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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

May is an important month for philately. May 6 is the anniversary of the Penny Black, the world's first postage stamp. We would like to hear your plans of philatelic activities for the month.

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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ISSUE UPDATE

Rescheduled:

Freyderk Chopin, from May 3 to May 4, 2001

Addition to the Program:

Devilal, former Deputy Prime Minister, date to be announced

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DELHI POSTAL CIRCLE

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PENSION THROUGH POST OFFICE

The Labor Minister Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya has assured workers that their interest would be safeguarded while amending the Industrial Disputes Act and the Contract Labor Act. He said that due care would be taken while framing amendments so that it won't be easy to retrench workers. Dr. Jatiya said that several measures like enhancing three times the compensation package to workers where it becomes absolutely necessary to close down the unit, and proper distinction between the principle and peripheral employment would be made. The Labor Minister was addressing a function for extending payment of monthly pension facility to EPF pensioners through post offices. The Minister said that the facility would benefit about 10 lakh pensioners who can now receive their monthly pensions even in far-flung areas through post offices. He said that agriculture workers would also soon get pension and other benefits following announcement of a new welfare scheme for them in this years' budget.

Presiding over the function the Communications Minister, Ram Villas Paswan said that the government is committed to welfare of workers while introducing new technologies and methodologies. He said we will have to change the mindset and impart dignity to labor as in developed countries. Paswan complimented officials of both the Labor and Communication Ministries for joining hands to provide pension facility to workers through post offices.

The Secretary, Department of Posts, B.N. Som described the launching of the scheme, as a nostalgic experience. He said that with this partnership with E.P.F.O, the Indian Post Offices join their counterparts in West to act as an effective delivery system for social securities.

The Labor Secretary, Vinod Vaish said that the Labor Ministry is making constant efforts to involve other ministries in broadening and improving the social security nets to workers. He said that we face the challenge of providing social security to about 320 million workers in the unorganized sector.

The papers regarding partnership between the EPFO and the Postal Department to outreach pensioners were exchanged by A Vishvanathan, Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioner on behalf of the EPFO and A.K. Bhatnagar, Dy. Director General, Postal Operations on behalf of Department of Posts. The partnership would facilitate provision of pension to EPF pensioners virtually at their doorsteps through 26,000 post offices across the country. Pension would automatically be credited into their passbooks each month. This facility is in addition to the one already existing through banks.

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The 23rd Annual General Body meeting of Philatelic Club Thrissur will be held on Sunday May 6, 2001 at Trichur Towers, opposite Sakthan Thampuran Bus Stand, Trichur – 680001. AGM will start at 4.30 pm. There will be a big spot auction along with the AGM.

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Our Calendar of worldwide philatelic auctions for the month is updated in the beginning of every month with detailed information and announcements. The information for May 2001 is now available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Auctions/a702.htm>

Anil Kumar of Allahabad informs of having posted 60+ lots of Covers/postal stationeries/of India/Indian States/Nepal/ and many other items on ebay in 2 batches. Use the link below to visit. <http://cgi6.ebay.com/aw-cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewListedItems&userid=anil2000>

Corinphila Auctions Limited, Switzerland is conducting a sale of Gold Medals Collections of stamps and postal history scheduled for May 18 – 21, 2001. The auction includes Pioneer Flights of the world, Scandinavian countries, Zeppelin Mail, Old German States, and German Territories. The entire three catalogs which contains more than 5,000 lots, can be viewed at <http://www.corinphila.stampcircuit.com>

Romano House of Stamps #8 Mail Auction Sale includes Stamps, Covers from the Holyland, Israel and All World items, with a strong Thematic section. Also included are Numismatic and Memorabilia items. To find the items of interest to you go to Search <http://www.stampcircuit.com/Search/search-sale.html> Please note that you can choose to view "Entries From:" all, last 7 days or last 30 days. The entire catalog that contains 1,800 lots can be viewed at <http://www.romano.stampcircuit.com> Closing date for a bid is May 21, 2001, at 24:00.

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This week the following has been added to the site:

Our website, the Gateway to Indian Philately, presents the information in following segments:

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The London Philatelist, Whole # 1284, April 2001, 8 pages illustrated article  
INDIAN POSTAL AGENCIES IN THE PERSIAN GULF AREA by Alan Parsons, FRPSL  
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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 19

Earlier parts were published in our issues # 18 to 36, except # 26. These as well as all back issues of this newsletter are available for free download at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Download/archives.htm>

REGISTRATION ENVELOPES OVERPRINTED PAKISTAN

August 31, 1952, Dacca: Registration envelopes overprinted Pakistan will cease to be legal tender in Pakistan with effect from September 1, 1952 states a Press Note of the Government of Pakistan. No exchange will be allowed. Persons holding stocks of these envelopes are advised to exhaust them on or before August 31. APP

RANGOON – KARACHI AIR SERVICE

December 5, 1952: A regular service with new SUPER – 6 CLIPPERS between Rangoon and Karachi was inaugurated by the Pan America Airways with the arrival of its Flight 6 from Rangoon in Karachi on Wednesday evening (December 3, 1952). Rangoon has now been made a regular stop – over point on the round – the – world services of PAA. The PAA is the first US airline to establish air service to Burma and the first airline in the world to link Burma by air with both the European and the American continents.

