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- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ISSUES RELEASED

The First Lady, Usha Narayanan, released the stamp on Ustad Hafiz Ali Khan on December 28, 2000 at a function held at FICCI Auditorium, New Delhi. Ustad Hafiz Ali Khan Memorial Trust organized the function for release ceremony as well as for presentation of annual Hafiz Ali Khan Awards. The First Lady presented the awards this year to Ustad Gulam Mustafa Khan for Vocal and Pandit T H Vikku Vinayak Ram for Instrumental (Ghatam). Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, the son of Ustad Hafiz Ali Khan, gave the welcome address. The program included musical performance by Ayaan Ali Bangash, the grandson of Ustad Hafiz Ali Khan, and the awardees. Ram Vilas Paswan, the Minister for Communications was the chief guest.

Ram Vilas Paswan, the Minister for Communications released the 4 stamps of Historical Personalities Series on December 31, 2000 at a function held at India Post HQ, New Delhi. The personalities featured were Emperor Prthviraj Chauhan (12th Century AD, King Bhamashah 16th Century AD, Rajarshi Bhgyachandra (18th Century AD), and General Zorawar Singh (18th Century AD). Dr Karan Singh and Vijay Kumar Malhotra also spoke on the occasion.

All stamps are in the denomination of Rs. 3, the inland letter rate. Alka Sharma designed the stamps, Sankha Samanta designed First day Cover of Ustad Hafiz Ali Khan and Kamleshwar Singh designed First day Cover for Historical Personalities, priced at Rs. 2. The pictorial first day postmarks are designed by Alka Sharma. An informative brochure containing write-up and technical data, priced at Rs. 2, was also brought out for both the issues. Calcutta Security Printers Limited of Kanpur printed the stamps by photo-offset in five colors on matt chromo unwatermarked paper in the quantity of 400,000 each. The issued sheets contains 40 stamps.

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POSTAL STAFF COLLEGE

The Postal Staff College India is organizing a Workshop on Philately on January 5 & 6, 2001 at their premises at Ghaziabad. Nearly twenty Director level officers of India Post from different postal circles all over India are participating. Gautam Gupta, Member (Operations) of the Postal Services Board of the India Post shall inaugurate the workshop on January 5, 2001 and B N Som, Secretary to Government of India, Chairman of the Postal Services Board, Director General India Post, & Chairman of the World Association for Development of Philately, shall preside over the Valediction function on January 6 2001.

The Workshop will cover the following: Philately in India Post – Challenges & Objectives, Presentation by selected postal circles on the Promotion of Philately, Organizing Philatelic Exhibitions – A Case Study of INDEPEX-ASIANA 2000, Management of the Philatelic Bureaus, Avenues of the Philatelic Promotion – Sharing of the Experiences, The Association with the partners for the Promotion of Philately, Presentation of an Action Plan on the Promotion of Philately in postal circles.

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PROGRAM OF ISSUE UPDATE

The Political Personalities issue scheduled for January 26 is now rescheduled to January 25, 2001. Few more issues on the personalities are expected to be added to the Program of Issues for January 2001.

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B N Som, Secretary to Government of India, Chairman of the Postal Services Board, Director General India Post, & Chairman of the World Association for Development of Philately, inaugurated the official website of Maharashtra & Goa Postal Circle on December 30, 2000 at Mumbai.

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Feb 00: Census of India

Apr 00: Temple Architecture, Set of 4

Apr 06: Bhagwan Mahavir

Jun 05: Corals, Set of 4 or 6

Oct 02: Mahatma Gandhi – Man of the Millennium

Nov 11: Children's Day

Dec 31: Greetings

Date to be decides: Dances of India, Set

Date to be decides: Hitopdesh – Jataka Tales, Set

Date to be decides: Medicinal Plants, Set

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ALSO IN THE NEWS

KOLKATA

With effect from January 1, 2001 Calcutta shall be known as Kolkata. Earlier Bombay was renamed Mumbai and Madras as Chennai. It leaves New Delhi, the national capital, as the fourth major metro as yet renamed.

