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Hi

In response to suggestions to our readers we have started working on an Index to 'Stamps Of India Collectors Companion' and it shall be available on the web for downloading next month.

We will expand our services to offer Indian philatelic publications at the publishers' prices with new fiscal year beginning April 1, 2001. Please click on the link below to browse the titles available.

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Our plans for publication of "Postal Stationery of India 1947-2000" by yours truly is rescheduled and it shall now be available in May 2001, God willing. Do take advantage of our pre-publication price offer till May 31, 2001 at Rs. 500 or US \$ 10. The price effective from June 1, 2001 shall be Rs. 950 or US \$ 20

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTER SCHOOL QUIZ AT AGARTALA

An Inter School Quiz Competition was successfully conducted by Director Postal Service, Tripura at the Philatelic Bureau, Agartala Head Post Office on March 11, 2001.

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### BOOK FAIR 2001

India Post is participating in Book Fair 2001 from March 17-25, 2001 at Vithal Bhai Patel House, Rafi Marg, New Delhi 110001. This is the third book fair being organized by Bengal Association in association with West Bengal Publishers & Booksellers Guild, the organizers of famed Calcutta Book Fairs, and Department of Library Affairs, Government of West Bengal. India Post will be displaying and selling philatelic books, CD-ROMs, Clocks, and Key Chains with stamp designs besides stamp packs.

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### TRACE & TRACK

India Post will soon be introducing 'SpeedNet', a new track-and-trace system for domestic speed post articles. A number of post offices in the country would be given the Net connection, in addition to the speed post centers. Under this facility, customers could ascertain the delivery status of the articles by accessing the website.

India Post is also now working on another track and trace project, meant for international speed post articles. Installed by the Universal Postal Union (UPU)-Regional Support Center for Asia Pacific (RSCASP) in Singapore, this project would cover all incoming and outgoing articles.

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### RANGANATHA SWAMY TEMPLE

India Post has setup special counter to provide postal facility at the temple premises for the duration of celebrations of the Maha Samprokshanam (sprinkling of holy waters).

The 'Yagasala Poojas' at the famous Ranganatha Swamy temple at Srirangam, Tiruchirappalli commenced from March 12, 2001 as part of the four-day 'Maha Samprokshnam' celebrations of the temple. The worship and Yagnas, conducted by about 50 priests in a large sized 'Yagakunda' at the temple's thousand-pillar mandapam, would continue till Thursday, March 15, 2001. Several Vedic scholars have reached the temple to assist in the worship and the Maha Samprokshnam' would be performed on Thursday on the 18 towers, including the Raja Gopuram - supposed to be the world's tallest temple tower, and 24 shrines. The temple was renovated recently at a cost of about Rs 40 million.

For the convenience of passengers coming from various parts of the country for the function, the railways at Srirangam station on March 14 and 15 had ordered a temporary halt for all passing trains. The telecommunications department's special counter had already started functioning at the temple premises.

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INDIA POST TO ASSIST MAURITIUS

Deelchand Jeeha, Information Technology and Communications Minister, Mauritius leading a five-member delegation met his counterpart Ram Vilas Paswan at New Delhi on March 14, 2001 and asked for assistance from the India Post to help in computerization of the Mauritian postal sector amongst cooperation in other fields.

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[Most of the writings here are the first time publication of Manohar Lal's 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.]

POSTAL HISTORY OF PAKISTAN – Part 12

Earlier parts were published in our issues # 18 to 25 and 27 to 29.

3 ANNA AIR MAIL ENVELOPE TO BE INTRODUCED

July 24, 1950: A series of three anna airmail envelopes to be used for the internal airmail service are going to be introduced in the country for the first time by the Pakistan Posts and Telegraphs Department, it was learnt authoritatively in Karachi on Sunday – July 23, 1950.

The envelopes in an attractive design with three-anna postage stamp inscribed on them are likely to be in the market very soon – probably by the end of the next month, it was stated.

The introduction of such envelopes had been necessitated it was said by the fact that some case of misappropriation of three-anna postal stamps pasted on internal air letters were reported to the authorities who considered it fit to take steps in order to check such cases.

