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The travails of being in a connected world have to be felt by the users at some point of time. One of us used to have an email address <u>madhukar@email.com</u>, nothing unusual about it, this was a service provided by snap.com. In February this year snap.com was taken over by xoom.com, nothing unusual about that either, except the fact that the email address was arbitrarily changed to madhukar.1@email.com. Unfortunately this was the address that was provided as owner/registrant for stampsofindia.com to the registrars. Now we have been trying our best to get this changed in the records of the registrar Network Solutions but have not succeeded so far. And our current server will not host this site after December 31, 2000. We had made alternate arrangements in September to shift the site to a better server farm and

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Until next week, please enjoy the rest of the newsletter. And have great time on New Years Eve!!

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROJECT MILLENNIUM

India Post is initiating a nationwide Project titled 'Philately: Project Millennium' that will form the focus of all future activities such as workshops, seminars, publicity, training of postal staff, and provision of tools and equipments thru district exhibitions. The India Post HQ is allotting funds to postal regions/circles. They are also encouraged to raise additional funds locally for the district level exhibitions thru traditional methods such as accepting advertisements for publication in the souvenir-catalog.

Guidelines have been issued for the above activities to involve the circles and provide them information on how to conduct the activities. One of the focus areas is publicity to get the general public involved in the activities of the post office and to create an interest in the student community. The key target groups will be youth and school children, activities are being planned to involve them and the teachers.

HELP THE DRIVE TO INCREASE READERSHIP

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THIRD ISSUE OF THE GREETING CARDS

The third in the series of Greeting Card issues, 6 cards - 3 small and 3 medium size priced at Rs. 12 and 15 respectively, accompanied with pre-stamped envelopes shall be issued on January 2, 2001 for Pongal festival. The Pongal festival is celebrated in three southern states of India – Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Tamilnadu as well as people from these states all over the world. The sale of this issue, printed by Madras Security Press, shall mainly be in the states mentioned above. However small quantity may be made available for sale in other parts of the country.

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PROGRAM FOR ISSUES IN JANUARY 2001

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26 - Political Personlities, Set of 4, (E M S Namboodiripad, Prof N G Ranga, Giani Gurmukh Singh Musafir, Sane Guruji)

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NEW COURSE BY POSTAL STAFF COLLEGE, INDIA The Postal Staff College India at Ghaziabad conducts courses for the senior staff of India Post and many other countries. Recently a course was conducted from December 18 to 22, 2000 on 'Marketing & Business Development'. Two Officers from Fiji Post participated in the course besides officers of India Post. The Assistant Director General Philately India Post HQ, P N Ranjit Kumar, conducted the session on 'Initiatives in Philatelic Business' on December 21, 2000.

INDIA AND COUNTRIES OF SUB-CONTINENT Mainly Postal History Material 2000 Lots First Auction Coming Soon Online A K AGARWAL, P O Box 266, Kanpur 208001 agarwalak@hotmail.com Telephone: (91-512) 315005

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MAIL ARRANGEMENTS

India Post makes special arrangements three times a year for festivals, Rakshabandhan that usually falls in August, Deepavali & Bhai Dooj in October or November, and Christmas & New Year for collection/sorting/transmission and delivery of the sizeable increase in mail volume during these periods. Apart from hiring temporary sorting staff, special Reception Counters are set up at major post offices to accept the mail from the public for a limited time during the festival season. The special Reception Counters for Christmas and New Year use a special postmark carrying the word "GREETINGS" and shall operate this year from December 20, 2000 to January 1, 2001 to process the mail expeditiously.

BUY OR SELL - SEND YOUR WANT LIST India, Errors, Varieties, Stationery INDIAN STAMP CO. Chhipi Tank, Begum Bridge Road, Meerut 250001 Telephone:(91-121) 663245, Fax: 546972, rkgupta@stampsofindia.com

UN YEAR OF DIALOG AMONG CIVILIZATIONS

Universal Postal Union (UPU) conducted an international stamp design competition to promote the United Nations Year for Dialog among Civilizations in 2001. Urska Golob of Slovenia won the first prize. Three semi-finalists were Subhash E Pawar of India, Vazirain Ali of Iran, and Buszewicz Maciej of Poland. The winners were chosen at the general assembly of World Association for Development of Philately (WADP) on October 6, 2000 at Madrid, Spain.

