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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

Competitive philately has been a highly individualistic hobby. To turn it in to a team event requires Vision, with a capital V. Koh Seow Chuan of Singapore, Vice President of International Philatelic Federation (FIP) is aiming to achieve exactly this. Koh is the chief author of the concept of holding philatelic competitions, where national teams, not individuals, will compete for honors. This opportunity will also be utilized for multi faceted innovations to popularize philately to the public, especially among youth.

The First World Stamp Championship, following this concept shall be held at Singapore in 2004. The World Stamp Championship (WSC) will be a stamp competition at the highest level, akin to Olympic Games in sports. It will have 2000 frames and will be held for 5 days every two years, on even years, coinciding with the Congress of FIP.

The Continental Federations will hold preliminary competitions prior to the WSC. Each Continental Federation may nominate up to 8 entries in each competitive class. Only three medal levels, Gold, Silver, and Bronze, will be awarded in each class. There will be four Grand Awards, for the Best Exhibit, Best Presented Exhibit, Most Entertaining Exhibit, and Best Youth Exhibit.

The first preliminary competition was organized in London from February 28 to March 4, 2001. Teams from Belgium, France, Great Britain, and Portugal participated in the 200-frame event. 6 member Jury consisted of 2 members from Norway and 1 each from Denmark, Germany, Finland, and Luxembourg. Great Britain's team won with 957 points. France came a close second with 944 points, Belgium obtained 894 points, and Portugal 887 points.

The next preliminary competition in Europe will be held in November 2001 at Helsinki, Finland. The teams from Finland, Italy, and Sweden will participate. There will be a five member Jury, one each from participating countries and two to be appointed by FIP.

Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP) is planning to organize its first preliminary competition by end of 2001 or early 2002.

India needs to make a concentrated effort NOW to be in the reckoning for the new trend in Global philately. In India no one has started thinking about this new concept! We would like this message to be considered as a wake up call for our fellow Indian philatelists.

We suggest organizing a National Stamp Championship with Zonal teams on similar lines to familiarize the Indian philatelists and to develop team spirit.

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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANOTHER FEATHER IN INDIA'S CAP

On April 26, 2001, B N Som was elected to the Board of Trustees of 'Quality of Service Fund' recently established by Universal Postal Union (UPU). Som is the Director General of India Post, Chairman of Postal Services Board, Secretary (Posts) to the Government of India in the Ministry of Communications, and the Chairman of World Association for Development of Philately.

As part of the new terminal dues system (system of compensatory payments between postal administrations), the 22nd Universal Postal Congress (Beijing 1999) approved the creation of a Quality of Service Fund (QSF). The QSF will be maintained by a 7.5% increase in terminal dues payments made by industrialized countries and will be paid out to developing countries in the form of specific quality of service improvement projects. The sole aim of the Fund is to finance projects for improving quality of service in developing countries. The definition of quality of service approved by Congress is based on the following six criteria: access to services; speed and reliability; security; liability and treatment of inquiries; customer satisfaction; and design and implementation of costing and pricing systems.

In 1999 an Adhoc Committee with three sub-committees was formed. India, represented by B N Som was the Co-Chairman of one of the sub-committees along with USA.

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#### NEW STAMP RELEASED

The Vice President, Krishan Kant released a commemorative postage stamp on the Polish music composer Fryderyk Chopin at New Delhi on May 4, 2001. The Minister of Communications, Ram Vilas Paswan and other senior officials of the India Post were present. Issued by India Post, the stamp is in the denomination of Rs.15. Speaking on the occasion Paswan said that music has cut across international barriers and the stamp has brought the two countries closer.

Fryderyk Chopin is regarded, by many, as the greatest of all composers of music for the Piano. His music, romantic and lyrical in nature, is characterized by exquisite melody of great originality, refined harmony, subtle rhythm and poetic beauty. He greatly influenced other composers, notably the Hungarian pianist and composer Franz Liszt, German composer Richard Wagner and French composer Claude Debussy. At the onset of 20<sup>th</sup> century, the perspective of viewing Chopin changed from a Polish to a more global one. The emotional – ideological approach of Chopin as the embodiment of Romanticism gave way to an objective image of him as the great innovator and master of the composition workshop. The Fryderyk Chopin international piano competition which began in the nineteen twenties and is held annually in Warsaw, has become a great musical event and contributed to popularization of the music of the great Polish composer. Even in the twenty first century, the music of Fryderyk Chopin continues to delight and astonish the audiences as much as it did in the first half of the nineteenth century.

