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

- M&SJ

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INDIA POST'S ANNUAL REPORT

India Post has published its Annual Report for the fiscal 1999-2000. The bilingual publication also includes the Report on Activities on April-December 2000. The report covers Overview, Organization, Operations, Business Development Activities, International Relations, Technology, Financial Services, Financial Management, Human Resource Development, Vigilance Activities, Other Activities, and Developmental Activities in North East.

India Post handled 15,505.6 million unregistered articles and 275.90 million registered articles in the year. India Post earned Rs. 20201.2 million revenue against the expenditure of Rs. 36159.40 million. There is a deficit of Rs. 15958.2 million.

According to the Report the Average Cost of Service for a Post Card is Rs. 4.53, for an Inland Letter Card is Rs. 4.49, and for a Letter Rs. 5.20 that is made available to public for Rs. 0.25, Rs. 2 and Rs. 3 respectively.

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INTERNATIONAL MONEY TRANSFER SCHEME

International Money Transfer Scheme, IMTS, is a joint effort by the India Post and Western Union Financial Services of USA. The scheme was likely to be launched next month. Consumers could transfer and receive money from any part of the world through this scheme. IMTS will be launched at 18 centres in the country to begin with.

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PAKISTAN DOUBLES POSTAL TARIFF

The Pakistan Post Office has almost doubled its postage tariff for inland and foreign mail as well as International Speed Post from March 31. Rs 4 to Rs 50 have been fixed for the letters weighing from 20 grams to 2 kilograms for the inland surface mail, showing an increase of up to 100 per cent. As per the revised tariff, now a letter, weighing not more than 20 grams for inland surface mail, should be posted with Rs 4 stamp. A letter of the same weight used to be dispatched at the rate of Rs 2 before March 31. Moreover, Rs 7 have been fixed for a letter not exceeding 50 grams, Rs 10 for 100, Rs 15 for 250, Rs 20 for 500, Rs 30 for 1,000, Rs 40 for 1,500, and Rs 50 for a weight not exceeding 2,000 grams. Previously, the rates for the weight-specified category of letters were Rs 4, 6, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 respectively.

The articles posted on or before March 30 at the existing rate should not be taxed for deficiency. But if a person receives a letter weighing up to 20 grams through the old envelop of the Rs 2 denomination, he would have to pay Rs 4 while receiving the letter.

Re 1 and Rs 2 would now be charged for the single and reply postcards respectively against the existing rates of 75 paise and Rs 1.5 respectively, while Re 1 would be charged for the money order form against the existing rate of 50 paise. Newspaper owners would now have to pay Re 1 for the inland dispatch of each copy of the newspaper, showing an increase of 300 per cent. The annual registration fee for sending newspapers is Rs 1,000.

The registration fee, which used to be uniform for all categories of mail, would now be charged separately for different categories of mail, namely, domestic and international. Now for inland mail (for general users) Rs 15 would be charged as the registration fee while Rs 10 was fixed for the bulk users. Similarly, in case of international mail for ordinary mail articles Rs 50 would be charged under the head of registration fee while Rs 70 were fixed for insured letter as well as parcels.

Rs 20 were fixed for an inland parcel weighing up to 1 kg while for the parcels not exceeding 3 kg Rs 35, for 5 kg Rs 50, for 10 kg Rs 75, for 15 kg Rs 100 and for the a weight not exceeding 20 kg Rs 125 have been fixed, while Rs 5 to Rs 25 were fixed for small packets not exceeding from 100 grams to 2000 grams. The rates for the printed papers, containing pamphlets, periodicals, Journals, sheets of music, maps, printed circulars, invitations, notices, bills and greeting cards and books other than textbooks were also revised. In this connection Rs 4 would be charged for a weight not exceeding 50 grams, Rs 5 for 100 grams, Rs 6 for 250 grams, Rs 8 for 500 grams, Rs 12 for 1,000 grams, Rs 16 for 1,500 grams and Rs 20 for 2,000 grams. While Rs 3 to Rs 16 would be charged for weight ranging from 50 to 2,000 grams.

As far as the revised overseas postage rates are concerned it would range from Rs 28 (up to 20 grams) to Rs 670 (not exceeding 2 kg) for all countries other than India, Bangladesh and Indonesia. For Bangladesh the new rates would range from Rs 14 to Rs 335 and for Indonesia from Rs 24 to Rs 570.

The rates for aerogrammes for the Gulf, Asia, Middle East, Far East, Africa and Europe would be Rs 30 while for the USA, the Pacific, and South Americas Rs 32. The rates for the aerogrammes for India, Indonesia and Bangladesh would be Rs 20, 26 and 16 respectively. Similarly, the rates for the international speed post have also been revised.

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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 15

Earlier parts were published in our issues # 18 to 25 and 27 to 32.

THREE KILLED IN PLANE CRASH NEAR CALCUTTA

December 31, 1951, Calcutta: The crew of three were killed when a freighter aircraft on the way  
to the eastern town of Agartala crashed near Dum Dum Airport here early today... The plane  
developed engine trouble as it took off. The pilot and copilot were killed instantaneously and  
radio officer died later.

AIRSERVICES IN PAKISTAN TO BE NATIONALISED

Air Services in Pakistan will be rationalized by June 1952... Pakistan International Airlines  
Corporation, it is understood will operate the internal services besides the Dacca – Karachi –  
London international service.

