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## JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

Our next to next issue will be not only the 50<sup>th</sup> regular issue but also the first anniversary of the launch of this weekly newsletter. We invite your ideas, your comments and your feedback on the year gone by. We would also like to know from you what would you like from your newsletter in the coming year?

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

- M&SJ

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SEVEN STAMP DEALERS ACCUSED OF CONSPIRING TO RIG BIDDING

Rob Haeseler writing in a Special report from the August 13, 2001, edition of 'Linn's Stamp News'

In one of the biggest scandals ever to hit the hobby, seven stamp dealers were accused in federal court in New York City July 23 of swindling collectors and auction houses out of millions of dollars by agreeing not to bid against each other.

A civil antitrust suit brought by the attorneys general of New York, California and Maryland said the dealers effectively paid less for stamps -- mostly collections -- and "deprived sellers of the full and competitive price for their property."

The defendants are fourth-generation Philadelphia auctioneer John D. Apfelbaum, Etienne de Cherisey of Paris, Davitt A. Felder Jr. of San Francisco, Anthony "Tony" Feldman of London, Dana Okey of San Diego, Stephen J. Osborne of Vermont and the United Kingdom, and Kees Quirijns of the Netherlands.

The suit accuses the dealers of collusion and restraint of trade stretching over two decades. It seeks a jury trial and treble damages to compensate swindled consignors. Cited are alleged violations of the Sherman Act, the California Unfair Competition Act and California's antitrust Cartwright Act, the Maryland Antitrust Act and New York's Donnelly Act, involving restraint of trade.

Fearing the impact of negative publicity, some collectors and dealers recoiled at the news, which was carried in newspapers and television broadcasts across the United States and abroad. Some, however, viewed the lawsuit as a long-overdue effort to clean up an untidy corner of the hobby.

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#### CHAUDHARY BRAHM PARKASH

The Minister of Communications Ram Vilas Paswan today released a commemorative postage stamp on Chaudhary Brahm Prakash, the first Chief Minister of Delhi at a function here. Paswan said that Chaudhary Brahm Prakash was a champion of the cause of *Dalits* in the country. He fought for the rights of the downtrodden and his crusade should be carried on by present generation, he added. He urged upon people not to divide people on the basis of cast and suggested that social justice should be ensured for one and all.

Chaudhary Brahm Prakash (1918-1993) was a leader known for his self-less public service, social commitment and organizational abilities. He played an important role in the Individual Satyagraha Movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi in 1940 and was among the leaders of the 'underground' activities in Delhi during the 'Quit India' movement. He was imprisoned many times during the freedom struggle.

In the post-independence era, he served as Minister in charge of Planning and Development as well as the Chief Minister of Delhi. His stints in the Parliament twice won him accolades as an

able parliamentarian. He also made noteworthy contributions as the Union Cabinet Minister for Food, Agriculture, Irrigation and Cooperatives.

The cause of depressed sections of the society, rural development and empowerment of the weaker sections were issues, which were very close to the heart of Chaudhary Brahm Prakash. He was quick to realize the potential of cooperative societies in mitigating the hardships of the village folks. As early as in 1945, he started organizing village and agriculture cooperatives. He was also a proponent of the Panchayati Raj institutions. He organised the National Union of Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Minorities in 1977 to work for the welfare of these weaker sections.

Issued by the Department of Posts, the stamp is in the denomination of four rupees, the current inland letter rate. The First Day Cover along with the information sheet is available on sale at all Philatelic Bureaus/Counters and at selected Post Offices.

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Next Issue: August 19, 2001 – August Kranti, Balia. This is the last issue in this month.

Issues in September 2001 – All are additions to the Program of Issue!

05<sup>th</sup> – Jagdev Prasad

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#### RADIO TALK ON PHILATELY

Vishnu Saksena, Philatelic Consultant to India Post, gave a talk in Hindi on All India Radio on August 14, 2001 on "India's freedom Struggle on Indian Postage Stamps". Saksena is also the author of, an all color, book on the same subject that was published by India Post last year.

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India Post has prepared a CD containing the images of all stamps issued since independence. The early copy we have seen lacks front-end software. The images should also have been digitized against a dark background, and not against white, in order to highlight the perforations and improve the visual impact. We hope before mass release it shall be possible to incorporate proper front-end software to present the information and images. In case India Post decides to redo the scanning we would like to suggest high-resolution and large size images, say 400%, in addition to normal size images.

