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

- M&SJ

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NATIONAL STAMP DESIGN COMPETITION

India Post has been regularly organizing Stamp Design Competitions annually since 1998. The prize-winning entries have been used for the Children's Day stamps and First Day Covers. A Committee of Jurors consisting of representatives of Lalit Kala Academy (Fine Arts Academy), National Gallery of Modern Art, College of Arts New Delhi, Deputy Director General (Philately), and Director (Philately) of India Post selects the entries for the first, second, and third prize.

The competition for the year 2000 was held on an all India basis during national postal week celebrations in October. The theme for this year's competition was 'The Role Of Information Technology In Bringing The World Together'. 98 selected entries from postal circles were received at HQ. The Committee of Jurors met on May 1, 2001 at New Delhi. The prizes announced are as under:

First Prize – S Jayesh Pillai, Sainik School, Trivandrum

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### PCI TO HOLD NEXT REGIONAL MEET AT BHUBANESWAR

Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) will hold its next regional meeting at OUAT Auditorium at Bhubaneswar on Sunday, June 24, 2001 at 9.30 A.M.

Bhubaneswar is the capital of Orissa State that is known as the land of Lord Jagannath, the presiding deity of Shree Kshetra or Purusottama Kshetra, one of the 4 greatest pilgrimage center, one in each direction, for Hindus. Lord Jagannath is intimately connected with social, cultural and religious life of Orissa. The world famous "Rath Yatra" (Chariot Procession of Lord Jagannath) for 2001 will take place on June 23 at Puri that is very near to Bhubaneswar. This annual procession has given the word 'Juggernaut' to the English language. Sahadeva Sahoo, President of PCI and Vice Chancellor of Orissa University of Agriculture & Technology (OUAT) has made special arrangements for philatelists who would like to attend this event.

All philatelists planning to visit Bhubaneswar, and Puri, please contact Sahadeva Sahoo, Vice Chancellor's Bungalow, OUAT, Bhubaneswar 751003. Telephone 0671-402671 (Office), 0671-561606 (Residence), Fax 0671-407780, Email [sahadevas@yahoo.com](mailto:sahadevas@yahoo.com)

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Close on the heels of the proposed launch of e-Post in five states, India Post is all set to bring a new shopping experience for Indians and Non Resident Indians (NRIs) through its latest offering - eShop. The initiative will enable customers to purchase consumer goods on the Internet using credit cards, debit cards and Cash on Delivery (COD).

In this regard India Post has tied up with Hyderabad-based Nettlinx Limited, the largest ISP in Andhra Pradesh. Nettlinx Limited will maintain the site, while India Post will be responsible for the product delivery. India Post hopes to make use of its vast network of delivery post offices across the country to make eShopping cost-effective for customers.

People living abroad can gift to their loved ones living even in remote places. However, Nettlinx hopes to beat competitors offering similar services, with the vast delivery network of India Post. Customer can visit the site and choose any product from the virtual storefront. Once you select and buy a product, you can make the payment to Nettlinx Limited.

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**SUDAN INTERESTED IN COLLABORATION WITH INDIA**

Sudan has expressed its keen interest to collaborate with India in the field of telecommunication and postal services. The visiting Minister of Information and Communication of Sudan, Dr Ghazi Salahuddin Atabani, who called on the Union Minister for Communications, Ram Vilas Paswan on May 22 at New Delhi, indicated this. Dr Atabani said his country is interested in learning from the Indian experience in both the sectors. In response, Paswan offered the Indian expertise in satellite communication technology for money transfer and in computerization of the postal services in Sudan. He also offered the training facilities. He noted that India has already helped in developing postal services in Tajikistan and demonstrated the system in Algeria. Ghana has already invited India to help in modernization of its postal services, he said. The Sudanese Minister said his country could offer a regional market place for Indian products and services.

