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We have decided to reorganize our network of correspondents all over India. We figure that about 50 correspondents are required to cover the country.

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In the West we have Prashant Pandya at Vadodara, Ashok Bayanwala at Ahmedabad, Sudhir Jain at Satna, and Chandrakant Andhare at Bilaspur. We would like to have correspondents at or around Rajkot, Mumbai, Aurangabad, Panaji, Nagpur, Pune, Indore, and Bhopal.

Please contact us if you would like to help us in the newsgathering. The candidates should be active philatelist and shall be in touch with area's Postmaster General's office for obtaining news in a timely manner.

We have recently received scans of all the four covers of 'Kumbh' from Anil Kumar of Allahabad, and shall upload the same later this week.

We plan to start a regular column 'Views & Opinions' from the next issue for live discussions on the topics of interests and concern. Please make good use of it and let us have your views and opinions.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the contributors to this issue: Pradip Jain, Patna; Prashant Pandya, Vadodara; Ajay Kumar Mittal, New Delhi,

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#### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### POPULARITY POLL RESULTS

India Post conducts a Stamp Popularity Poll to ascertain the relative popularity of commemorative and special stamps issued in a year. The Stamp Popularity Poll 2000 was conducted across the country in October 2000 for the stamps issued in 1999. For the first time the poll was also promoted on India Post's official web site. Nearly 100,000 people participated. The results are now in the Technology Day stamp issued on May 11 is the Most Popular Stamp of 1999. The stamps to mark the Golden Jubilee of Defense Research & Development Organization issued on January 26, and the Golden Jubilee of National Defense Academy issued on February 19 are the first and second runner-up respectively. Science & Technology was voted as the most popular theme of 1999.

Prizes of Rs. 5000, 3000, and 2000 were awarded to P J Pal of Mumbai, A Anand Raj of Trichy, and D Vinoth Kumar of Salem respectively. A draw of lots was held at the Dak Bhavan, India Post's HQ, on February 16, 2001 with eminent philatelist G B Pai as the Guest of Honor to choose the winners.

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## NEW PHILATELIC BUREAU

The existing philatelic counter at Belgaum Head Post Office will be upgraded to Philatelic Bureau from March 1, 2001. With this the number of philatelic bureaus in the country will be 55. A Special Cover with Special Postmark may be issued on the occasion. Interested philatelists may contact the Philatelic Bureau, Belgaum H O 590001.

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## NEW STAMPS RELEASED

Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of India released a set of four stamps to mark the International Fleet Review 2001 in the denominations of Rs. 3, the inland letter rate, and Rs. 15, the overseas airmail letter rate, on February 18, 2001 at a function held at Mumbai. Ram Vilas Paswan, Minister for Communications and Admiral Sushil Kumar, Chief of Naval Staff were present on the occasion. The design of the stamps and First day Cover, priced at Rs. 2, is based on the inputs from Naval Headquarters, New Delhi. The pictorial first day postmark was designed by Alka Sharma. An informative brochure containing write-up and technical data, priced at Rs. 2 was also brought out. Calcutta Security Printers Limited of Kanpur printed the stamps by photo-offset in five colors on matt chromo paper in the quantity of 700,000. The issued sheet contains 40 stamps.

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## PHILATELIC TRAINING PROGRAM

Vadodara Region of India Post organized a philatelic training program for the Postal Assistants of all the Head Offices of the Region on 12 and 13 February 2000 at Vadodara Philatelic Bureau. R P Shah, President of Baroda Philatelic Society and Prashant H Pandya, Vice President of Baroda Philatelic Society were invited as guest lecturer to deliver lectures on (1) Definitions on Philatelic terms and (2) Introduction of cancellations of philatelic stamps and expectations of philatelists from the Department.

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## DON'T WASH YOUR STAMPS!

Ashok Bayanwala, President of Gujarat Philatelists Association, and Rakesh Gupta of Indian Stamp Company, Meerut report that there is something wrong with the production of stamps of Madhubani Paintings set, Children's Day 2000, and Gems & Jewelry set. All these issues were printed by Calcutta Security Printers Limited. Soaking these stamps in water for about 20 minutes results in disappearing of the colors in patches.

