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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We will be visiting Belgium for BELGICA 01 World Philatelic Exhibition from 7 to 16, 2001. We are looking forward to meeting many old friends and making new ones. You may ask at Commissioner's Room and India Post's Booth at the venue for our whereabouts. We will be staying at Hotel Metropole, Brussels. The hotel's telephone number is +32-2-2172300 and fax +32-2-2180220.

We will dispatch the next issue on time before leaving India. However, at present, we are not sure of dispatching issue # 43 dated June 14, 2001 to our subscribers. We don't own a laptop computer. However we will upload this issue on the website on the due date and request you to please download it. Besides regular news this issue will carry awards at BELGICA 2001. With the issue # 44 normal mailing shall resume to the subscribers on the due date June 21, 2001

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

- M&SJ

Our Thanks to the contributors to this issue: Vijay Seth, New Delhi

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIKE IN INLAND POSTAL CHARGES

The Government of India has decided to revise the tariffs for certain Inland Postal Services with effect from June 1, 2001. The details of revised tariffs are given below:

Post Card – Single, 50 paise

Post Card – Reply, 1 Rupee

Printed Post Card – Rs. 3

Competition Post Card – Rs. 5

Letters - For a weight not exceeding 20 grams, Rs. 4

- For every 20 grams, or fraction thereof, exceeding 20 grams, Rs. 4

Book, Pattern & Sample Packets – For the first 50 grams or fraction thereof, Rs. 3

- For every additional 50 grams or fraction thereof, in excess of 50 grams, Rs. 4

Registered Newspapers - In the case of a single copy of a registered Newspaper

- For a weight not exceeding 50 grams, 25 paise

- For a weight exceeding 50 grams but not exceeding 100 grams, 50 paise

- For every additional 100 grams or fraction thereof, exceeding 100 grams, 20 paise

- In the case of more than one copy of the same issue of a registered newspaper being carried in the same packet, Provided that such packet shall not be delivered at any addressee's residence but shall be given to a recognized agent at the Post Office, For a weight not exceeding 100 grams, 50 Paise

- For every additional 100 grams or fraction thereof, exceeding 100 grams, 20 paise

Parcels – For a weight not exceeding 500 grams, Rs. 16

- For every 500 grams or fraction thereof, exceeding 500 grams, Rs. 15

Registration Fee – Rs. 17

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- For every additional 100 grams or fraction thereof, in excess of 100 grams, Re. 1

Book packets containing periodicals – For the first 100 grams or fraction thereof, Rs. 2

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June 11, 2001 – S Chandrasekhar

June 17, 2001 – Guru Ravidas

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The third General Assembly of the World Association for Development of Philately (WADP) will be held at Brussels on June 12, 2001, as reported earlier. The two project teams of WADP will meet a day earlier on June 11, 2001. Edmund Bebriss, Manager Philatelic Division of Latvia Post is the Chairman of the WADP project team on Best Practices on Philatelic Exhibitions and Levon Manoukian, Director General of Federal Post office of the Russian Federation is the

Chairman of the WADP project team on Combating Fraudulent Issues. Rameshwari Handa, Deputy Director General, Philately, India Post shall represent India in both the meetings.

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PHILATELIC MARKETING TRAINING PROGRAM

A batch of 25 Postal Service Group "B" Officers undergoing induction training at Postal Staff College from April 16, 2001 visited National Philatelic Museum on May 30, 2001. P N Ranjit Kumar, Assistant Director General, Philately, India Post briefed the officers on Marketing of Philatelic Items.

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NOTES ON NEW DEFINITIVE SERIES PART - 3

The third issue of a stamp on the Natural Heritage series was issued on October 30, 2000, in the denomination of Rs. 50 depicting the Paradise Flycatcher Bird is issued in sheets of 50 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 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.

It is a vertical design in Light Grey and Orange colour. "Z" is the letter assigned for this denomination. The marginal inscription is in capital letters and has been seen for Z1 on both, the top and bottom of the sheet. No other number has been sighted so far in this denomination.

The fourth issue is a set of two high values, Rs. 15 and Rs. 20 and was issued on November 20, 2000 in sheets of 50 stamps. The Rs. 15 stamp depicts the Acraea Violae (Fabr.) Butterfly. "X" is the letter assigned for this denomination. The marginal inscription is in capital letters and has been seen for X1 on the right side of the sheet. No other number has been sighted so far in this denomination.

The Rs. 20 denomination depicts the flowering tree, Golden Showers. "Y" is the letter assigned for this denomination. The marginal inscription is in capital letters and has been seen for Y1 on the topside of the sheet. No other number has been sighted so far in this denomination.

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Editor: Meera Handa

Publisher: India Post

Mailing Address: Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001

Annual Subscription: Not Indicated

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GOOD BYE HELIO COURVOISIER

An era ends with the announcement of the closure of the well-known stamp printer; Helio Courvoisier S A of Switzerland, with effect from May 1, 2001. The message sent out to customers blames the "generally depressed state of philatelic market" that "has severely reduced the

demand for the high quality photogravure printing “ and “has made it impossible for our small company to remain viable”:

The Helio Courvoisier printed the India’s Mahatama Gandhi issue of 1948, that is till date the only issue printed abroad since 1925.