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#### NEW DEFINITIVE SERIES PART - II

The second set of four stamps on the Natural Heritage series was issued on July 20, 2000, the 25 paise denomination shows the Black Buck, 50 paise Nilgiri Tahr, Re. 1 Saras Crane and Rs. 3 Indian Otter. The first three values are issued in sheets of 100 stamps and Rs. 3 in sheets of 70 stamps. The stamps are printed by photogravure process on multiple Ashoka Capital watermarked paper by India Security Press, Nashik Road. The normal position for watermark is upright in the 25p, 50p, and Re. 1 stamp whereas in the Rs. 3 stamp the Ashoka Capital is sideways to the right. The printed sheet contains four panes that are cut after printing to make issued sheets. The printed sheet also carries a serial number, date, month & year of printing. The marginal inscriptions on sheet contain the name of the press in Hindi & English and the cylinder number in one line. Every denomination is assigned a letter that precedes the cylinder number.

The 25p definitive postage stamp depicts the Black Buck, an animal commonly seen in the zoos of north India, with long pointed horns. It is a vertical design in Greenish-brown colour. "T" is the letter assigned for this denomination. The marginal inscription is in capital letters and has been seen for T1 on the left side of the sheet. This sheet also carries the date 14.VII.00, it means that this sheet was printed a week before its issue date. This is also seen with the cylinder number T2 on both, the left and the right side where the latter carries the sheet serial number 077676. The vertical perforation between the second and third row of stamps has one perf missing in each of the 10 stamps in sheet number 077676.

The 50p stamp depicts the Nilgiri Tahr, a mountain goat species standing on a rock. It is a vertical design printed in brown colour. "G" is the letter assigned for this denomination. The marginal inscription is in capital letters and has been seen for G1 on the left side of the sheet. No other number has been sighted so far in this denomination.

The Re. 1 denomination depicts the Saras Crane standing in water, commonly known as Saras in Hindi, a popular sight in the bird sanctuaries of North India. It is a vertical design printed in Sky Blue colour. "E" is the letter assigned for this denomination. The marginal inscription is in capital letters and has been seen for E1 on the left side of the sheet with the number 003123 and punch hole in the top left hand corner. This has also been seen with the cylinder number E2 on both, the

left and right side of the sheet. A sheet with inscriptions on left carries the serial number 537809 in the center below the Hindi inscription. An E2 sheet with inscriptions on Left carries the date 10.X.00 just below the English inscription. The Cylinder Number E3 is also seen on both sides of the sheet followed by E5, The left inscription on the E5 also has a serial number of 009966. The right inscription of E5 has the OAD of ROAD partially printed. E8 is also sighted on both side of the sheet, followed by E9 on the left side. Sheet E11 is also seen with the inscription on both sides of the sheet, and the serial number 000247 is printed on the bottom left corner of the sheet.

The Rs. 3 stamp depicts the Smooth Indian Otter, an Indian species of the Otter, a very friendly looking animal which spends most of its time in water hunting for food. It depicts a pair of otters in bluish gray shade, a beautiful depiction of the otters and eye-soothing colour, horizontal design, with the Ashoka capital watermark to the right. "D" is the letter assigned for this denomination. The marginal inscription is in capital letters and has been seen for D1 on the top side of the sheet, no other number has been sighted so far in this stamp.

Part III, in the next issue, will cover the Rs.15.00, Rs.20.00 & Re.50.00 values. Readers having more information on marginal inscriptions and cylinder numbers of any denomination are requested to contribute.

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'2001 edition of British Commonwealth Part 1', is still available at £32.50 a volume or £59.00 for the set and the 1999 British Commonwealth set at £19.95 or 2000 set at £34.95. Similarly, 'Stamps of the World is available at £83.00 for the 3-volume set, with a free slip box. This offer is open till 30th June 2001. To order, click on the 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.]

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AIR LETTERS CAN NOW BE REGISTERED

From July 1, 1953, air letters which will hereafter be designated as "aerogrammes", can be registered under the condition applicable to the registration of other categories of letter mail articles for foreign countries, says a Press Note of Pakistan Posts and Telegraphs Department.

SIZE OF LETTER MAIL

Another Press Note adds: Postcards of private manufacture addressed to foreign countries should not be less than 4" x 2 7/8" in size. From July 1, 1953, this minimum size will also apply to all other categories of foreign letter mail. The maximum limits of size for articles of foreign letter mail remain unchanged.