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March 4: Geological Survey of India

March 6: 4<sup>th</sup> Maratha Light Infantry

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ALSO IN THE NEWS

GORE – PRESIDENT OF US?

Liberia issued a set of stamps on November 16, 2001 depicting Al Gore as the 43<sup>rd</sup> President of USA. Liberia had prepared two sets of stamps to honor the new president of US, one depicting AL Gore and another with George Bush. The appropriate set was to be released when the result was known. However postal officials released both the sets on sale. Liberia has now decided to destroy the unsold stocks of AL Gore stamps.

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The Hindustan Times, Patna Edition, February 1, 2001

COURIER OF QUAKE RELIEF by Neeraj Agarwal

[This is not on the web hence an excerpt from the article]

A major earthquake shook Bihar on January 15, 1934 with an intensity of 8.25 on the Richter scale with its epicenter on the Indo-Nepal border creating mass destruction in cities like Dharbanga, Motihari, Patna and Kathmandu. To create awareness among people for help, various efforts were made. Special flights were organized for the Bihar earthquake. On one such flight, Capt C D Bernard of the RAF carried airmail on January 20, 1934 having labels of "Bihar Earthquake Relief Fund" of Rs. 2 from Dum Dum – Calcutta – Falta – Salt Lakes – Dum Dum and on January 17, 1934, between Muzaffarpur – Dharbanga – Dum Dum and Patna – Dharbanga – Dum Dum". Fifty such mails were known to have flown. On January 30, 1934, another emergency flight piloted by Flt K D Knocker of the RAF was flown between Dum Dum – Dharbanga with only six airmails. They had a triangular label "Earthquake Emergency Flight" on them. It is coincidence that all this had happened in the month of January. It is another surprising fact that the first stamp on earthquake was issued in Ahmedabad.

It is time for the Postal Department to create awareness amongst the citizens of Bihar and other states to come forward and help the victims in Gujarat by providing various postal slogan cancellations on letters and other postal articles. Slogans like "Donate blood for Gujarat" "Lend a helping hand" "Donate generously to Prime Minister Relief Fund" should feature on postal articles.

New Indian Express, February 17, 2001

BHUJ'S POSTMEN LOOK FOR ADDRESSES THAT DON'T EXIST

<http://in.news.yahoo.com/010216/34/kamo.html>

Press Trust of India, February 18, 2001  
MAIL, A CASUALTY TO QUAKE IN BHUJ! By Ajay Kaul  
<http://in.news.yahoo.com/010218/20/kdkp.html>

Times of India, New Delhi, February 20, 2001  
CUTTING EDGE: POSTAL DEPARTMENT PLANS NEW SERVICES  
By Neera Bhardwaj  
<http://www.timesofindia.com/200201/20busi6.htm>

The Hindu, February 20, 2001  
MO'S FOR RELIEF FUND EXEMPTED FROM POSTAGE  
<http://www.indiaserver.com/thehindu/2001/02/20/stories/0220000e.htm>

Business Line, February 20, 2001  
YOUR MAIL... YOUR STAMP By Vinay Kamath  
<http://in.biz.yahoo.com/010219/17/khal.html>

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[Most of the writings here are the first time publication of his painstaking research conducted over eight years, full time, at National Archives of India and other institutions 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.]

In our issue # 14 we had published the request of Ken Sanford of Switzerland regarding information on air crashes. We are pleased to report that we have been successful in finding the newspaper stories and have sent them directly to Sanford. We will also upload the same later this week.

Earlier parts were published in our issues # 18 to 25.

#### POSTAL HISTORY OF PAKISTAN – Part 9

PAK AIR LIMITED REVISED TIME TABLE  
With effect from August 29, 1949

#### KARACHI – LAHORE – RAWALPINDI – PESHAWAR – KARACHI

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday  
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#### LAHORE – DELHI – LAHORE

Daily  
Lahore Departure 7.00 – Delhi Arrival 8.50, Departure 9.50 – Arrival Lahore 11.40

#### KARACHI – DELHI – KARACHI

Tuesday  
Karachi Departure 9.00 – Delhi Arrival 13.00, Departure 14.00 – Karachi Arrival 18.10

### THREE PEPSU STATES TO LOSE 60-YEAR POSTAL PRIVILEGE

August 30, 1949, New Delhi: The Postal system of the PEPSU states Patiala, Jind and Nabha, will it is understood, be taken over by the Government of India Postal Department with effect from September 15, 1949.

