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#### JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We have attempted to simplify the presentation of the info in this newsletter with this issue. This also reduces the size a little. We hope you like this new format.

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

- M&SJ

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Our thanks to the contributors to this issue: Sudhir Jain, Satna

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#### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### NEW STAMPS RELEASED

Ram Vilas Paswan, Minister for Communications, released a commemorative stamp on April 12, 2001, to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First manned Space Flight at the Russian Center of Science & Culture, New Delhi. The stamp in the denomination of Rs. 15, the overseas airmail letter rate, depicts Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space.

Sankha Samanta designed the stamp. Nenu Gupta designed the layout of the First day Cover, priced at Rs. 2 as well as the pictorial first day postmark. An informative brochure containing write-up and technical data, priced at Rs. 2, was also brought out. Calcutta Security Printers Limited of Kanpur printed the stamps by photo-offset in four colors on matt chromo paper in the quantity of 800,000. The issued sheet contains 40 stamps.

Ram Vilas Paswan, Minister for Communications, released a special definitive postage stamp on Dr B R Ambedkar on his 110<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary April 14, 2001. "The stamp has been released as a mark of respect for the architect of the Indian constitution, Dr Ambedkar who championed the cause of the weaker and backward sections of the society," Paswan said while releasing the stamp. The stamp is in the denomination of Rs 3, the inland letter rate. Also present during the release were Home Minister L K Advani, Labour Minister S N Jatiya, various politicians and senior officials of Postal department.

India Security Press, Nashik Road printed the mono-color issue by photogravure process on watermarked paper in panes of 100. No FDC and informative brochure was issued.

The Special Definitive stamps are in use concurrently with the regular definitive series. The first stamp in the denomination of Rs. 2 depicting Sardar Patel was released on October 31, 2000 and the second in the denomination of Re. 1 depicting Subhas Chandra Bose on January 23, 2001. The issue on Dr Ambedkar is the final issue of the current series of the Special Definitive.

There is only one First Day Cover for the series of three stamps, priced at Rs.2. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day of issue postmark. Unlike commemorative issue, no informative brochures have been brought out for definitive and special definitive issues in 2000 and 2001.

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The Post offices will be closed on the following days all over India.

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06th March, Tuesday, Idul Zuha (Bakrid)

05th April, Thursday, Muharram

06th April, Friday, Mahabir Jayanti

13th April, Friday, Good Friday

07th May, Monday, Budha Purnima

05th June, Tuesday, Milad-Un-Nabi Or Id-E-Milad (Birthday Of Prophet Mohammad)

15th August, Wednesday, Independence Day

02nd October, Tuesday, Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday

26th October, Friday, Dussehra (Vijaya Dasmi)

14th November, Wednesday, Diwali (Deepawali)

30th November, Friday, Gurunanak's Birthday.

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VADOPHIL, Whole # 86, April 2001, Quarterly

Editor: Prashant H Pandya & Timir R Shah

Publisher: Baroda Philatelic Society

Mailing Address: Timir R Shah, Secretary, "Jaya", Dala Patel's Pole, Narsinhji's Pole, Vadodara 390001

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In the meeting the latest news relating to philately, obtained through Stamps Of India Collectors Companion are discussed in the meeting.

The Official address EIPA is Qr. No. D-13/6, Rental Colony, IRC Village, Bhubaneswar.

The office bearers of EIPA are as follows: President - Bijoyshree Routray, Vice President - Debashis Mitra, Secretary - Ajit Kumar Dash, and Joint Secretary-cum-Treasurer A.K. Raut.

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#### STAMP RELEASE AT RAIPUR

To commemorate 2600th Janma Kalyanak of 24th Jain Tirthankara Bhagwan Mahavira, a stamp of Rs. 3 has been issued by the India Post on April 6<sup>th</sup> 2001 . This stamp was released by Prime Minister Atal Behari Bajpai in a grand function organized at New Delhi. The stamp bears the symbol adopted by all the Jain groups during 2500th Nirwan Mahotsava of Bhagwan Mahavira with the words "Parasparopagraho Jivanam" and First Day Cover bears Navkar Mantra with a symbol used to invoke peace and prosperity.

A special function was also organised at Raipur, the capital of newly formed state Chhatisgarh on April 6<sup>th</sup> 2001. In this function organised at Dadawadi, Raipur, Dinesh Nandan Sahay, Governor of Chhatisgarh released this stamp. Ajeet Jogi, Chief Minister of Chhatisgarh was also present at this function. Kumesh Kumar Jain, Secretary of Philatelic Council of Raipur presented an album of stamps to the Governor.

Our Correspondent from Satna, Madhya Pradesh, Sudhir Jain, has sent an image of the stamp affixed on the FDC with first day postmark of Raipur Philatelic bureau that can be viewed at the following link:

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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 17

Earlier parts were published in our issues # 18 to 35, 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>

9 KILLED IN AIR CRASH NEAR DELHI

April 30, 1952, New Delhi: A Deccan Airways Dakota crashed today near Willingdon airfield 2 miles from here, killing all 9 persons aboard, including 2 women.

An official announcement said that the plane was on a scheduled flight from Bangalore to New Delhi and had been diverted to Agra, 130 miles from here because of sand storm.

The plane carrying five passengers and a crew of four including two air hostess, left for New Delhi later and circled over the airfield for 40 minutes before crashing.

REGISTERED ENVELOPES OVER PRINTED "PAKISTAN"

August 7, 1952: Registration envelopes overprinted "Pakistan" would cease to be legal tender in Pakistan from September 1952, says Government Press Note.

