at 883 Shakti Nagar, Bathinda 151005 (Punjab). The Contact Person is Shiv Garg and the mobile numbers are +911642255291, 09417602842

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NEW AUCTION SITE

Mihir B Dhandha of Rajkot has recently launched a new auction web site [www.worldphilatelicauctions.com](http://www.worldphilatelicauctions.com). Currently the site is offering 125 lots for auction which includes British India, Portuguese India, Indian States and Post Independence India stamps, postal history and other items. We are also offering some postal history items of Kuwait and Bahrain. All the items start with very reasonable starting bid.

The selling on this site is free, i.e. no listing fees. There is a charge for end of auction fee which is very nominal compared to other auctions sites. The registered users will get the notifications about new arrivals.

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LIMCA BOOK OF RECORDS

Rajesh Pahraia of Jaipur entered in the Limca Book of Records 2008 for his collection of stamps on Indian Flag from 38 countries. The Philatelic Society of Rajasthan will felicitate him in a function at the Philatelic Bureau, Jaipur GPO on July 13, 2008.

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POSTAL HISTORY IN TEXT BOOK

National Council of Educational Research and Training has included a chapter entitled 'Chitthion Ki Anuthi Dunia' (Wonderful World of Letters) in the Hindi text book Vasant-3 for Class 8. This is taken from Bhartiya Daak Sadiyon Ka Safar Nama (India Post through the Centuries) by Arvind Kumar Singh. This chapter is available for free download at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/philsensex200807.htm>.

The readers who can read Hindi will do well to get a copy of the book by Singh [arvindksinghald@gmail.com](mailto:arvindksinghald@gmail.com). The ISBN: 04217-5599 book is priced at Rs 125.

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MONTHLY PHILATELIC QUIZ PROGRAM

A monthly quiz contest is on at [www.PhilaIndia.in/quiz.htm](http://www.PhilaIndia.in/quiz.htm) where the correct answer will win 200 stamps. There is no entry fee for the participation.

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

PHILANEWS, Mar Apr 2008, Bi-Monthly  
Editor: Rajesh Paharia [shreeshell@hotmail.com](mailto:shreeshell@hotmail.com)  
Publisher: Philatelic Society of Rajasthan, Jaipur  
Annual Subscription: Rs 200

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/a602.htm>

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Jul 11-13: Nagercoil, Kumaripex, district philatelic exhibition

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

Delhi Philatelists will hold an auction during its monthly meeting on July 12, 2008 at the Philatelic bureau, Sansad Marg HPO, New Delhi at 2.30 pm. Auction will comprise of amongst other items, complete 1947-2007 MNH India Collection, scarce large MNH George VI Empire Collection, complete MNH military stamps Collection, complete MS MNH Collection, complete SG301 to SG374 fine used Collection and other nice items. Viewing of lots prior to auction from 1.30 pm onwards, Email queries to [pradeepwahi@hotmail.com](mailto:pradeepwahi@hotmail.com)

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

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WANTED India Stamp Booklets of King Edward VII, King George V & VI, Unexploded, exploded, and in all conditions, Contact MADHUKAR DEOGAWANKA [deogawanka@satyam.net.in](mailto:deogawanka@satyam.net.in)

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

AKHLESH LAKHTAKIA, USA

I find spelling errors in English ubiquitous in India. Sign painters are very creative here.

I also find educated people committing other kinds of errors. For instance, Issue No. 348 of your newsletter contains the following combination of three words: "Maharaja Jyotiraditya Scindia". I am under the distinct impression that there is no royalty in India, and all of its citizens are notionally equal, unless awarded the Padma Shri, etc. So, who is this "Maharaja"?

K K MIGLANI, New Delhi

Presently many items like Presentation folders, miniature sheet, max cards, sheetlets, greeting cards etc are being issued along with issue of stamp/stamps. All these items are not available at the philatelic counters on the day of issue. AND on later dates also these items are not available to the philatelists.

It is good if there is display of all the items being issued along with stamp. Many a times, even it is not known to the philatelists, as to what items have been issued. To me wide publicity should be given for all the items issued on the day of issue of stamps.

The cancellation design of Madubala has not done justice to the beauty of Madhubala ji. Cancellation design should have been at least as beautiful as the stamp & FDC.

JEEVAN JYOTI, Shimla

I want to draw the attention of higher authorities of India Post through your esteemed column that the information given on the official website of India post is not updated. Whenever a new stamp is released it is uploaded on the site after a long time when other forthcoming issues have already come out.

For the last few months the date of Indian issues are quite confusing as the scheduled issues have been often postponed by India Post. We don't know which issue will come out suddenly without any prior information. It causes a lot of difficulty for the philatelists and those writing on Indian Stamps or issuing a philatelic newsletter. As an editor of a new e-stamp magazine, it is very difficult for me to get updates of Indian issues living at Chopal, a very remote and small place of Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh. Internet is the only way to get connected with the world. Therefore I would request the honorable Deputy Director General of Philately to look into matter and make philatelic updates available at official website of India Post.

Also, it is my humble request to the honorable editor of this Digital Weekly to put latest information on Stamps of India as soon as possible as this is the only source of latest information of Indian Philately in our country for the philatelists and as well as those writing on philately.

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

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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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