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The Hindustan Times, May 26, 2001
POSTAL TARIFFS TO GO UP FROM JUNE 1
<http://www.hindustantimes.com/nonfram/260501/detFRO02.asp>

The Hindu, May 26, 2001
POST CARD RATE DOUBLES
<http://www.indiaserver.com/thehindu/2001/05/26/stories/0226000b.htm>

Times of India, May 26, 2001
STEEP HIKE IN POSTAL TARIFFS FROM JUNE 1
<http://www.timesofindia.com/260501/26indi11.htm>

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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 23

Earlier parts were published in our issues # 18 to 41, except # 26. These as well as all back issues of this newsletter are available for free download at
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ORIENT AIRWAYS TO MERGE WITH PIA

September, 1953: The management of Orient Airways and the Pakistan Government have agreed to merge the Airways in the Government sponsored Pakistan International Airlines which will start functioning in April next. Under the agreement, which has been reached after several months’ negotiations, the Airways will enter the new organization, which will be statutory body, with all their assets. A Bill to provide for the establishment of a corporation which will function as a commercial organization, will be introduced in the forth coming session of the Parliament.

The new Airlines will be controlled by a Board of ten Directors, five of whom will be Government officers, two nominees of the Government and three representatives of Orient Airways. The Pakistan Government have appointed Mr. M A Ispahahi former Chairman of the Board of Directors of Orient Airways as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the new Airlines. The

government will subscribe Rs 3,00,000 as capital of the Airline while the Orient Airways will come in with their assets estimated at Rs 1,00,00,000. The public will be allowed to subscribe Rs 50,00,000.

The Orient Airways have now two Convair and 11 Dakotas. The Convairs have been brought from a Loan of Rs 15,00,000 given by the Government, which will be refunded. All the key personnel and heads of operational branches of the new Airlines have already been recruited. Advanced training is now being given to several of the recruits in traffic handling and other functions in Civil Training Centre of the Department of Civil Aviation at Drigh Road. A batch of five crews will be sent to USA in January for higher training with the Lockheed Corporation who are manufacturing the three super Constellation with which the service will begin. More Crew will be sent later.

Agreements

Besides the bilateral air agreements with Britain, France and Switzerland, negotiated earlier, the Pakistan Government have concluded bilateral agreements with Syria and Lebanon recently. Negotiations for similar agreements with Egypt and Turkey are underway, but these will not be required immediately by the Airlines. The new Airlines will fly their aircraft to London, via Middle East, besides to Dacca, Lahore and Peshawar. It is expected to operate more routes later. The Airlines will compete freely with other foreign air services in taking passengers for overseas travel from Pakistan, but Government will impose restriction on foreign airlines picking passengers from Karachi to Dacca and vice versa.

Besides the three super-Constellations, with which Airlines will start operation, it is expected to add more modern aircrafts, probably Viscounts, later to replace the Dakotas of Orient Airways which are becoming obsolete. The first of the three super-Constellation will arrive here from USA in February and one each in the following months.

BHARAT TO TAKE OVER KASHMIR P & T

September 4, 1953, New Delhi: The Government of Bharat will take over the Posts and Telegraph Department of occupied Kashmir on September 15, announced by Communication Minister Jagjivanram at Benaras.

SCINDE DAWK COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

A Press Note issued on Monday September 1, 1953 says: "The Government of Pakistan have decided to discontinue the sale of Scinde Dawk commemorative stamps of annas 3 and 12 issued on August 4, 1952, with effect from November 1, 1953. These stamps would, however continue to be used for prepayment of postage by those persons who hold their stocks. Any small stocks that may be found left over unsold with post offices and treasuries will be destroyed as usual."

INSURED AIR LETTERS

From September 16, 1953, insured letters will be accepted for dispatch by airmail to the Argentine Republic. The rate of insurance fee will be As -/8/6 for every 30 pounds of the insured value or part thereof.

BHARATI AIR SERVICE TO AFGHANISTAN

September 25, 1953, Delhi: Proving flight of Bharati Airlines to Kabul will take place on October 3 from Delhi to Amritsar and Lahore, it is reliably learnt. Actual route and halts when the service starts will be Delhi, Amritsar, Lahore, Kabul and Kandahar.

AIRMAIL RATES REDUCED – SPECIAL CONCESSION TO REGISTERED PAPERS

September 27, 1953: With immediate effect, second class mails (Printed paper packets, business paper packets, sample packet, blind literature packets and mixed packets) as well as registered news papers can be sent by air mail to the countries shown in the table below at the special reduced rates of air mail postage indicated therein.

The packets under reference must comply with the general conditions applicable to these categories of postal articles when sent by surface route and must bear, as is the case of surface mail packets, the superscription indicating the nature of the contents, such as printed papers, business papers etc.

Newspaper will be accepted for dispatch at the special rates shown in the table below if they comply with all the conditions applicable to registered newspapers in the inland service. Full payment of airmail postage and other charges is compulsory on second-class mails before they can be forwarded by air to the country of destination. The usual airmail label shall be affixed to each packet intended for transmission by airmail.

In all other respects, second-class airmails are subject to the conditions applicable to such packets sent by the surface route.

For remaining countries, second class airmails will continue to be dispatched for the present at the existing rates of airmail postage, says a Press Note issued by the Press Information Department, Government of Pakistan, Karachi, on Saturday, September 26, 1953.

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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