UPU is also conducting an international letter writing competition on this theme. Entries from young people up to the age of 15 from across the world are invited to write a letter to somebody about their friendship and differences. The entries must reach by April 30, 2001 to the International Bureau, UPU, Berne, Switzerland. Contact persons are: James Gunderson james.gunderson@upu.int and Juliana Nel Juliana.nel@upu.int

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A M MOLLAH IN NEW DELHI

A M Mollah of Bombay and a member of the Bureau of the Revenue Commission of International Philatelic federation (FIP) is in Delhi on a private visit for a few days. Mollah is well known as a contributor to Koeppel & Manners Catalogue of adhesive Revenues and Stamped papers of Indian Princely states. He shall be meeting revenue philatelists in town during the course of his visit.

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FIP CONGRESS

The 66th Congress of FIP took place on October 16, 2000 at Madrid, Spain. One of the major tasks accomplished was amendment of Statutes, GREX (General Regulations for Exhibitions) and GREV (General Regulations for Evaluation of Exhibits). The new approved versions are available through our site www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Events/a301.htm

WORLD'S YOUNGEST PHILATELIST?

Les Winick from USA wrote: Here is a news item for you from a British publication: Headline is "World's youngest Philatelist" with a picture of a young lad. The copy reads: "A Young Indian Boy-who collects maps on stamps-is set to enter the Guiness Book of Records as the youngest award winning philatelist. Mushan Adars received a silver bronze at the age of three years and nine months at the APPEX '99 state level show in India and his father has now put him forward for the record books. His collection "My Stamp" came about after watching the Discovery Channel and recognizing countries." Can you find out more details for me? Is his father just using him or is the child really a collector?

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Notes: Stories in the newspapers may not always be accurate from postal or philatelic point of view. The lakh or lac is 100,000 and a crore is 10 million. Click on the link for complete story. Use your browser's 'back' button to get back.

The Hindu Business Line, December 22, 2000 INVESTORS FANCY POSTAL SAVING SCHEMES IN TN http://www.indiaserver.com/businessline/2000/12/22/stories/142260s5.htm

The Hindu, December 24, 2000 SEEK MORE FUNDS FOR RURAL POST OFFICES: MPS http://www.indiaserver.com/thehindu/2000/12/24/stories/0224000w.htm

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RESEARCH NOTES

Manohar Lal has spent eight years, full time, at National Archives of India and other institutions researching postal history matters since his retirement as Chief Engineer of Northern Railways. He has published two books and several articles. He won Gold for his exhibit Postal History of Indian Army 1914-1922 at London in 1990 and for his exhibit Postal stationery of India 1855-1947 at New Delhi in 1997.

We have been fortunate to enlist him as a regular contributor to this segment of the newsletter and are confident our readers will benefit with the first time publication of the results of his painstaking research. At present he is not available on telephone or email. We shall be happy to pass on your comments and queries to him. His postal address is 9-B/6654 Dev Nagar, Gali # 6, New Delhi 110005

The first part was published in our issue # 18 of December 21, 2000.

POSTAL HISTORY OF PAKISTAN - Part 2

MADRAS – BOMBAY AIR SERVICE SUSPENDED September 10, 1947, Madras: The non-stop air service between Madras and Bombay has been suspended until further notice.

DELHI – AMRITSAR AIR SERVICE NOT FUNTIONING

September 12, 1947, Amritsar: Owing to the communal disturbances in Delhi there has been no air service between Delhi and Amritsar for the past three days. About 10 days ago a twice-daily service was started by the Bharat Airways and it received heavy bookings. No planes have arrived here since September 8, 1947.

MADRAS – DELHI THROUGH AIR SERVICE RESUMED

September 13, 1947, Madras: The Madras – Delhi through air service has been resumed since Thursday (September 12, 1947) as the situation in Delhi has improved.

INA RESUMES ITS DELHI – LAHORE SERVICE

After nearly eight days' break the INA resumed its Delhi – Lahore service from Monday (September 15, 1947). For the present there will be one service daily, but as soon as conditions improve and circumstances allow, they will start functioning normally and two aircrafts will leave daily.