The First Day Cover along with the information sheet is available on sale at all Philatelic Bureaus and Counters and at selected Post Offices.

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INDONESIA 2002 CANCELLED

The Indonesia 2002 World Philatelic Exhibition is cancelled, it is reliably learnt. It was to be held from March 29 to April 4, 2002 at Jakarta Convention Center Jakarta This exhibition seems to have started out on a wrong note. Originally scheduled for 2000 at Bandung, it was moved to Jakarta. It was postponed just a month prior to the date of opening to 2002. Last month Ed Druce of Australia, FIP Cordinator for Indonesia 2002 suddenly died and according to the latest information available the exhibition stands cancelled.

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KOREA 2002

The only general World Philatelic Exhibition of the year shall be held at Seoul, Korea from August 2 to 11, 2001. It shall have all competitive classes namely, Traditional, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Aerophilately, Thematic, Maximaphily, Philatelic Literature, Youth, and Revenues. The last date for submitting application form is August 31, 2001. The National Commissioner for India is G Madan Mohan Das, 41 Perumal Mudali Street, Sowcarpet, Chennai 600079. Telephone 044-5390366.

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PHILATELY NEWSLETTER, Whole # 6, January-March 2001, Quarterly
Editor in Chief: B N Som, Managing Editor: R Handa, Executive Editor: Tilak De
Publisher: India Post
Mailing Address: Director GPO, Kolkata 700001
Annual Subscription: Not Indicated

RANCHI PHILATELIC SOCIETY (NEWSLETTER), Vol.1 #2, March 2001, Quarterly
Editor: Not Indicated
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EVENTS

SANPHILEX

India Post organized a philatelic exhibition on March 23-25, 2001 at Nandan Gallery, Viswabharati University, Santiniketan. Dilip Sinha, Vice Chancellor of the Viswabharati University inaugurated the show in the presence of S B Bhattacharya, Chief Postmaster General, West Bengal Circle.

KOLPEX

India Post organized a district level philatelic exhibition at Kolhapur on March 24-26, 2001.

JHARPEX

The first philatelic exhibition in the newly formed Jharkhand Circle of India Post was held at Tulsi Bhawan, Bistapur, Jamshedpur on April 25-27, 2001. There were 19 exhibits on display. Two exhibits of Dr. Kuldip Singh and one of S S Basan were in Invitee Class. The award winners are:

Vermeil Medal

Naresh Agarwal – The Automobiles

Suchinda Banerjee – Germany

Ashik Kumar Tiwary – Radio

Large Silver Medal

Rajendra Singh – India Post Independence

Alok Kumar Bihani – World of Cricket

Silver Medal
Kamaljit Kaur – Nehru Family
S N Singh – Indian National Movement
Dr. Narendra Kaur – Golden Covers
R K Chaudhary – Pigeonograms
P Babu Rao – Poets 7& Poetries
Dr. Kuldip Singh – Mahatma Gandhi

Silver Bronze Medal
Pratim Banerjee – Indian Postmarks
Dipak Patadia - India Post Independence
Arvindam Chakravarty – Orchids

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Several issues from various countries on Mahatma Gandhi are available at this On Line Stamp
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Gibbons Stamp Monthly, May 2001, published by Stanley Gibbons, UK
3 pages illustrated article on revenue stamps of RAMPUR STATE by Brian Cartwright

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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 20

Earlier parts were published in our issues # 18 to 37, except # 26. These as well as all back issues of this newsletter are available for free download at
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PAKISTAN TO FOUND INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS: ORDER FOR PLANES PLACED

January 16, 1953, Sydney: Pakistan will found a new international airline this year manned by Pakistani pilots. Group Captain Saidduddin leader of the Pakistani delegates, told South East Asia Navigation Company today. The Pakistani delegate said that its organisation was well balanced and that three Constellation airliners had been ordered. The first would be delivered in June. The Government of Pakistan will hold 51% of the share he revealed. AFP