These three East Punjab States and Gwalior – under a convention concluded during the Eighties were given the privilege of issuing Government of India stamps with their overprint for posting them within their respective jurisdiction for delivery any where in India. This privilege was not conceded in any other state, not even Hyderabad.

Other Indian States which had their own postal stamp had only the privilege of use and posting within their own jurisdiction.

Arrangements are now being finalized and the Government of India will set up an agency system to come into force from September 15. The Gwalior Postal system will continue for a further period but all postal system now controlled by the Indian States will be gradually transferred to the Government of India by April 1950.

### INDIAN POSTAGE STAMPS OVERPRINTED 'PAKISTAN' SALE AND USE TO BE DISCONTINUED

September 26, 1949, Karachi: The Government of Pakistan have decided to discontinue the sale and use of Indian public and service postage stamps overprinted "Pakistan" with effect from November 1, states the Ministry of Communications.

All articles and letters posted on and after November 1, if bearing such overprinted stamps, will be treated as unpaid and disposed of accordingly.

### JINNAH MEMORIAL STAMPS

August 27, 1949, (Reuter) London: The London firm Messrs Thomas De La Rue have printed a memorial set of stamps to be released by Pakistan Government on September 11, 1949, the first death anniversary of the founder and first Governor General of Pakistan, Quid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

In conformity with Islamic traditions, the stamps will not bear any portrait but instead will be inscribed with the words "Unity, Faith and Discipline".

This memorial set designed by Pakistan's Ministry of Communications is of three denominations – one and a half annas, three annas and ten annas.

Messrs Thomas De La Rue and Company, as their contribution to the Quid-e-Azam Memorial Fund, have shared half the printing cost.

### QUID-E-AZAM STAMPS ARRIVED IN KARACHI BY AIR

August 29, 1949, Karachi: An air consignment of the Quid-e-Azam memorial stamps reached Karachi from London today.

The stamps, commemorating the death anniversary of the founder – architect of Pakistan, will be on sale in all the principal Post Offices of Pakistan on September 11, 1949.

A special consignment of the stamps will be flown to Dacca by air so as to synchronize the opening sale in Western and Eastern Pakistan.

Arrangements, it was learnt here, have been made to fly consignments of these stamps from London to the different Pakistan Embassies to reach their destinations before September 11.

To be continued in the next issue.

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

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

February 18, 2000: International Fleet Review

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March 4, 2001: Geological Survey of India

POSTAL STATIONERY

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

January 15 (?), 2001 – Available on February 20, 2001

Post Card with Advertisement

- Census 2001, Group Photograph of the Nation, in English, SPP

POSTMARKS

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Issues/Postmarks/a203.htm>

ARMY POSTAL SERVICE – SPECIAL COVER & POSTMARK

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Issues/APS/a204.htm>

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March 15 - Diamond Jubilee, 4/8 Gorkha Rifles

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EVENTS

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Japan World Stamp Exhibition shall be held on August 1-7, 2001 at Tokyo. Ajay K Mittal is the National Commissioner for India. M G Pittie, Secretary General of the Federation of Inter-Asia Philately (FIAP), and Dilip Shah, President-Elect & Secretary General of the Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) are the members of the Jury from India. The Indian participants are: Pradeep Agarwal - Barwani, Ajay K Mittal - Indore, Anil Suri – Fiscals of Cochin, A M Mollah - Indore and Jawra Fiscals, Nishi Agarwal – India After Independence, A M Mollah – Baden Powell and Boy Scouts (Open Class), R K Sarawagi and Madhukar Deogawanka – Brahmini Dawk (Literature), R A Malviya – Soruth (Literature).

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