JAIPUR ON INDIA'S AIR MAP

Jaipur: The Jaipur Publicity Officer announces that Jaipur has been placed on India's air map. Air India included Jaipur as a halting place in its Bombay – Delhi afternoon service as from September 8.

LETTER MAILS CONVYED BY AIRCRAFT -

DELHI – AMBALA, JULLUNDUR AND AMRITSAR SERVED

September 24, 1947, Ambala: The Postmaster General, East Punjab Circle, Mr. Grant, yesterday said that in view of the cancellation of all regular train services on the East Punjab Railway letter mails were being carried by air from and to Delhi, Ambala, Jullundur and Amritsar.

Airmail letters were being given preference. As yet there was no arrangement for mails from places not accessible by air services.

TRI-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN KARACHI AND DACCA

September 25, 1947, Calcutta: Orient Airways announce that the government of Pakistan have now given them permission to operate a tri-weekly mail and passenger air service in both directions between Karachi and Dacca.

The new air route which will commence operation at the beginning of October, will establish link between Eastern and Western Pakistan. DC 3 aircraft will be assigned to fly the route in approximately 10 hours and from December a new fleet of Convair lines having a speed of 300 mph will be used.

Orient airways will also run two other inland air routes carrying passengers and mails, one from Karachi to Peshawar via Quetta, Lahore and Rawalpindi and the other from Calcutta to Chittagong via Dacca and Sylhat. Services come into operation from next month.

ORIENT AIRWAYS LIMITED

Have the pleasure in announcing the commencement of the following services with effect from October 3, 1947:

1. KARACHI – DELHI – DACCA – CALCUTTA

(Thrice a week – Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and Return journey Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays)

2. KARACHI – LAHORE – RAWALPINDI – PESHAWAR

(Twice weekly – Mondays and Thursdays and Return journeys Tuesdays and Fridays) 3. KARACHI – QUETTA – LAHORE

(Thrice weekly – Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and Return journey Thursdays, Saturdays and Mondays)

LAHORE – KARACHI AIR SERVICE

Lahore has been linked by air with Karachi, the capital of the Pakistan Dominion. Orient Airways inaugurated five services a week between Karachi and Lahore with effect from October 1947. This service will continue to Rawalpindi and Peshawar twice a week.

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF AIRMAILS

October 31, 1947, Bombay: Due to the requisition of private company aircraft by the Government of India, the carriage of inland mails by air except for places situated on the Bombay – Karachi, Bombay – Delhi and Bombay – Calcutta routes, have been temporarily suspended.

MISTRI AIRWAYS ANSWER INDIA'S CALL FOR PLANES

October 31, 1947, Bombay: Six Dakotas have been flown to Delhi in response to the call of the Government of India by the Mistry Airways. As a result, the airways had to suspend their regular service between Bombay and Calcutta.

ISSUE OF NEW PAKISTAN STAMPS FROM DECEMBER 1, 1947

November 5, 1947: It is learnt from the office of the Postmaster General, Lahore that the Pakistan Government will issue its own stamps and embossed stationery from December 1, writes a "Civil and Military Gazette' reporter.

Due to certain unavoidable delays the Government had to post pone the circulation which had originally been scheduled from November 1, 1947, from the central office of issue at Nasik. Since October 1 the Government has set into circulation postage stamps overprinted with "PAKISTAN'. It is understood that mail which bears "INDIA GOVERNMENT" postage stamps without a "PAKISTAN" overprint will not be accepted at any post office.

The issue of airmail letter cards and embossed stationery for European and elsewhere overseas will remain as before the change over up till December 1, 1947, after which date the existing cards and envelopes etc., will not be valid.

REFUGEE RELIEF STAMPS

November 5, 19477, Karachi, "The Refugee Relief Stamps" valued at one anna each will shortly be issued and the proceeds of its sale will be contributed to the Quaid-e-Azam's Relief Fund said a Press Note issued by the Ministry of Communications, Government of Pakistan.

This decision has been taken by the Ministry of Communications in consultation with the Quaid-e-Azam's Relief Fund Committee.