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PASWAN RELEASES STAMPS

The Hindu, January 1, 2001

<http://www.indiaserver.com/thehindu/2001/01/01/stories/0201000g.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

Earlier parts were published in our issues # 18 & 19 of December 21 & 28, 2000.

POSTAL HISTORY OF PAKISTAN – Part 3

INDIA TAKES OVER KASHMIR P & T SERVICES

October 31, 1947, New Delhi: The Kashmir post and telegraph services have been taken over by the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department and Mr. Harish Chandra, Deputy Postmaster General and Mr. Floyd, his technical adviser on telegraphic matters arrived at Srinagar by air on October 28.

The work of establishing normal postal and telegraphic communications between India and Kashmir is being pushed through with all speed and all first class mails for the Kashmir and Jammu state are to be routed via Delhi, from where they will be flown by air to Srinagar.

STATE ENVELOPS

The new Pakistan envelope ½ annas crescent facing right and ~~ta~~ which came into force on New Year's Day, January 1, 1948.

PHILATELIC BUREAU ESTABLISHED IN KARACHI GPO

January 6, 1948, Karachi: The postal authority have established a Philatelic Bureau at the GPO, owing to a heavy demand from philatelists from India and abroad.

PERIOD OF EXCHANGE OF INDIA SERVICE STAMPS

As some offices, says West Punjab press note, have not been able to exchange old stocks of India service stamps for those overprinted "Pakistan" from their respective treasuries within the three months ending January 1, it has now been decided to extend the date to February 15, 1948. All such Government offices, therefore, should not get stocks of the India Service stamps exchanged by this date.

AMRITSAR – DELHI DAILY SERVICE IN EITHER DIRECTION – INA

January 11, 1948: Amritsar – Delhi daily service in either direction – INA

31,395 VOTE FOR INDIA AND 39 FOR PAKISTAN – REFERENDUM RESULTS IN W. INDIA AND GUJARAT STATES

February 18, 1948, New Delhi: The states of Mangrol, Manavadar, Bantwa, Sardargarh and Babariavad have decided to accede to the Indian Dominion according to the result of referendum held in these states. Thirty one thousand three hundred and ninety five voted for accession to the Indian Dominion against 39 for Pakistan. A state Ministry communiqué issued tonight said, Mr. C. B. Bagarkar, Judicial Commissioner of Western India and Gujrat states, at present Referendum

Commissioner has announced the following results of the referendum in Mangrol, Manavadar, Bantwa, Sardargarh and Babariawad:

Mangrol – 11,833 – 8\*

Manavadar – 8,436 – 11\*

Bantwa (Bara) – 1 091 – 10\*

Bantwa (Chota) – 1,402 – nil\*

Sardargarh – 1,241 – 2\*

Babariawad – 5,392 – 8\*

\*votes for Pakistan

#### JUNAGARH VOTES FOR ACCESSION TO INDIA

February 24, 1948, New Delhi:..that Junagarh has voted in favour of accession to India in the recent referendum held in the state. The following are the results of the referendum held in Junagarh state according to a Press Note: 190,779 votes in favour of accession to India and 91 in favour of accession to Pakistan.

#### NO OF VOTES ON THE ELECTROL ROLLS

Junagarh – 20056

Mangrol – 12997

Manavadar – 8680

Bantwa (Bara) – 1427

Bantwa (Chota) – 1432

Sardargarh – 3393

Babariawad – 5880

#### JUNAGARH PLEBISCITE A FARCE

“Pak contention at Lake Success Debate”

#### OFFER OF SECOND PLEBSCITE IN JUNAGARH

“India’s statement before Security Council”

#### REVISION OF PAKISTAN POSTAGE RATES

March 18, 1948, Karachi: The Pakistan Ministry of Communication, in a Press Note on the revision of rates of Postage and airmail fees states: From April, 1948, the following revised rates of postage for inland, postcards and packets will come into force (the same rates shall apply to postcards and packets addressed to India, Ceylon, Aden, Nepal and Portuguese India):

POSTCARDS – for a single postcard, the rate will be nine pies; and for a reply postcard, one and a half annas.

