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Our Links page <http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Links/z00.htm> now lists nearly 100 web sites. More than half are philatelic or postal sites from India or on India. This we believe is the largest such listing. Other sites on this page are general resources and useful online services. While we list anything and everything related to Indian philately, we are very selective in listing non-India related sites and these are done on the basis of their usefulness to a collector. Being a gateway to the online world of Indian philately has been one of our aims to setup our web venture.

Do make good use of it and let us have your feedback.

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

- M&SJ

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#### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### NEW STAMP RELEASED

Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of India, released the commemorative stamp in the denomination of Rs. 3, the inland letter rate, to mark 2600<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Lord Mahavira, the 24<sup>th</sup> Tirthankar of Jainism at a large gathering at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium on April 6, 2001. L K Advani, Minister for Home Affairs, Ananth Kumar, Minister for Tourism & Culture, Ram Vilas Paswan, Minister for Communications were present on the occasion besides several Jain saints.

Sankha Samanta designed the stamp and First day Cover, priced at Rs. 2. Prashant Shah designed the pictorial first day postmark. An informative brochure containing write-up and technical data, priced at Rs. 2, was also brought out. Madras Security Printers Limited of Chennai printed the stamps by photo-offset in four colors on imported unwatermarked stamp paper in the quantity of 3 million. The issued sheet contains 40 stamps.

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April 13, B P Mandal  
April 14, Sant Ravidas  
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##### GERMAN FESTIVAL IN INDIA

Government of India's Department of Culture organized the Closing Ceremony of the German Festival in India at the Auditorium of Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi on March 26, 2001. Heimo Richter, the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany was the Chief Guest and Dr. R V Vaidyanatha Ayyar, Secretary of the Department of Culture presided on this occasion.

A Special Cover with a Special Pictorial Postmark was brought out on the occasion. The cover is priced at Rs. 8 each and is available from the Philatelic Bureau, Parliament Street Head Post Office, New Delhi 110 001.

The first ever 'German festival in India' was held in 26 Indian cities from October 2000 to March 2001. The German President, Johannes Rau, who was on a weeklong state visit to India inaugurated the six-month event which gave a glimpse of traditional and contemporary German culture. The festival was held eight years after the festival of India was organized in Germany.

The governments of Germany and India had reached an agreement in 1989 to hold such festivals in the two countries.

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NEW PHILATELIC COUNTERS

Three new Philatelic Counters were ordered to be opened in Delhi Postal Circle at Kalkaji, Paschim Vihar, and Janakpuri post offices on March 23, 2001. There are now 29 philatelic Counters and 1 philatelic bureau in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

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Ron Rice maintains an excellent philatelic web site on Indian Princely States

<http://www.princelystates.com> since October 1, 2000. It is in the format of a magazine published quarterly over the web. Thus on April 1, 2001 the 3<sup>rd</sup> issue was published. Earlier issues are also available there. The articles are scholarly, well presented, and full of original research. It is an easily accessible valuable resource online.  
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ALSO IN THE NEWS

## INDIA TO INTRODUCE DIGITAL SIGNATURE BY JUNE 2001

Digital signature, a step towards eliminating paper work and red tapism in offices, banking and postal services, would be available in India to internet users latest by June 2001. Controller of certifying authorities in the Ministry of Information and Technology, K N Gupta said that the signature would not be expensive and would be dependable and secure and no user can repudiate it at any level.

Gupta, who has been touring different states to explore its market potential, said digital signature is not like signature on a document, check or any legal paper but it would be an inscription of cash value by a user privately on the internet for the purpose of transaction of business matters and cash like money-orders secretly.

The digital signature outlet on internet would help the department of posts and an individual bank to save at least Rs 1 billion on money orders, and Rs 100 million on cheque clearing per year respectively, Gupta claimed

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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 16

Earlier parts were published in our issues # 18 to 33, except # 26. These, as well as all, back issues of this newsletter are available for free download at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Download/SICC.htm>

## AIRMAIL SCHEME FOR EAST AND WEST PAKISTAN

In pursuance of the declared policy of the Government of Pakistan to bring the two wings of the country closer together the Ministry of Communications have decided to introduce an all-up airmail scheme between East and West Pakistan, says a press note.

Consequently with effect from April 1, 1952, all unregistered as well as registered (including insured and VP) letters, postcards, and packets nad money orders will be transmitted exclusively by air between East and West Pakistan at the following rates of postage – (i) Letters at two annas per tola or part thereof, (ii) Postcards at one anna per postcard, (iii) Books, pattern and sample packets and registered newspapers at one anna per tola or part thereof, (iv) Money orders at one anna per money order irrespective of value excluding the money order commission. (v) Business reply envelopes:- for a weight not exceeding one tola - .. annas; for every tola or fraction thereof exceeding one tola – 2 annas. (vi) Business reply cards:- for a single card one anna

The registration and insurance fees will be charged extra.

From the same date the transmission by the surface routes of correspondence and money orders posted and booked in either wing of Pakistan for delivery or payment in the other will be stopped.

The postage rates and airmail surcharge in respect of postal articles posted in one wing of Pakistan for delivery in the same wing will continue as at present. All articles of above categories posted or booked in one wing of Pakistan for delivery in the other should be fully prepaid with postage at the rates indicated above and should in addition have a blue airmail label affixed to them or superscription by airmail in bold letters. Special arrangements have been made for the delivery of airmail articles in Karachi and Dacca.

#### ALL-UP AIRMAIL SCHEME DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS

Under the All-Up Air Mail Scheme between East and West Pakistan, introduced since April 1, 1952, all unregistered articles of letter mail received in Karachi will be sent out for delivery at about 7 am and 3:39 pm as special airmail delivery.

