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- M&SJ

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEW ISSUE UPDATE

Next Issue:

April 6: Bhagwan Mahavir

Addition to the Program:

April 12: Yuri Gagrin

April 13: B P Mandal

April 14: Sant Ravidas

Special Definitive:

April 14: B R Ambedkar

Rescheduled from September 2001:

May 3: Freyderk Chopin

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### INTER SCHOOL QUIZ AT AGARTALA

Five teams comprising two participants each competed in the philatelic quiz at Agartala on March 11, 2001. A large number students, teachers, and parents were present as audience. Wide publicity through media was given for the occasion. A talk on philately was also given detailing its history, and advantages and the method of collecting stamps. A colorful brochure on philately was also distributed.

Anupam Debnath & Sankhasubhra Pal of Ram Krishna Mission School won the First prize. Saptarishi Datta & Sayantan Chakravarty of Netaji Subhash Vidyaniketan won the Second prize and Kishor Kumar Das & Anamika Sinha of Holy Cross School secured the Third prize.

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### PCI MEETING AT MUMBAI

Philatelic Congress of India organized a regional meeting at GPO, Mumbai on March 18, 2001. 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 was the Chief Guest.

The meeting was presided over by Sahadeva Sahoo, President of Philatelic Congress of India (PCI). Dhirubhai Mehta, President of Philatelic Society of India - the oldest philatelic society in Asia, and past president of PCI welcomed the participants. P Gupta and Vispi S Dastur, past presidents of PCI also addressed the gathering. In the open session Dr. Jivraj Thakkar, President of Kutch Hobby Circle led the discussions. Rajan Jayakar, National Commissioner for Hong Kong 2001 and Dhananjay Desai, substituting for the National Commissioner for NEPHIL 2001 read the reports on recently concluded international exhibitions.

B N Som addressed the meeting in his inimitable hard-hitting style. He also felicitated the Indian Grand Prize winners, P Gupta, Grand Prize of Honor for his exhibit on Nepal at Argentina in 1983, Dilip Shah, Grand Prize of Honor for his exhibit on Indian Classics at Korea in 1984, Ajit Singhee, Grand Prize of Honor for his exhibit on Postal Stationery of Indian Feudatory States at Calcutta in 2000, and Damayanti Pittie, National Grand Prize for her exhibit on Handstruck Postage Stamps of British India 1779-1854 at Calcutta in 2000. Ajit Singhee responded on behalf of the Grand Prize winners and thanked B N Som.

The Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Dilip Shah, President Elect & Secretary General PCI, followed by Lunch.

The Governing Council of PCI held a meeting after lunch. B N Som attended the meeting as a Special Invitee accepting the invitation of PCI President.

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NEPHIL AWARDS

South Asian International Philatelic Exhibition, NEPHIL 2001, was held on February 16-20, 2001 at Kathmandu, Nepal. M G Pittie, Secretary General of the Federation of Inter-Asia Philately (FIAP) was the President of Jury that consisted of 4 FIP accredited jurors and 1 Observer jury. P Gupta, former President of the Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) was another Jury from India. Dilip Shah, President-Elect & Secretary General of the PCI advised and helped in the works of the Jury. Dr. R S Gandhi of Patna was the National Commissioner for India. The Indian prizewinners are:

Large Vermeil Medal

Nishi Agarwal – India After Independence. With Special Prize

Pradeep Agarwal - Barwani

Kishor S Chandak – Indian Postal Instructional Labels & Markings 1874-1907

Vermeil Medal

K S Gandhi – India Cancellations & Postmarks 1861-1918

Bharti Jain – Jainism. With Special Prize

Chandrakant Andhare – The Bridges. With Special Prize

Anjali Dutta – Fiscals of Gwalior

R S Gandhi – Indian Postal Meter Markings. With Special Prize

Large Silver Medal

Rajendra Bhatnagar – Holkar State

N K Agrawal – Indian Airmails 1911-1942

Prashant Pandya – British India Postal Stationery

L P Singh – How & Why of Birds

Pragya Kothari – India Heritage & Culture

Mihir Pandya – The Vision of India

Sachin Goyal – The Story & Study of Flowers

Surendra Kotadia – Indian Inland Post Cards Advertisements & Slogans

Surendra Kotadia – Indian Inland Letter Cards Advertisements & Slogans

Philatelic Society of India – The Scinde Dawk & Lithographs of India

Sushma Suresh – Who's Who on Indian Stamps.