DELHI – KABUL AIR ROUTE: BHARATI DELEGATE TO NEGOTIATE IN KARACHI

December 6, 1952: A Bharati delegation, it is reliably learnt is expected in Karachi on Monday (December 8, 1952) to negotiate with the Pakistan Government for running a commercial air service between Delhi and Kabul. (Pakistan has set up a prohibited flying area on the borders of Afghanistan and Iran and it is partly through this restricted area that Bharat wants to operate flights to Afghanistan) Pakistan is according to the Reuter message from Montreal ready to discuss two routes "on the basis of reciprocity and in exchange for certain concessions". Bharat has agreed to negotiate with Pakistan on the basis of this concession. The International Civil Aviation Organisation working Group, set up to settle the differences, has recommended the two Governments should proceed as quickly as possible and furnish the Group with a progress report by January 15, 1953.

KARACHI – LAHORE AIR MAIL SERVICE VIA MULTAN

Messers Orient Airways have introduced once a week air service between Karachi and Lahore via Multan which at present operates on Wednesday both ways, says a Press Note issued yesterday in Karachi. It adds: with immediate effect, airmail articles will be accepted for dispatch to and from Multan by this service under the usual conditions. This service will also be utilized for the carriage of airmail articles between Karachi and Lahore, thus increasing the frequency of the Karachi – Lahore air mail service from three to four times a week, viz: on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays ex Karachi and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays ex Lahore.

PAKISTAN – BHARAT TALKS ON KABUL ROUTE CONCLUDE

December 11, 1952: A Press Note issued last night says: "The Bharat air delegation and the Civil Aviation authorities in Pakistan met in from December 8 to 10 and discussed the operational aspects of the two air routes to Kabul, namely, Delhi – Lahore – Kandahar – Kabul; and Bombay – Ahmedabad – Karachi – Kandahar – Kabul, proposed by the Government of Pakistan. The discussion devolved mainly on the operational aspects of the routes offered and the facilities which can be made available on these routes. The Bharati air delegation have taken back details of the operational facilities on the routes and will communicate to the Government of Pakistan by January 1, 1953, the reaction of the Government of Bharat to the proposed air routes to enable the Government of Pakistan to report to the ICAO the results of these discussions. "The Civil Aviation Authorities also took the opportunity to exchange views on several civil aviation matters of mutual interest and both the parties examined sympathetically the requirements of each other to facilitate civil air transport".

NATIONALISE AIR SERVICE FOR EAST PAKISTAN PLANNED

December 17, 1952, Dacca: The East Pakistan Government are planning to launch a nationalized air service for the Province, it is authoritatively learnt. The need for this has been acutely felt by the Government because neither rail nor river communication in the Province is speedy for various reasons, with the result that in certain cases it takes nearly 17 hours to cover a straight distance of about 250 miles. The Government has also in view of difficulty of the newspaper readers in certain districts. The air service will not only carry passengers but also drop newspapers and dak at various district headquarters. To begin with the Government intend to purchase two seaplanes to operate the service.

INSURED AIR MAIL LETTERS FOR FOREIGN COUNTRIES

December 1952: At present insured letters for foreign countries can be sent only by surface route except for Ceylon and Burma for which insurance by air mail is available. From December 25, 1952 however, such letters will also be accepted for dispatch by airmail to the following countries, says a Press Note:

Belgium – annas 14; British Honduras – Re 1 and annas 6; Burma (upto Rangoon only) – annas 6; Ceylon – annas 4 (per tola in addition to surface postage); Cyprus – annas 10; Czechoslovakia – annas 14; Ireland – annas 12; Finland – annas 14; France – annas 12; French Somali Coast – annas 12; Holland – annas 14; Hong Kong – annas 10; Lebanon – annas 10; Luxemburg – annas 14; Mauritius – Re 1 and annas 6; New Zealand – annas 14; Nigeria – annas 14; Jamaica – Re 1 and annas 6; Norway – annas 14; Saudi Arabia – annas 10; Mozambique – annas 14; St. Lucia – Re 1 and annas 6; Sierra Leone – annas 14; Sweden – annas 14; Turkey – annas 10; Macao – annas 10; Cape Verde Islands – annas 14; Syria – annas 10; Portugal – annas 14; Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika – annas 12.

The rates for airmail postage on such letters will be the same as those for ordinary air mail letters for the respective countries. To facilitate reference, these rates have, however, been noted against such country.

REGISTRATION FEE AND INSURANCE FEE

In addition to the airmail postage and registration fee of four annas per letter, the following rates of insurance fee will be payable on air mail insured letters for the various destinations:

To Ceylon where the value insured does not exceed Rs. 300 – Re 1; for every additional Rs. 100 or fraction thereof – annas 6.

To Burma (insured upto Rangoon) and Mauritius where the value insured does not exceed Rs. 300 – Re 1 and anna 1; for every additional Rs. 300 or fraction thereof – Re 1 and anna 1.

To other foreign countries to which insurance is available for every £ 30 or part thereof the insured value – Re 1 and anna 1.

All charges on an insured letter sent by airmail must be pre paid

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The maximum amount upto which an airmail can be insured for a country is the same as for an insured letter sent by surface means to such country. In other respect, airmail insured letters will be subject to the same conditions which generally apply to uninsured airmail letters as well as to insured letters sent by surface route.

To be continued in the next issue.

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Mihir B. Dhandha, Rajkot

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