These stamps will not be used as postal stamps, but may be used in addition to the ordinary postage for purpose of publicity.

INDIAN AIR LETTER STATIONERY STILL "CURRENT" IN PAKISTAN

Indian air letter forms and similar postal stationery will continue to be "current" in Pakistan until arrangements are completed for their replacement by new Pakistan forms or by overprints of existing one.

This was learned by inquiries from the Lahore GPO on Monday, when an official spokesman said that it was hoped to time the change over for January 1, 1948, but the actual date would depend on the availability of supplies of the new Pakistan stationery.

TWELVER AIR SERVICES

December 1, 1947, New Delhi: The Communications Minister, Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai told ... that the Government of India have agreed to the operation by a Pakistan airline of services on the following routes:

(1) Karachi – Delhi (2) Dacca – Delhi (3) Karachi – Bombay (4) Chittagong – Calcutta
(5) Dacca – Calcutta

In return the Pakistan Government had agreed to the operation of air services on the following route by various Indian airlines:

(1)Jodhpur – Karachi (2) Bombay – Karachi (3) Ahmedabad – Bombay (4) Bhuj – Karachi (5) Delhi – Lahore (6) Calcutta – Dacca (7) Calcutta – Chittagong

The arrangement is provisional subject to the conclusion of a bilateral air transport agreement between the two Governments by December 31, 1947. The terms of a long-term bilateral air transport agreement between the two countries were under examination.

SALE OF PAKISTAN POSTAL STATIONERY

Postal stationery overprinted PAKISTAN will be on sale at the GPO Lahore and its town sub offices on December 21, 1947 instead of in January 1948 as mentioned earlier.

Indian postal stationery will be exchangeable for Pakistan stationery on weekdays up to March 20, 1948.

BENARES TO BE AIR LINKED WITH LUCHNOW

December 16, 1947, Benares: From January next year Benares will be linked with Lucknow and Patna by air. The Bharat Airways Ltd. are arranging to run one of their Delhi – Calcutta air service via Lucknow, Benares and Patna.

The above is gleaned from the Civil & Military Gazette, published from Lahore from the microfilms available at the Nehru Memorial Library, New Delhi.

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STAMPS http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Issues/Stamps/a201-2000.htm

Next Issues: December 28, 2000 Ustad Hafiz Ali Khan, Music Maestro, Rs. 3

December 31, 2000 Historical Personalities, Set of 4, Rs. 3 each Prithviraj Chauhan, Bhamashah, General Zorawar Singh, Rajarshi Bhagyachandra

POSTAL STATIONERY http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Issues/Stationery/a202.htm

November 15, 2000 – Available on December 22, 2000 Inland Letter Card with Advertisement - Reynolds Pen, in Bengali, CSP

December 1, 2000 – Available on December 22, 2000 Inland Letter Card with Advertisement - AVI - OIL, in English, CSP

December 20, 2000 – Available on December 27, 2000 Inland Letter Card with Advertisement - Cleanliness, in, ISP

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SCHOOLPEX 2000

Philatelic Society of Rajasthan and Philatelic Club, St. Xaviers School, Jaipur organized 5th Inter Schools Stamp Exhibition - SCHOOLPEX 2000 in Science Lab.Hall, St.Xaviers School from December 21-23, 2000, under the leadership of Rajesh Paharia, Project Chairman PSR and Mayank Mukul Singh, President, Philatelic Club. B P Beri, retired Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court, inaugurated the exhibition. 126 participants from 16 schools exhibited their collections. Due to half yearly examinations the students of several other schools could not take part.

Jury board consisted of A S Mittal as chairman and Jayant Pandya & Ashok Sharma as members. There were 51 prizes - 8 first, 8 second, 8 third and 27 consolation prizes. There were 2 trophies – A S Mittal's Trophy went to Aditya Kumar Dalmia of India International School and O P Bhatnagar Memorial Trophy went to Ravina Agarwal of Veer Balika Vidhyalaya. The First prizewinners were from Maheshwari Public School, India International School (4), Veer Balika Vidhyalaya, Ryan International School and S J Public School. During the exhibition Quiz and workshop were also organized.

- Contributed by A S Mittal, Jaipur

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Shiv Garg, Bathinda

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