Silver Medal

Paramjit Singh – Sikhism,

Ananya Dutta – British India Postage Stamps

Philatelic Society of India – Stamps of Indian Native States

Silver Bronze Medal

Shakil Ahmed – Memoirs of a Beautiful Young Woman

Jyoti Dutta – India Post Computer Printed Labels

Congratulations to all winners!

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WADP NUMBERING SYSTEM

World Association for the Development of Philately (WADP) is concerned with the enormous numbers of illegal issues during the last years and has held discussions in this regard with its partners. This matter was also discussed at WADP Seminar at Calcutta in December 2000. The WADP project team on Illegal issues held a meeting at Berne, Switzerland on January 16, 2001. Earlier FIP President wrote on the subject in June 2000 issue of Flash. UPU has been issuing regular bulletins informing the members about these issues.

Recently FIP submitted a proposal at Tunis, Tunisia at WADP Symposium and Workshop for postal administrations in Africa from February 19 to 23, 2001. The Objectives of the proposal are (1) Collectors know that it is a genuine stamp they collect, (2) Collectors and dealers get an easier identification of stamps issued, (3) Postal Administrations get publicity for their stamps, (4) To bring back the millions of dollars spent on illegal issues every year to the hobby.

The details of the proposed system are as follows: All postal administrations shall inform UPU/WADP about planned new issues as early as possible before the issue is released. The communication to UPU regarding new issues must be signed by an authorized person from the list of persons accepted as responsible. This list must be forwarded to WADP periodically and whenever there is a change. WADP shall allot a number starting with international code for the country. This information shall be sent to New Stamp Office (NSO) that shall present it on Internet with all information about date of issue, quantity planned to be issued, short write up about each issue. A list of all issues shall be permanently available on the Internet. All ASCAT members shall use WADP number along with their own number. Only stamps carrying a WADP number can be shown or sold at exhibitions arranged by FIP or their members. Dealers within IFSDA or national dealers federations of UPU members can sell only stamps carrying a WADP number. NSO shall charge a fee to all postal administrations at the time they submit the details of forthcoming issues and this will finance the expenses incurred to maintain these lists. All postal administrations shall inform WADP and take necessary steps every time an undesirable issue comes to their notice. WADP shall do their utmost to avoid earlier illegal issues entering the market.

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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 13

Earlier parts were published in our issues # 18 to 25 and 27 to 30.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH KOREA SUSPENDED

Mail communication with Korea will be suspended with immediate effect, says a Press Note issued by Pakistan Ministry of Communication on Tuesday. (August 15, 1950)

DESIGN OF PAKISTAN NON-POSTAL STAMPS

August 29, 1950: The Government of Pakistan have decided to introduce with effect from September 15, 1950 the following kinds and denominations of the new designs of Pakistan Non-Postal Stamp says a Press Note.

The Bharati Stamps of the same kinds and denominations bearing the facsimile signature of the issuing authorities in Pakistan will also continue to legal tender along with the new stamps till further order:-

Notorial Stamps – All denominations upto Rs. 6

Brokker's Notes – Annas -/2/- and annas -/4/- denominations

NEW PAKISTAN AGREEMENT STAMPS FROM SEPTEMBER 17, 1950

The Government of Pakistan have decided to introduce from September 17, 1950 new designs of Pakistan Agreement Stamps of the denominations of As 2, As 3, As 4, As 8 and As 12 says a Press Note.

The Indian Agreement stamps of the above denomination bearing the facsimile signature of the issuing authorities in Pakistan will also continue to be legal tender along with the Pakistan Stamps till further order.

RS 100 HIGHEST DENOMINATION OF PAKISTAN NOTES

September 21, 1950: A case has come to notice in which a bank note of the denomination of Rs 1,000 purporting to have been issued by the 'Reserve Bank of Pakistan' was presented at a bank in a foreign country, says a Press Note issued by the Ministry of Finance.

