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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

This is second issue in a row to get delayed in sending out. We apologize for the inconvenience caused and assure that we won't make it a habit. We also thank our readers who have sent in messages of support.

Also delayed is the uploading of the complete 'List of Postal Stationery Issued During 2000'. The list we had prepared required some more checking and shall be uploaded later this week.

Inspired by the recent visit of the famous British physicist Stephen Hawkins to New Delhi we wrote two articles – 'A Brief History Of India' and 'A Brief Postal History Of India'. These are a new type of writing. The articles are not quite finished and taking the advantage of new technologies we will keep on revising and updating it. We invite all our readers to participate in writing and revising these. Click the link <http://64.37.110.48/Content/Features/a500.htm>

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NEW ISSUE UPDATE

The Political Personalities issue scheduled for release on January 25, 2000 is now split in to two issues. A single stamp, from the former set of 4, on Sane Guruji will be issued on January 25, 2000. The remaining three stamps of the set, one each on E M S Namboodiripad, Giani Gurumukh Singh Muasfir, and N G Ranga, will now be issued on January 27, 2000.

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MORE GREETING CARDS

India Post is planning to release the next, the fourth, issue of Greeting Cards with Pre-Stamped Envelopes in the first week of February for Valentines Day, Friendship, and Birthdays. Also under consideration are cards for the Holi festival.

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PHILATELISTS VISITING NEW DELHI

Rajan Jayakar of Bombay, the National Commissioner for Hong Kong 2001, will be in New Delhi from January 22 onwards to obtain necessary clearances for the exhibits participating in the 15th Asian International Philatelic Exhibition - Hong Kong 2001.

Ashok Bayanwala of Ahmedabad, the president of Gujarat Philatelists Association and well-known writer, will be in New Delhi from January 23 to 25 on a personal visit.

Dr. Kenneth Robbins leading a tour to India will arrive in New Delhi on January 24 and stay till January 27 before returning back to USA.

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NEW STAMP RELEASED

A special definitive depicting Subhas Chandra Bose, popularly known as Netaji – the leader, was issued on January 23, 2001 on his 104th birth anniversary. The stamp in the denomination of Re. 1 was released at a special function held in Kolkata.

India Security Press, Nashik Road printed the mono-color issue by photogravure process on watermarked paper in panes of 100. No FDC and informative brochure was issued.

The Special Definitive stamps are in use concurrently with the regular definitive series. The first stamp in the denomination of Rs. 2 depicting Sardar Patel was released on October 31, 2000 and the next and final issue of the current series of the Special definitive shall be released on April 14, 2001 in the denomination of Rs. 3 depicting B R Ambedkar on his birth anniversary.

There is only one First Day Cover for the series of three stamps, and priced at Rs.2. Alka Sharma has designed the pictorial first day of issue postmarks. Unlike commemorative issue, no informative brochures have been brought out for definitive and special definitive issues in 2000 and 2001.

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Business Standard, January 23, 2001

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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 with Felicitations of the Jury for his exhibit Postal History of Indian Army 1914-1922 at London in 1990 as well as 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, 20, & 21 of December 21 & 28, 2000, and January 4 & 11, 2001.

POSTAL HISTORY OF PAKISTAN – Part 6

INDIAN NATIONAL AIRWAYS' NEW DAILY MORNING SERVICE – DELHI – LAHORE ROUTE

In order to meet public requirements INA have decided to operate, with effect from November 1, 1948, a daily morning service to Lahore and back.

Departure – Delhi – 07:30

Arrival – Lahore – 09:15

Departure – Lahore – 10:00

Arrival – Delhi – 11:45

In addition to the above service, an afternoon service will be operated by this company three times a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, leaving Delhi at 14:30 hr and arriving Lahore at 16:15 hrs. This service will arrive Delhi at 18:45 hr leaving Lahore at 17:00 hours.

KARACHI – ISTANBUL PAK AIR SERVICE

October 25, 1948, Karachi: PAK AIR hopes to start its weekly Karachi to Istanbul air service by November 15, 1948 Mr. Hussain Malick, Pak Air's Managing Director, said yesterday.

Mr. Malick said that the route of the proposed air service would be Karachi – Tehran – Basra – Damascus – Cairo – Istanbul.

Four Skymasters have been purchased by the Company, while two of the Company's pilot had returned to Karachi after undergoing intensive flying training in Oakland, California.

INDIA'S INTERMEDIATE STOP FOR AIR SERVICE TO COLOMBO

October 29, 1948, Bombay: Hakimpet Airport, near Hyderabad will be an intermediate stop for Air India's Bombay – Colombo service from November 1, 1948. The Air India's Bombay – Colombo service had suspended its stop at Hakimpet on June 29 under instructions from the Directorate of Civil Aviation, India.

ONLY 'FINCOM' STAMPS VALID AFTER OCTOBER 31, 1948

After October 31, 1948, only those Indian Court Fee and non judicial stamps, which have been surcharged with the facsimile signature of the Assistant Secretary to the Financial Commissioner, West Pakistan, and the word 'FINCOM', will be valid in this province, says a Press Note of the West Punjab Public Relation Director. The sale of unsurcharged Indian court fee and non-judicial stamps will be discontinued after that day.

NEW DESIGN OF INDIAN CURRENCY NOTE - ASOKA PILLAR TO REPLACE KING'S HEAD

November 10, 1948, New Delhi: The Asoka Pillar will replace King George's head on the new currency notes now being designed.