PACKETS (BOOK< PATTERN ND SAMPLE) – For the first five tolas or fraction thereof, the rate will be one anna. For every additional two and a half tolas, or a fraction thereof in excess of five tolas, half anna extra will be charged.

From the same date, the postage to be collected on delivery of business reply cards in territories served by the Pakistan Posts and Telegraphs Department will be nine pies for a single card.

#### AIRMAIL FEES

From April 1, 1948, the following revised rates of airmail fee shall be changed in addition to ordinary postage on airmail articles of the inland airmail and money orders (the same rates shall apply to airmail articles and money orders addressed to India).

For a POSTCARD – the airmail fee shall be nine pies in addition to ordinary postage.

For any other article the letter mail, namely letters, registered newspapers and packets one and half annas per tola or fraction thereof will be charged in addition to ordinary postage.

For MONEYORDER, in addition to money order commission, one and a half annas per money order will be charged irrespective of the amount.

A separate notification will be made in respect of revised postal rates for Burma, Kuwait and Persian Gulf.

#### PAKISTAN INSCRIBED NOTES FROM APRIL 1, 1948

March 20, 1948, Karachi: The Reserve Bank of India, it is understood, will issue, on April 1, 1948, new bank notes of the denomination of Rs. 100, Rs. 10, Rs. 5, Rs. 2 and Re. 1 inscribed with the words “Government of Pakistan” in English and Urdu.

These notes are the same as at present in circulation in India and Pakistan, except that the words "Government of Pakistan" have been inscribed on them in English and Urdu.

It is stated that these Pakistan – inscribed notes will circulate along with other bank notes of the Reserve Bank of India and will be exchangeable at par by the Reserve Bank of India.

Issued by the same currency authority the Pakistan inscribed notes, it is pointed, will naturally have identical backing with other bank notes issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

#### PAKISTAN NOTES NOT TO BE LEGAL TENDER IN INDIA

March 21, 1948, Bombay: The Reserve Bank of India today announced here that new bank notes inscribed with the words "Government of Pakistan" in English and Urdu to be issued in Pakistan "will not be legal tender in India and will not be accepted by the bank at its offices, branches or agencies in India".

The existing latest patterns of Reserve Bank of India bank notes of the denomination of Rs. 2, Rs. 5, Rs. 10 and Rs. 100 inscribed with the words "Government of Pakistan" in English and Urdu will be issued in Pakistan from April 1, 1948. The notes will be full legal tender in Pakistan.

Government of India currency notes or Reserve Bank notes without the words "Government of Pakistan" in English and Urdu inscribed on them will until September 30, 1948, be legal at any place in Pakistan in payment or on account of the amount expressed therein.

#### PERSIAN GULF POSTOFFICES TO BE UNDER BRITAIN

March 24, 1948, New Delhi: The administration of the Postage and Telegraph offices in the Persian Gulf will be handed over to the Majesty's Government with effect from April 1, 1948 says a Press Note.

From that date postage stamps overprinted "Kuwait and Bahrain" will be withdrawn from sale at the Indian Philatelic Bureau, Bombay.

#### INA PLANE CRASHES ON CORSICA – 19 KILLED IN SMASH

A Viking aircraft of the India National Airways crashed on the island of Corsica today after it struck the eastern snow covered slopes of Mount Cardo at a height of 6,000 feet, said an Agence France Presse report from Accio.

All aboard the aircraft – 15 passengers and crew were killed. Air disaster took place in Corsica on Saturday, March 27, 1948.

