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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

Our father's health is slowly improving. We have no words to express our gratitude to your prayers and messages of support. THANK YOU.

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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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

BEWARE OF RUMOR MONGERS  
Lots of philatelists in the country recently heard that Baburao Puleshwar Shedmake commemorative stamp issued on March 12, 2009 is being withdrawn by India Post. The ready reason offered for this action

was that the portrait depicted on the stamp is incorrect and is not of Shedmake!

Well, all this was not true and the rumor was spread by vested interests who aimed at selling the Shedmake stamp to 'investors' for several times of its face value. These are same group of persons who were responsible for flaring up the prices of Madhubala and Sai Baba stamps about this time in 2008 to unsustainable levels, 20 times of its face value in 30 days, from which they naturally had to crash.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

We understand that Election Commission of India has asked India Post to refrain from issuing new postage stamps in view of Code of Conduct that came in to force with the announcement of General Elections 2009. Thus the next issues are expected only after the results are announced on May 16, 2009.

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 2009, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2009stamps.htm>

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

Consumer Awareness, Hindi, 7 designs  
Consumer Awareness, Gujarati, 7 designs  
Consumer Awareness, Sindhi, 7 designs

Industrial Safety & Health, Bengali  
M H Jewelers, Tamil  
National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Hindi  
Campaign Against Female Feticide, Hindi & English  
AIDS, Marathi

The grand total till date is now 775, with 240 added in 2008.

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

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Postcards in 2009, visit <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009PC.htm>

For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2009, visit <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009ILC.htm>

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Envelopes in 2009, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009EN.htm>

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NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

Arrived:

2009 Jan 31: Bishnu Prasad Rabha, Brochure
2009 Feb 5: National Girl Child Day, Brochure
2009 Feb 9: Maha Kavi Magh, First Day Cover & Brochure
2009 Feb 9: Santaji Jagnade, Brochure
2009 Feb 21: Vallabh Suri, First Day Cover & Brochure
2009 Feb 28: Harakh Chand Nahata, First Day Cover & Brochure
2009 Mar 12: Baburao Puleshwar Shedmake, First Day Cover & Brochure
2009 Mar 13: K K Birla, Brochure

Awaited:

2008 Aug 2: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet
2009 Jan 28: Heritage Monuments Preservation by INTACH, Set of 4 Stamps

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Feb 28: Jaipur, National Science Day  
Mar 8: Bidasar, Save Girl Child  
Mar 19-20: Jaipur District Philatelic Exhibition, 2 Covers  
Mar 24: Mumbai, Rotary Club of Bombay 80 Years

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2009, visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/2009pm.htm>

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INDIA SE-TENANT STAMPS LIST UPDATED

Shrikant Parikh shrikantparikh.vastrapur@gmail.com of Ahmedabad has expanded and updated the list of Se Tenant Stamps of India and it is now available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/se-tenant.htm>. It is one of the popular downloads at the site.

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

ITS STAMP NEWS, Whole #45, Vol.12 #1, Jan Mar 2009, Quarterly  
Editor: Suraj Jaitly [surajjaitly@yahoomail.com](mailto:surajjaitly@yahoomail.com)  
Publisher: Indian Thematic Society, Ludhiana  
Annual Subscription: Rs 150, US8, Euro 6

THE FILA CAPSULE, Vol 3 #6, Nov Dec 2008, BiMonthly  
Editor: Ajit Kumar Dash [akdash2000@yahoo.com](mailto:akdash2000@yahoo.com)  
Publisher: Eastern India Philatelists' Association, Bhubaneswar  
Life Subscription (including membership): Rs 1,000

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

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mar 18: Shimla, District Philatelic Exhibition
Mar 19-21: Jaipur, District Philatelic Exhibition
Mar 29-30: Gorakhpur, District Philatelic Exhibition

Oct: Pune, Stamp Exhibition

Dec 18-20: Vadodara, StampMania 2009 One Frame National Exhibition

Organizer: Baroda Philatelic Society www.vadophil.org

Venue: Shree Saurashtra Leuva Patel Seva Samaj, Alembic Road

Contact: Prashant H Pandya info@vadophil.org

Website: www.stampmania2009.com

For a list of exhibitions in 2008, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/events2009.htm>

MEETINGS

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

SOUTH ASIA NEW ISSUES

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

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RAKESH WALIA, Chandigarh

It is quite surprising that India Post refers to its regulations that the weight and quality of Special Cover should be 125 gsm where as the envelope of the first Day Cover recently produced and sold by India Post itself are not even 45 gsm! It gives the impression of a disposal bag instead of FDC.

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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