STAMPS IMPRESSION ON INLAND POSTCARD

July 16, 1950: The colour of the stamp impressions on inland postcards has been changed from "mauve" to green, says a Press Note.

The two types of postcards in which there is no difference in the design or letterings apart from the colour of the embossed stamps will be used concurrently until the mauve issue is extended.

NATIONAL BANK APPOINTED AS STATE BANK'S AGENT IN SAUDI ARABIA

June 25, 1950: A Press Note issued by the National Bank of Pakistan says in pursuance of the State Bank of Pakistan (Amendment) Ordinance 1950 and the State Bank of Pakistan (Special Instruments) Regulations 1950 National Bank of Pakistan have been appointed agents of the State Bank of Pakistan for the purpose of affording free convertibility into sterling in Saudi Arabia of Pilgrim Notes issued by the State Bank of Pakistan for the ensuing Haj season.

To this end a branch of the National Bank of Pakistan was opened for business at Jeddah with effect from June 11, 1950.

#### KARACHI - QUETTA AIR SERVICE TO BE RESUMED ON JULY 9, 1950

July 5, 1950, Quetta: The Orient Airways will resume service between Karachi and Quetta on July 9, it was learnt here today.

The service which was suspended on May 1, due to shortage of passengers and freight, it is understood, will be weekly and run on Sundays, for the present but may run more frequently later.

#### POSTCARDS OVERPRINTED "PAKISTAN":

July 12, 1950: It is officially announced that the sale and use of Bharati Postcards overprinted "Pakistan" will be discontinued after the close of business on August 6, 1950.

All overprinted postcards posted on or after August 7, shall be treated as unpaid and disposed of accordingly.

#### DACCA - LAHORE DIRECT AIR LINK

August 12, 1950, Lahore: With the inauguration of the Orient Airways' new Karachi - Lahore - Delhi - Dacca service on August 12, 1950, Lahore will have direct air link with Dacca for the first time since the establishment of Pakistan.

The service, which will leave Lahore on Saturdays, will be in addition to the normal Karachi - Lahore service. Star.

#### KARACHI - LAHORE - DACCA BY ORIENT AIRWAYS' LUXURY "CONVAIR" LINER WEEKLY SERVICE

Karachi - Lahore - Dacca which will operate on the following schedule: -

Saturday

Departure - Karachi 05:00, Arrival - Lahore 08:00, Departure - Lahore 09:00, Arrival - Delhi 10:20, Departure - Delhi 11:00, Arrival - Dacca 15:15

Sunday

Departure - Dacca 07:00, Arrival - Calcutta 07:55, Departure - Calcutta 08:55, Arrival - Delhi 12:25, Departure - Delhi 13:05, Arrival - Lahore 14:25, Departure - Lahore 15:25, Arrival - Karachi 18:25

This service replaces the existing Karachi - Lahore - Karachi Dakota service of Thursdays and Karachi - Dacca - Karachi service of Saturdays.

#### COURT OF INQUIRY'S FINDING ON JUNGSHAHI PAK AIR DAKOTA CRASH OF DECEMBER 12, 1949

August 1950: Final Opinion IX. From the evidence produced before the court, we are of the opinion that Messrs Pak Air Limited as at present constituted, its organization and administration, are such that the Company could never be operated as an efficient and reliable scheduled airliner.

A clear and precise allocation of responsibilities normally delegated to competent individuals to discharge them, and a rigid adherence to the chain of authority, is, in our opinion, a pre requisite to the operation of a reliable and stable scheduled airline. Unless a radical change in the management and organization of the Company is effected and provided financial position is sound Messrs Pak Air Limited should not be again authorized to operate.

To be continued in the next issue.

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"Postal History of, Censorship in Baluchistan and North West Frontier Province 1914-1922, Punjab Disturbances Censorship 1919, Censorship during Red Shirts Civil Disobedience Movement 1931-1932", by Manohar Lal, 1997, Rs. 1500 or US \$ 30

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"Slogans and Special Postmarks of India 1875-1947" by Ashok Kumar Bayanwala, first published in 1982 and reprinted in paperback by the author in 1997, Rs. 750 or US \$ 15

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