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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL PHILATELY

We welcome Rameshwari Handa, who took over as the head of Philately Division of India Post on March 27, 2001.

The outgoing Madhu Narayan, who has served for over five years, has thus become the third longest serving philatelic officer since independence after T N Mehta, 18 years, and S P Chatterjea, 12 years. She is now being posted as Post Master General of Muzaffarpur Region of Bihar Circle. Farewell Madhu Narayanan.

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IMPORT DUTY ON STAMPS

Yashwant Sinha, Finance Minister, has proposed 27.5 percent import duty on mint stamps in his budget for the fiscal year 2001-2002. This is the first time an import duty has been imposed on mint stamps of all countries. There always has been an import duty imposed on mint stamps of India only.

The dealers, Philatelic Congress of India, and India Post must work together to persuade the Finance Minister to roll back this proposal in the interest of the development of Indian philately.

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NEW EDITOR FOR IND DAK

K P Achar has relinquished the charge of the Editor of Ind Dak and March 2001 issue was his last. Achar became the editor after the demise of Colonel L G Sheno, the founder editor of Ind Dak, three and half years ago.

The new Editor of Ind Dak is Dr. P S Dixit.

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NEW TRUSTEE OF PCI TRUST

Dhirubhai Mehta was elected as the permanent trustee of the PCI Trust at the Governing Council meeting of Philatelic Congress of India held at Mumbai on March 18, 2001. He fills the vacancy caused by the demise of D N Jatia.

The PCI Trust was formed in 1992. It has the provision of two permanent trustees, and up to three other trustees. In addition the president of the PCI is ex-officio trustee of the trust. The first permanent trustees were D N Jatia and P M Medhora. Dhirubhai Mehta was the trustee in his capacity as then PCI president. Later G B Pai was elected the permanent trustee after the demise of P M Medhora.

Other trustees of the PCI Trust are P Gupta, Dhirubhai Mehta, Ajit Singhee, and Sahadeva Sahoo as PCI president.

The election to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Dhirubhai Mehta as permanent trustee shall be held at the next Governing Council meeting of PCI.

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MONITORING MAIL by Arun Kumar Das  
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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 14

Earlier parts were published in our issues # 18 to 25 and 27 to 31.

PAKISTAN NON-POSTAL STAMPS: NEW DESIGN

November 29, 1959: The Government of Pakistan have decided to introduce with effect from November 10, 1950, the following kinds and denominations of the new designs of Pakistan Non-Postal Stamps:

Entertainment Tax Stamps – All denominations from annas 12 to Rs. 3

Share Transfer Stamps – All denominations upto Rs. 2

Notarial Stamps (High Court) – All denominations upto Rs 2 annas 8

Special Adhesive Stamps – All denominations from Rs 30 to Rs 500

Foreign Bill Stamps – All denominations from Rs 10 to Rs 100

Insurance Stamps – All denominations upto Re 1

Insurance Agents Licence Fee Stamps – Re 1 and Rs 1 annas 8 denominations

Revenue Stamps – Denomination of anna 1

Tobacco Excise Revenue Labels – All denomination upto annas 12

Central Excise Revenue Stamps – All denomination upto Rs 100

Adhesive Court Fee Stamps – All denominations upto Rs 20

The Bharati stamps of the same kind and denominations bearing the facsimile signature of the issuing authorities in Pakistan on overprinted with the word PAKISTAN will, till further orders, also continue to be legal tender, along with the new designs of stamps.

The Court Fee receipts issued by the Government of East Pakistan in lieu of the Adhesive Court Fee Stamps will also continue similarly. Insurance Agent's License Fee will cease to be realized in cash at treasuries with effect from November.

COUNTERFEIT 1,000 RUPEE PAKISTANI NOTES IN SYRIA

November 15, 1950, Damascus: The Pakistan Legation here has informed the Syrian Foreign Ministry that alleged Pakistan 1,000 notes are being presented at banks and on markets. It is pointed out that no 1,000 Rupees have been issued by the State Bank of Pakistan and that these being rendered are counterfeit.