The aircraft it is learnt, left New Delhi on March 21, it had stayed at Rome and only left that city at 5:30 am today. – Reuter

#### PAKISTAN CURRENCY NOTES – FOUR DENOMINATIONS ISSUED

The Reserve Bank of India, (Pakistan) in a communiqué says: in accordance with section 5 (2) of part II of the Pakistan (Monetary System and Reserve Bank) Order, 1947, the Reserve Bank of India will, with effect from the April 1, 1948, issue in Pakistan the existing latest patterns of Reserve Bank of India bank notes of the denomination of Rs. 2, Rs. 5, Rs. 10 and Rs. 100 inscribed with the words "Government of Pakistan" in English and Urdu.

#### "PAKISTAN" – INSCRIBED ONE – RUPEE NOTES BEING ISSUED

March 31, 1948, Karachi: The Governor General of Pakistan had made promulgated an Ordinance to provide for issue and putting into circulation of Government of Pakistan one rupee notes. A notification of the Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan in Today's "Gazette of Pakistan" stated: The Central Government is pleased to notify issue of Government of Pakistan notes of the denominational value of one rupee through the Reserve Bank of India, which is common currency authority for India and Pakistan till 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1948.

"These notes will be identical with Government of India one rupee notes now in circulation in India and Pakistan except that they will have the words "Government of Pakistan" inscribed on them in English and Urdu".

#### PAKISTAN CURRENCY NOT LEGAL TENDER IN INDIA

March, 30, Bombay: The Reserve Bank of India announced yesterday that the Government of Pakistan's one rupee notes, inscribed with the words "Government of Pakistan" in English and Urdu in the current pattern of the Government of India one rupee notes and Pakistan coins of distinctive design in the same denomination's as the present India coins, will be released in Pakistan from April 1, 1948. These notes and coins will not be legal tender in India though they will be legal tender in Pakistan.

To be continued in the next issue.

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December 31, 2000

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October 30, 2000 – Available on January 2, 2001

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#### HARPEX 2001

Haryana Circle of India Post will organize a zonal level philatelic exhibition at S D College, Amballa Cantonment from February 21-25, 2001

#### BILPEX 2001

Chandrakant Andhare, [crandhare@stampsofindia.net](mailto:crandhare@stampsofindia.net) the president of Chhattisgarh Philatelic Association, Bilaspur informs that CPA will organize a regional school level exhibition on February 25 & 26, 2001 to celebrate its 10th anniversary that falls on February 26th. A special Souvenir will be issued.

This was decided in the CPA meeting of December 17, 2000 where about 15 members were present. The printouts of issue # 15, 16 17 of Stamp of India Collectors Companion were shown to members which was highly appreciated.

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#### PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF INDIA

The next regional meeting as well as a meeting of the Governing Council of PCI shall be held in Mumbai on March 4, 2001. The venue is Conference Room, Office of the Chief Post Master General, Maharashtra Circle, Bombay GPO Building, Fort, Mumbai 400001 and the regional meeting starts at 9.30 am. Members are requested to inform their arrival to Dhirubhai Mehta at telephone numbers 5135878 (residence), 2001460 & 2007848 (office). The points for insertion in agenda may be sent before February 15 to [dilipshah@pci-india.org](mailto:dilipshah@pci-india.org)

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Moloy Sarkar, Calcutta

Today I came to know from Calcutta GPO that no first day of issue postmark will be provided on FDC issued during postal strike i .e. Gems & Jewelry issue. Till date we are yet to receive the book on Indian Freedom Movement by Mr. Saksena as well as the commemorative Inland Letter issued on October 2, 2000 from Calcutta GPO.

Sudhir Jain, Satna

You had notified that Raj Kumar Shukla issue was very limited. I have a Philatelic Deposit Account at the Philatelic Bureau, Mumbai. I have received supply of October month but Raj Kumar Shukla issue is missing. Bureau should provide all the issues to the account holders.

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