PAKISTAN – BHARAT AIR AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED

January 19, 1953, Montreal: Pakistan and Bharat have reached a friendly agreement on the civil aviation dispute between the two countries, it is announced here today. The dispute was settled on the suggestion and with the consent of the International Civil Air Organisation and was announced by the organization here. The agreement was recorded during a special session of the organisation's council attended by the High Commissioner of Bharat in Calcutta, Mr. R Saxena, and Pakistan's High Commissioner Ikramullah. According to the terms of the agreement Bharati civil aircraft on the course for Kabul will be allowed to use 220-mile wide corridor from the Pakistani airfields of Lahore and Karachi instead of making a long detour which had been imposed up to the moment. It was also learned that Pakistan would export sufficient aviation fuel to Afghanistan to enable the Bharati aircraft to carry fuel first for the outward trip to Kabul without taking on board extra fuel for the return journey. AFP

BHARAT – IRAN AIR AGREEMENT

January 25, 1953, Tehran: Mr. P K Ghosh, General Manager of the Himalayan Airways of India, announced here yesterday that a weekly air service between India and Tehran would begin in the first week of February 1953.

AIR MAIL GUIDE

February 1, 1953: A Guide which will be useful to the public when writing airmail letters to places within Pakistan or abroad has been brought out by Pakistan Posts and Telegraphs Department. Known as the "Air Mail Leaflet" it is a quarterly publication to be published on the first day of January, April, July and October each year and will be on sale at nominal price of one annas per copy.

DELHI – KABUL AIR ROUTE AGREEMENT REACHED

February 15, 1953, New Delhi: Bharati Deputy Minister of Communication told the Parliament this afternoon that concrete agreement has been arrived at as a result of recent Conference of Pakistan and Bharat civil aviation officers allowing Bharat to operate the air service to Afghanistan across the prohibited areas of Pakistan etc. along two corridors. Routes agreed up were first Bharat – Lahore thence along 20 mile wide corridor or direct flight towards Kandahar but with right of Bharat aircraft leaving Pakistan territory to fly direct to Kabul and second Bharat – Karachi thence along 20 miles wide corridor on direct flight to Kandahar. He added Pakistan also agreed to release for export to Afghanistan sufficient aviation fuel to enable Bharati aircraft refuel there.

CRESCENT AIR TRANSPORT ANNOUNCES

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Nawab Shsh Sukkur – Jacobabad, Tuesdays & Thursdays
Sibi – Quetta, Sesonal

BHARAT – GERMANY AIR LINK INAUGURATED

February 22, 1953, Bombay: The first direct Bharat – Germany air link was inaugurated yesterday at Santa Cruz Aerodrome when “Bengal Princess”, an Air India International Constellation left for Dusseldorf.

PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES

February 24, 1953: The first part of the scheme for the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) will come into operation next month when the Technical Training Unit and the Traffic Handling Unit start functioning, it is reliably learnt. Regular commercial service of the Airlines would start in April next year after it has received three Super – Constellations. The planes would fly between Karachi and Dacca and Karachi and London, touching one of the Middle East Countries.

RATES FOR AIR MAIL CORRESPONDENCE: POSITION EXPLAINED

February 27, 1953: A spokesperson of the Pakistan Posts and Telegraphs Department said in Karachi yesterday (Feb 26, 1953) that the rates for air mail correspondence between East and West Pakistan were lower because it was compulsory to send letters and postcards by air mail between the two wings of the country on account of the long distance separating them. There was no such compulsions in case of mails traveling either within East Pakistan or West Pakistan. He was commenting on a complaint in the Press that the rates of airmail correspondence within West Pakistan were higher than those for correspondence between East and West Pakistan. The spokesman added: “Government will consider the introduction of the lower rates of air mail postage within the two wings when the frequency of air services develops further”.

CRESCENT AIR TRANSPORT ANNOUNCES THE COMMENCEMENT OF THEIR SERVICE AS FROM MONDAY – MARCH 9, 1953

Karachi-Hyderabad-Karachi Service – Daily

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Karachi – Departure 06.30, Hyderabad – Arrival 07.10, Departure 07.25; Nawabshah – Arrival 08.00, Departure 08.20; Sukkur – Arrival 09.20, Departure 09.35; Jacobabad – Arrival 10.00, Departure 10.35; Sukkur Arrival 11.00, Departure 11.15; Nawabshah – Arrival 12.15, Departure 12.35; Hyderabad – Arrival 13.10, Departure 13.25; Karachi – Arrival 14.05.

This was revised 1st April 1953

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- Vijay Seth, New Delhi

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