The Corporation will have a share capital of Rs. 5 crores and will incorporate home air services as well as the Pakistan Aviation Ltd.

The Corporation will provide cheap internal air travel facility and run night airmail services. On the international route, the Corporation will make a start with a pilot project pending arrival of its Super Constellation due in October 1953.

Two four-engined Hermes, it is proposed, will be chartered from AIRWORK London, Hermes, carry 42 passengers and cruise at 250 per hour.

#### AIR SERVICES

January 28, 1952, London: All Air India's International services both incoming and outgoing from London are being diverted from Cairo to Beirut while the Egyptian tension lasts, the airline announced here yesterday.

BOAC have already diverted their flights. – Reuter

#### REDUCTED POSTAGE RATED FOR EGYPT – IRAN

With effect from February 1, 1952 postage on letters, postcards and packets sent by surface mail from Pakistan to Egypt, Indonesia, Iran and Jordan shall be leviable at the inland rates, said a Press Note issued on Wednesday January 30, 1952.

#### PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICE MAY BEGIN FROM NOVEMBER 1953

February 2, 1952: The proposed Pakistan International Airline to run between Karachi and London is not likely to begin before November 1953.

The orders placed by the Government for three Super Constellations with Lockheed Corporation of America are due for delivery on or about November next year.

The nucleus organization appointed by the Government for the proposed airline has submitted certain schemes to the Government for their approval.

The schemes contain proposal regarding the shape and form of the organization. Routes of the service have also been suggested

The Government have not yet decided whether the airline would be entirely nationalized.

#### VULTURE AND THE WINGS

February 3, 1952, Dacca: There was a force landing of the Chittagong bound Orient Airways plane on Friday, February 1, 1952, last when a vulture struck the front windscreen after it took off from the Tejgaon airport. The pilot of the plane was injured and removed to hospital. The plane was on its regular flight to Chittagong. The plane force landed immediately at the airport.

#### BOAC RESUME SERVICES

February 10, 1952, London: BOAC resumed its services through Cairo yesterday for the first time since the disturbances on January 26.

A BOAC plane called at Farouk Airport, one of the world's greatest airline traffic centers, on a flight from Nairobi to London.

BOAC services to the Middle East, the Far East and Australia have been stopping at Beirut on the Lebanon. – Reuter

#### NEWCOURT FEE STAMPS

The Government of Pakistan have decided to introduce from February 15, 1952, the newly designed Impressed Court Fee Stamps of the denomination of Rs. 25, Rs. 30 and Rs. 35, says a Press Note.

The stamps of the same kind and denominations of the late Government of India design bearing facsimile signature of the issuing authorities in Pakistan, will, till further orders, also continue to be legal tender along with the newly designed stamps, the Note adds.

#### 3 KILLED IN PLANE CRASH AT NAGPUR

February 19, 1952, Nagpur: Two members of crew and one passenger were killed when Deccan Airways Dakota night service plane on flight from Madras to Nagpur crashed as it was about to

land at Nagpur Airport in the early hours of Tuesday morning – February 19, 1952. The pilot and co pilot were killed instantaneously.

The plane carried unlucky 13 passengers. The passenger who died enroute to hospital was Mr. V.K.R. Menon, First Secretary to the Government of Travancore.

The plane hit a tree and toppled over as the pilot crashed the machine over the runway. It was a complete wreck.

A Deccan Airways mail plane, which crashed near Calcutta last November 1951, also carried 13 passengers.

#### BHARTI AIR SERVICE TO KABUL VIA KARACHI

February 22, 1952, New Delhi: The Himalayan Aviation Ltd., which has been running a Bharat - Afghan air service via Jamnagar since December last, now plans to fly their Dakotas to Kabul via Karachi, Zabidan and Kandahar with effect from February 27 following the receipt of "clearance" from the Government of Pakistan....

Starting from Ahmedabad at 2 am next Wednesday, a Dakota of the Himalayan Aviation is scheduled to reach Kabul at about 5 pm the same day.

#### CLOSER AIR LINK BETWEEN EAST AND WEST PAKISTAN

Beginning from March 1, 1952, Orient Airways Convairs will fly every day of the week between Karachi and Dacca...According to the proposed time table, the plane will leave Karachi at 11.30 pm every night, reaching Dacca at 9 am the following morning.

On the return trip the plane will leave Dacca at 10 am touching Karachi Airport at 6.15 pm.

The Dacca – Karachi service will also touch Delhi on its route leaving Delhi for Karachi at 3 pm every day, also from March 11, 1952.

A change in timing is also proposed for the Convair Service between Karachi and Dacca through Lahore.

The service from Karachi to Dacca will leave Karachi airport at 9 am and will touch Lahore at 12 noon, reaching Dacca at 5.15 pm.

On return journey this flight will take off from Dacca at 6 am reaching Karachi 2.10 pm.

#### KARACHI – QUETTA AIR FREIGHT SERVICE

##### SEVERAL TOWN ENROUT LINKED WITH CAPITAL

A daily airfreight service between Karachi, Hyderabad, Nawabshah, Sukkur, Sibi, Jacobabad and Quetta was started on Monday morning by Messers Crescent Limited. The eight-seater plane De Havilland "Rapide" took off with more than two thousand pounds of newspapers from Hydra bad on Monday – March 17, 1952.

The company which is the first Pakistani firm after the closing of the Pak Air to be granted license has also applied for passengers and mail license.

To be continued in the next issue.

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