The Postal Authorities advise the public to put up proper letterboxes with nameplates at the premises to facilitate prompt delivery of letters.

#### PLANE CRASHES NEAR EAST PAKISTAN BORDER

April 11, 1952, Dacca: Four members of the crew are reported to have died when the Kalinga Airline freighter crashed yesterday on its way from Agartala in Tripura State to Dum Dum. The crash reportedly took place just after the plane had taken off from Agartala airport and caught fire near the East Pakistan border, 200 miles east of Calcutta. Those who died were Mr. Rabidett, pilot, Mr. Patnaik, copilot, Mr. Mani, Radio Officer and an accountant.

This is the second crash of a plane flying between Agartala and Dum Dum.

#### DACCA TO BE ON INTERNATIONAL AIRMAP ON MAY 5

Dacca will soon be put on the International air map when the BOAC introduce its first weekly Argonaut service starting from London on May 5 and passing through Dacca on 7 (before noon) on way to Hong Kong, says a BOAC announcement in Karachi.

The return flight will leave Hong Kong on May 9 transiting Dacca on the same day.

Traffic rights on this service will be available between Dacca and all station except for the Ca sector between Karachi and Dacca.

The BOAC is understood to have already started making arrangements for its once-a-week service via Dacca. It will be the first International airline to operate through Dacca.

#### NEW NON-JUDICIAL STAMPS

A press Note issued on Monday April 14, 1952 says: the Government of Pakistan have decided to introduce with effect from April 15, 1952 the newly designed non-judicial stamps of the denomination of Rs. 1000. The stamps of the same kind and denomination of the late Government of India bearing the signature of the issuing authorities in Pakistan, will, till further orders, also continue to be legal tender along with the new stamps.

#### SPECIAL AIRMAIL CONCESSION FOR NEWSPAPERS

April 30, 1952: A Government of Pakistan Press Note issued on Tuesday says: "With immediate effect registered newspapers can be sent by airmail between east and west Pakistan at the reduced rate of 1 anna for every 5 tolas or part thereof."

"As already mentioned on April 10, registered newspapers and packets can also be sent by surface post between East and West Pakistan at the inland surface postage rates prescribed for these articles."

The decision to grant airmail concession as registered newspapers makes a step further in government decision policy to bring East and West Pakistan closer together. The Pakistan Post and Telegraphs department pays rupees on anna eight per pound to the air company for carriage of mails. Apart from other expenses the cost of carriage alone will be more than the charges now announced and this the government would subsidise the airmail conveyance of newspapers between east and west Pakistan to the extent of over Rs. 2,00,000 per annum.

The average rate of a single copy of a daily newspaper in Pakistan does not generally exceed 5 tolas. This is why the rate has been fixed at one anna for every 5 tolas.

## POSTAGE RATES

The following are the rates of postage (excluded registration and insurance fees) for registered newspapers and packets for dispatch by airmail between East and West Pakistan. Registered Newspapers: 1 anna per 5 tolas or part thereof. Book Packets, Sample and Pattern Packets: 1 anna per tola or part thereof.

The following are inland surface postage rates: 1. Registered Newspapers: (a) In single copies not exceeding 10 tolas – 3 pies. Exceeding 10 tolas but not exceeding 20 tolas – 6 pies. For every additional 20 tolas or part thereof 6 pies. (b) Packets containing more than one copy of the same issue of the newspaper - for the first 10 tolas or part thereof 6 pies. For every additional 5 tolas or part thereof 3 pies. Or calculated on the basis of each copy contained in the packet which ever is less. 2. Sample and Pattern Packets upto 5 tolas – 1 anna. Every additional 2½ tolas or part thereof 6 pies. 3. Book Packets upto 5 tolas 1 anna. Every additional 2½ tolas or part thereof 3 pies.

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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India Post will organize a district level philatelic exhibition in Davangere in North Karnataka Region of Karnataka Circle on August 15-17, 2001

Andhra Pradesh Circle of India Post informed that the following exhibitions were held in the Circle:

July 2, 2000 – Eluru

July 21, 2000 – Hyderabad

August 13, 2000 – Vishakhapatnam

August 15, 2000 – Anantpur

August 28, 2000 – Vijaywada. KRISHNAPEX

September 8, 2000 – Hanamkonda

October 1, 2000 – Buckinghampet

February 18, 2001 – Anantpur

We need more information on these shows. Whether all these shows were held for 1 day only and were they district level exhibitions? And of course details of participants, awards, jurors and report on other activities during the show.

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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

"Indian Air Graphs", by Manohar Lal, 1999, Rs. 750 or US \$ 15

"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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INDIA POST SHOULD RATIONALIZE THE TARIFF

The tariff for Local Letters at Rs 4 per 20 Grams or part thereof needs to be rationalized. The rate works out to Rs12 per 60Grams that is almost equivalent to European internal rate. U.K. rates for example are 19p for 60 Grams for second class with reliability of delivery on third day. India has got world-class rates if not the world-class service! Local Speed Post cost Rs15 for 50 Grams while local Registered letter with new rates will be Rs.29 for 50Grams! New parcel rates for 30 Kg Registered parcel will be almost Rs 700 higher than the same weight parcel within Germany, only DM 30, with guarantee of delivery 3rd/4th day! Worldwide everywhere Insurance fee is @2%, whereas in India on higher slabs it is 6%. Why? Would the authorities look into it.  
- R C Agarwal, Mumbai

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