It may be notified for general information that the State Bank of Pakistan has not issued any notes of the denomination of Rs. 1,000 or any note of higher denomination than Rs. 100/-. Notes of Higher denominations were issued by the Reserve Bank of India during the pre partition period and were demonetized by the undivided Government of India in 1946.

These notes are neither legal tender in Pakistan or in Bharat. In fact no notes issued by the Reserve Bank of India, which ceased to be the Note Issuing Authority for Pakistan on June 30, 1948 are now legal tender in Pakistan. Even the Reserve Bank of India notes inscribed with the words "Government of Pakistan" issued as a temporary measure prior to July 1, 1948, have been demonetized.

The Bank Notes issued by the State Bank of Pakistan denomination of Rs 2, 5, 10 and 100 and of rupee one issued by the Government of Pakistan only are Legal Tender in Pakistan.

#### AIRMAIL ARTICLES FOR FOREIGN COUNTRIES

It has been noticed that members of the public do not often fully prepay their 'Air Mail Letters' for foreign countries and sometimes prepay such letters at the same rate which is applicable to 'Air Letters' for foreign countries says a Press Note.

The term 'Air Letter' applies only to a specially manufactured light weight air letter stationery imprinted with a 6 anna stamp sold by the Post Office, with writing space on one side and space for the address on the other, which can be folded along the dotted lines into the shape of an envelope and in which no other paper is to be enclosed. The rate of postage for 'Air Letter' is, at present, 8 annas from the USA, Canada and Newfoundland, and 6 annas for every other country to which 'Air Letter Service' is available. But the rate of airmail postage on 'Air Mail Letters' for foreign countries is higher than the above-mentioned rates.

The result of not fully prepaying 'Air Mail Letters' for foreign countries or of prepaying them at the rate which applies to 'Air Letters' for such destinations is that such letters are treated by the Post office as insufficiently prepaid and taxed accordingly.

The members of the public are, therefore, requested in their own interests to prepay their 'Airmail Letters' for foreign countries at the appropriate rates of postage. The latest rates of airmail postage have been notified in the Postal notice No 26 dated January 19, 1950 which may be referred to on the Notice Board of the local Post Office and are also contained in the Pakistan Posts and Telegraphs Pocket Guide, 1949 Edition, a copy of which can be had from the local office at the nominal price of 4 annas.

#### AIR INIDA SERVICES INCREASED

August 24, Bombay: Calcutta will shortly become the terminal for Air India International constellation services operating between India and the United Kingdom, an official of the airline said here today.

The present terminal is Bombay.

The airline will operate two routes – Calcutta, Bombay, Cairo, London and Calcutta, Bombay, Cairo, Geneva and London.

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' and 'Dawn', published from Lahore and Karachi respectively.

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Nutmeg Stamp Sales [info@nutmegstamp.com](mailto:info@nutmegstamp.com) is holding their Mail-Phone-Fax-Web-Email Sale # 33 closing on April 9, 2001. The highlights of the sale are Indian Postal History, Tibet - Part 2, Mary Ann Owens' Elephants – Part 2, Ken Kutz "Mining" Final Selections, "Mojadeddi" Hejaz, Nejd & Saudi Arabia, Portugal & Colonies – Macau & Nyassa, Prappas Commonwealth Queen Elizabeth II, Tristan Da Cunha, and Germany Office & Colonies - Sudetenland.

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"Brahmini Dawk: History of Postal Communications in Mewar by Radha Krishan Sarawagi & Madhukar Deogawanka", 1999, Rs. 4750 or US\$ 95

"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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SIGNET, Vol.23 # 4, January-March 2001, Quarterly  
Editor: S Sahoo  
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Mailing Address: Mrs. Damayanti M. Pittie, Treasurer, PCI, 'Suket' 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 29B, Dongersi Cross Lane, Mumbai – 400 006  
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G P A NEWS, Whole # 44, March 2001, Monthly  
Editor H C Mehta  
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The Netherlands. March 14, 2001. Sikhs

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Designer: Irma Boom, recipient of German Gutenberg Prize 2001

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