No exchange will be allowed. Persons holding stock of these envelopes are advised to exhaust them on or before August 31, 1952.

REDUCTION IN POSTAGE RATES FOR IRAQ

A government Press Note says: Postage on letters, postcards and packets sent by surface mail from Pakistan to Iraq, will be leviable at the inland rates, from September 1, 1952.

NEW BOMBAY – KARACHI AIR SERVICE

August 20, 1952, Bombay: Air services of India has been granted licence to operate on direct service daily from Bombay to Karachi from tomorrow (August 21, 1952) (Thursday) following continued suspension of Air India's services.

The Air services of India at present a biweekly service to Karachi via Jamnagar and Bhuj.

The Indian National Airways and the Air Services of India have been permitted to operate more services in Bharat owing to the strike in Air India.

#### AIR INDIA SERVICE

August 21, 1952, Bombay: Air India and Air India International will resume operations from August 27, 1952 but provided that employees "resume work normally and cooperate with them", chairman J R D Tata told the Press today.

The airline completely suspended operations and about 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of its employees from August 16, 1952.

#### AIR INDIA EMPLOYEES RESUME WORK

August 23, 1952, Bombay: Employees of Air India and Air India International resumed work this morning after one week's suspension. Regular flights of Air India International, from Bombay to Mecca, will be resumed on August 26 and inland flights will commence on August 27.

#### MOBILE POST OFFICE IN DACCA

May 2, 1952, Dacca: To cater to the requirement of the people living in the Azampur Government quarters, Moti Jheel and the Posts and Telegraph colony, in Dacca, the Posts and Telegraphs authorities have decided to start a mobile post office in the city.

This post office will start all postal business except savings bank issue and discharge of postal certificate.

#### DACCA ON WORLD AIR ROUTE

May 6, 1952, Dacca: A BOAC service – on Wednesday and Friday – will place Dacca on international air route from May 7 onwards.

The four-engined, 58-seater Arognaut will link the capital of East Pakistan with Rangoon, Hong Kong and Sydney in the east and with Karachi, Basra, Nicosia, Rome and London in the West. The east-bound aircraft will land here at 11.35 am on all Wednesdays. It will touch down here for the west on all Fridays at 3.30 pm. The plane will make an hour's halt here.

#### BOAC DACCA SERVICE BEGINS

May 7, 1952, Dacca: A four-engined BOAC aircraft landed here at 11.20 am today at Tejgaon airport on its East-bound Rangoon – Hong Kong service.

The BOAC service, which commenced today, placed Dacca on the international air route.... The plane left Karachi at 4 am (WPST). The plane made a straight flight from Karachi to Dacca at an average speed of 260 miles per hour.

#### AIR COMPANIES CURTAIL AIR SERVICE

Air passengers are now being allowed to travel daily on regular routes from Karachi into the interior of Sind, it is learnt.

The Crescent Air Transport's 8 seater De Havilland and Rapides have started taking passengers to and from Karachi on their daily morning runs to Hyderabad.

The airline which began taking freight mainly Karachi newspapers on regular flights last month expects to extend its service shortly to Nawabshah, Sikkim, Jacobabad and Quetta as well...The Karachi-Hyderabad run is done in half – an – hour by the twin engined – Rapide.

#### BHARAT'S AIRLINK WITH JAKKARTA

May 24, 1952, Calcutta: A Bharat Airways skymaster took off from Dum Dum airpost yesterday to establish for the first time a Bharti air link with Jakkarta, according to a report in the Times of India.

The Indonesian Commercial Attache in Bharat was among a number of guests, including representatives of the press, who were on the plane.

#### NIGHT POST OFFICES FOR LAHORE, RAWALPINDI, PESHAWAR, DACCA AND CHITTAGONG

June 3, 1952: To provide additional postal facilities to the public, particularly the commercial and business community, the Pakistan Posts and Telegraphs Department has extended the night post offices scheme to Lahore, Peshawar, Rawalpindi, Dacca and Chittagong. The scheme was introduced last year in Karachi. The night post offices besides selling stamps and stationery and grating certificates of postings, will book ordinary and telegraphic money orders and registered articles including parcels, insured and VP articles. A late fee of two annas will be leviable on each parcel (ordinary Registered, VP), registered articles and each money order booked at the night post offices, whereas in the case of insured articles the late fee will be three annas.

#### POSTAGE STAMP CENTENARY – PAKISTAN TO ISSUE SET IN AUGUST

The Government of Pakistan have decided to issue two commemorative stamps (3as and 12as) to celebrate the centenary of the use of postage stamps in August. The stamp, known as “Scinde District Dawk Stamp” was issued in Sind in August 1852, having its circulation restricted to the province. The first postage stamp of the denomination of half anna was issued in scarlet, white and blue. The stamp was circular in shape, like miniature seals, with “Scinde District Dawk” inscribed in it, besides the denomination and the letters EIC (East India Company). The stamp was introduced by Sir Bartle Frere, the then Commissioner of Sind. In a letter to Lord Falkland on April 28, 1853 he mentioned the stamp and said “we got the stamp of which you sent me a specimen manufactured by De La Rue and Company and these were issued to stamp vendors and Government Officials. Recently Messers Thomas De La Rue and Company, in a letter to Mr Z H Zuberi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Communication, Government of Pakistan wrote: “The circular embossed stamps of 1852 are known philatelically as the Scinde Dawk issue and were the first we ever supplied. It was ordered by Sir Bartle Frere”. The Company has agreed to bear half the costs of printing of the Centenary stamps to mark the century – old association of the Company with this country.

To be continued in the next issue.

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