MAIL COMMUNICATION TO CHINA

November 25, 1950: Ordinary unregistered letters and postcards for Communist China ordinary as well as registered letters and postcards for Nationalist China namely Formosa, will be accepted with immediate effect, for transmission by surface route as well as by air at the existing rates, says a Press Note.

NEW PAKISTAN AGREEMENT STAMPS FROM SEPTEMBER 17, 1950

September 10, 1950: The Government of Pakistan have decided to introduce from September 17, new designs of Pakistan Agreement Stamps of the denominations of As 2, As3, As 4, As 6, As 8 and As 12, says a Press Note.

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

AIR INDIA PLANE CRASHES IN ALPS

November 3, 1950, Geneva: An Air India Constellation carrying about 50 persons crashed in the Alps on Friday (November 3, 1950) on a flight from Bombay to London.

#### MAIL COMMUNICATION WITH PEKING AND KMT

With immediate effect ordinary unregistered articles of the letter mail for the People's Republic of China and ordinary as well as registered articles of the letter mail for Nationalist China viz, Formosa, will be accepted for transmission by surface route as well as by air the existing rates of Postage, says a Press Note. Insurance service or parcel post service is not available to any part of China.

#### DACCA TO HAVE AIR LINK WITH PROVINCIAL TOWNS

December 5, 1950, Dacca: Three towns of East Pakistan – Jessore, Comilla and Syhlet – will be linked by air with Dacca from the middle of this month, it is learnt. The air services will be run by Orient Airways and will for the present be once a week. It will carry both passengers and freight.

#### PAKISTAN NATIONAL AIRWAYS SCHEME

A detailed scheme for starting a national airways of Pakistan, has been formulated by the Civil Aviation Department. Its financial aspect is at present, being studied by the Government which is likely to provide money for it in the 1951 – 52 budget.

The scheme it is said envisages amalgamation of the Orient Airways and the Pak Air Ltd. into an autonomous semi Government Corporation. The Government will hold 51 per cent share.

The Corporation it is stated will run a daily Subsidized Service connecting Karachi with Lahore and Dacca. It will also have a fleet of transport aircraft for carrying perishable goods specially fruit. Medium and small aircraft will also be maintained by the Corporation for provincial and inter-provincial services and for carrying airmail.

#### NEW AIRMAIL ENVELOPES

December 10, 1950: The government of Pakistan have decided to introduce three-anna inland airmail envelopes and 12 anna foreign airmail envelopes with effect from January 1, 1951 says a Press Note issued by the Ministry of Communications on Saturday.

These envelopes are blue in colour and have multi-coloured edges. Airmail label is on the top left hand corner, with lettering in Urdu on three anna envelopes and in English and French on 12 anna envelopes.

The new envelopes, which are superior in quality and attractive in design, would obviate the necessity of affixing additional postage stamps.

The existing 1½ annas embossed envelopes and 10 anna foreign airmail envelopes will continue to be used as heretofore for transmission by airmail after affixing the additional postage stamps.

#### MISSING DAKOTA FOUND: ALL PERISHED

December 19, 1950, Bangalore: The missing Air India Dakota with 20 persons on board was found completely disintegrated and all passengers and crews dead when the military search party reached the spot. Apparently there was no fire but there was some sort of explosion. The mail was found intact.

#### FIVE NEW AIR SERVICES FOR EAST PAKISTAN

Five new air services connecting Syhlet, Shamshernagar, Comilla, Chittagong and Jessore to Dacca are to be introduced in East Pakistan by the Orient Airways from January 5 it was announced yesterday in Karachi.

The Dacca – Jessore – Dacca service every Monday and Wednesday, will be the shortest of the services. The full journey will take one hour 35 minutes including a 25-minute stop at Jessore.

The four other services will take 3 hours 10 minutes each for a full trip, with two 30 minutes stoppages each.

The four services namely Dacca – Shamshernagar – Syhlet – Dacca; Dacca – Syhlet – Shamshernagar – Dacca; Dacca – Comilla – Chittagong – Dacca and Dacca – Chittagong – Comilla – Dacca will be in operation every Monday, Friday and Sunday respectively.

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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