A beginning will be made with the one-rupee note, which will in the first instance be printed on paper bearing King George's head in watermark. Later both the watermark and the pictorial impression will have the Asoka Pillar. On the obverse side of the one-rupee note, instead of the replica of the one-rupee coin, there will be a rosette. The expected new one-rupee note design notes will be issued early next year, but notes of higher denomination are likely to take a longer time. All these will bear the signature of the Secretary of Finance Ministry, instead of the Governor of the Reserve Bank as at present. Even after the introduction of the new notes of existing notes will continue to be legal tender.

DIRECT INDIA – USA AIR MAIL SERVICE

November 22, 1948, Calcutta: Pan American is participating for the first time in direct airmail flights to the United States. For the present New York city will be distributing point for all US destination until such time as an Indian Exchange Control office can be provided at San Francisco.

Thus the Indian mails destined to America for the first time will now travel on the same flight without transplanting.

Mails for South America will be included in the same pouches and be embarked for Latin and South American destination immediately upon arrival in New York. This is now the fastest way that mails can be dispatched for the western hemisphere.

PAK AIR DAKOTA / VIHARI AIR DISASTER

Pak Airways 21 seater Dakota crashed near Vihari in Multan district, 196 miles from Lahore, on Friday November 26, 1948.

This is stated to be the second passenger aircraft crash since the establishment of Pakistan.

PAK AIR

The following schedule of Daily service commencing from November 22, 1948

Service No. 1 Karachi – Lahore – Delhi – Karachi

Departure – Karachi – 08:00

Arrival – Lahore – 12:00

Departure – Lahore – 13:00

Arrival – Delhi – 15:00

Departure – Delhi – 16:00

Arrival – Karachi – 20:00

Service No. 2 Karachi – Delhi – Lahore– Karachi

Departure – Karachi – 09:15

Arrival – Delhi – 13:15

Departure – Delhi – 14:15

Arrival – Lahore – 16:15

Departure – Lahore – 16:45

Arrival – Karachi – 20:45

PAK AIR

Skymaster weekly west bound service to Cairo via Baghdad and Damascus commencing November 30, 1948. Southbound to Colombo via Bombay on December 2, 1948.

AMRITSAR – DELHI AIR SERVICES

December 4, 1948, Amritsar: The thrice weekly air service between Amritsar and Delhi run by Bharat Airways continue uninterrupted on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The news published in Civil & Military Gazette of September 21, 1948 is based on incorrect information regarding the discontinuance.

NEW ONE AND TWO RUPEE NOTES FROM JANUARY 1949

December 13, 1948, Karachi: The new one rupee and two-rupee notes of distinctive designs, will be issued by the State Bank of Pakistan in January 1949, it is officially announced here today.

The main printing on the front of the one rupee note is in green, with orange and pink bands in the center. At the right end, the Pakistan crescent and star are reproduced in green outline. At the left end of the note, the crescent and star appear as a watermark in the paper.

On the back, the main green printing shows a reproduction of the Mughal pavilion in the Lahore Fort, in the left and center of the note. A watermark panel appears at the right hand of the note, and round this panel is an ornamental floral design.

A floral pattern appears round the borders of the note, and based on the design of a copper 'surahi'.

The words "Hukumat – Pakistan" appear in Urdu at the center.

The main printing on the front of the two-rupee note is in brown. The printing shows on the right hand side, a reproduction of Jehangir's Tomb, and has under inscription in the center of the note, with the signature of the Governor of the State Bank in Urdu at the bottom.

The back of the note shows, in the center and to the left of the note, a reproduction of the Badshahi Mosque, Lahore.

ADDITIONAL LAHORE – DELHI AIR SERVICES FROM TODAY

In order to cope with an increase in Lahore – Delhi traffic, Indian National Airways have decided to operate additional services on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, leaving Lahore at 5 pm and arriving Delhi at 6:45 pm.
The first of these additional services will operate on Saturday December 18.

EXCHANGE OF INDIA NOTES IN PAKISTAN

December 24, 1948, Karachi: It was officially announced yesterday that the Pakistan Government have decided to extend the period during which India notes of all denomination, except one rupee notes, may be exchanged for Pakistan notes to March 31, 1949.

Hitherto India notes which cease to be legal tender in Pakistan after September 30, 1948 last could be exchanged for Pakistan notes upto December 31, 1948.

PAKISTAN TO MISS SIGHT OF "HYTHE" FLYING BOATS

January 12, 1949, Karachi: Air – minded people in Pakistan and India, while welcoming the appearances of the new "Constellation" in the Eastern sky will shortly miss the familiar form of the "HYTHE" flying boat which have been operating the BOAC air routes to Pakistan and India.

The greater part of the BOAC "HYTHE" flying boat fleet, it is learnt have been sold to Aquilla Airways of London who have bought them for air charter work.

To be continued in the next issue.

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POSTAL STATIONERY

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Issues/Stationery/a202.htm>

January 15, 2001 – Available on January 18, 2001

Post Card with Advertisement

- Census 2001, Mirror of the Nation, in English, ISP

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Post Card with Advertisement

- Walk Together & Grow Together, In Hindi, ISP

Inland Letter Card with Advertisement

- Star Plus TV Channel's 'Kaun Banega Crorepati?' Game Show, In Hindi, ISP

January 20, 2001 – Release Delayed
Post Card with Advertisement
- Britannia Tiger Biscuits, In English, ISP

January 21, 2001 – Release Delayed
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- MTNL, Telco for Mumbai & New Delhi, in English

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After the successful publication of this book in English, India Post is planning to publish this book by Vishnu S Saxena, former member of Postal Services Board & Additional Secretary to Government of India, in Hindi.

VADOPHIL, Whole # 85, January 2001, Quarterly

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DELHI INTERNATIONAL STAMP CLUB

DISC held its monthly meeting on January 20, 2001 at Maria Bhavan, Sacred Heart Cathedral, New Delhi. About 9 philatelists were present.

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