#### GODWIN AUSTEN TEAM REACHES BALTORO GLACIER

July 7, 1953, Skardu: The Karakoram Expedition have arrived at the base camp site on Baltoro Glacier at 16,700 feet above sea level writes the APP Special Correspondent in his dispatch from the foot of Mount Godwin Austen. "It took us 14 days from Skardu to reach here", he adds. The base camp is located in the same neighborhood where the previous American Expedition set up its camp 15 years ago and plan is to attempt the summit through the same route, which was adopted then. The Correspondent says: "It was a dismal arrival through vast blowing clouds, which filled the valleys and reduced the visibility to a few yards. Later on and through most of the night there was a minor snowstorm. Today's march involved a climb of over 2000 feet in about five miles. – APP Houston and Bates, the two members, who reached 26,000 feet in their previous attempt on K-2 are the members in this expedition.

#### K-2 EXPEDITION MARCHING TOWARDS 18,000 FOOT CAMP – 1

July 14, 1953, Skardu: The American Alpine Climbers Expedition to 28,250 foot K-2 (Mount Goodwin Austen) in the Western Himalayas, the second highest unclimbed mountain in the world, are moving to their camp at 18,000 feet in fine weather. The Camp, which is not far from the site of Camp One of the last expedition 15 years ago, lies at the foot of Ahrazzi Ridge, which the climbers have chosen as their route to the summit.

#### K-2 EXPEDITION ESTABLISHES CAMP 2 AT 19,000 FEET

July 22, 1953, Skardu: The Karakoram Expedition has established Camp 2 on the Abrussi Ridge at 19,000 feet above sea level. The Camp was established on June 28 after some initial difficulty. It was occupied on July 2 and since then two of the mountaineers have been staying here.

#### INSURED MAIL

July 30, 1953: With immediate effect the rates of insurance fee for insured airmail letters addressed to a foreign country will be reduced to the level of insurance fee for surface mail insured letters for the same country, says a Press Note issued yesterday by the Pakistan Posts & Telegraphs Department.

#### K-2 CLIMBERS ESTABLISH CAMPS – IT'S UP A CHIMNEY

August 5, 1953, Skardu: The Karakoram expedition have successfully set up camp 5 at 22,000 feet. Camp 5 has been fully stocked and four mountaineers are already there. Camp 4 and Camp 5 are within sight of each other. As Camp 5 is only 500 feet above camp 4.

#### K-2 EXPEDITION WITHIN 5,000 FEET OF SUMMIT

August 6, 1953, Skardu: Dr. Houston's team struggling up the giant K-2 have set up camp 6 at 23,300 feet. "The path here, if it may be so called is almost vertical. It is in fact only a long crack in the mountain face. The mountaineer has first to settle his whole body into the crack. He then stretches out his arms and legs and climb up by finding the necessary foothold and handhold on either face of the fissure in the mountain. Such formation is referred to technically by mountaineers as a chimney. This particular lying between Camp 4 & 5 is world famous. It has been named after a well known American mountaineer who took part in the first Karakoram expedition in 1936 and is called House's Chimney."

#### K-2 EXPEDITION SETS UP CAMP SEVEN AT 25,000 FEET

August 16, 1953, Skardu: The Karakoram expedition have established Camp 7 at 25,000 feet on July 20 and have selected a reasonably good site at 26,080 feet for Camp 8.

#### ORIENT DAKOTA CRASH

In a field in Jamshedpur on October 21, last year, was due to radio compass. The radio compass was reported unserviceable and the R/T equipment unsatisfactory.

#### K-2 IS UNCONQUERED: EXPEDITION FAIL

August 26, 1953, Skardu: The nine – man Karakoram Expedition, attempting to reach the summit of K-2 (Godwin Austen) have failed. Arthur Gilkey, the geologist lost his life on August 10, 1953 due to avalanche. The expedition is expected at Skardu by August 30, 1953.

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