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#### IRANIAN DELEGATION VISITS INDIA

A two member Iranian delegation led by Mr. Vafa, Board Member of Iran Post Company was in India from August 5 to 10, 2001. The delegation held wide-ranging talks including technology transfers, philately (Joint Issue), Cooperation in international mail, Post Office Savings Bank, and Training. They visited postal facilities at Lodhi Road and Parliament Street Head Post Offices in Delhi. They also visited Postal Staff College at Ghaziabad and the Taj Mahal at Agra.

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#### EVENTS

##### TIEPEX

The 9<sup>th</sup> national level philatelic exhibition is being organized by South India Philatelists Association with cooperation of India Post at Chennai from September 20 to 23, 2001. The show is entitled TIEPEX 01 to cover the themes of Transport, Information Technology, Entertainment and Pollution control. For more information please contact, G Madan Mohan Das, Secretary TIEPEX 01, # 79 (Old # 41), Perumal Mudali Street, Sowcarpet, Chennai 600079

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The philatelic collections of Mihir Pandya, young son of Prashant Pandya of Vadodara were the subject of the write-up 'VISION OF INDIA' THROUGH THE WORLD OF STAMPS by Manju Ramanan in The Times of India, Ahmedabad edition of August 15, 2001.

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## SPECIAL HAJ NOTES OF RS. 10 AND RS. 100 DENOMINATION

April 23, 1952: In view of the ban imposed on the export of Pakistan notes outside Pakistan, special Haj notes in the denomination of Rs. 100 were issued during 1950, and during 1951 in the denomination of Rs. 10 to the pilgrims proceeding for Haj, says a Press Note issued yesterday – April 22, 1952. It has been decided to continue the scheme this year.

The State Bank of Pakistan have issued a Notification giving the description of the Special Haj Notes that will be issued this year, the periods during which they will be issued and the offices and agencies from which they can be obtained.

It has also been decided to issue notes in both denominations i.e. Rs. 10 and Rs. 100.

A description of notes is given below:

Rs. 10: These pilgrim notes are the same, which were issued last year and are similar in design to the existing Bank notes of Rs. 10 denomination. They are printed in light green color and the following inscription is overprinted on the front “For Haj Pilgrims from Pakistan. For use in Saudi Arabia only”

Rs. 100: The Special Haj notes of Rs. 100 denomination are the same, which were issued during 1950 and are similar in design to the existing hundred rupee notes. These notes are printed in bright red color and the following inscription is over printed on these notes: “For Pilgrims from Pakistan. For use in Saudi Arabia and Iraq”. The words “and Iraq” occurring in the inscription have been struck off. These notes will be available for negotiation in Saudi Arabia only.

These notes are not legal tender in Pakistan. They will be issued to the pilgrims on the scale prescribed by the Government, by the State Bank, National Bank of Pakistan and Habib Bank at Karachi and by the National and Habib Banks of Chittagong. The pilgrims should first deposit money with any of these banks after showing their Reservation Cards issued by the Haj Booking Officer. The Bank concerned will issue a Deposit Receipt for the amount tendered.

After obtaining their pilgrim passes and Steamer tickets, the pilgrims will obtain the pilgrim notes equivalent to the amount deposited by them from the Bank concerned after surrendering the deposit receipt to the Bank.

The following are the minimum amounts, which are required to be deposited with the Bank:

Pilgrims over 16 years of age proceeding by pre-Ramazan pilgrim ships: 1<sup>st</sup> class Rs. 1700; 2<sup>nd</sup> class Rs. 1700; Deck Rs. 1400.

Pilgrims over 16 years of age proceeding by post-Ramazan pilgrim ships: 1<sup>st</sup> class Rs. 1700; 2<sup>nd</sup> class Rs. 1400; Deck Rs. 1100.

Pilgrims traveling by air from Karachi to Jeddah and back: Rs. 1600; Children between the ages of 10 and 16 years: half of the above rates. As regards pilgrims proceeding by air, they will not be required to deposit the amount with the banks in advance but will obtain their quotas on production of pilgrim passes and air ticket from any of the Banks referred to above against payment.

The notes can be converted in Saudi Arabian Rials by banks and moneychangers in Saudi Arabia. The presence of the National Bank of Pakistan at Jeddah will ensure a reasonable rate of exchange for our rupee in view of the ready convertibility into pound sterling offered by the Bank of Jeddah.

Pilgrims, who purchased the notes but do not proceed for the Haj, should surrender the Haj notes issued to them immediately after the cancellation of their ticket, for the journey. Refund will be made by the State Bank of Pakistan at Karachi, Dacca and the National Bank of Pakistan, Karachi and Chittagong. Failure to surrender the Haj notes may result in non-payment of the notes and will also constitute an offence under the law.

## NEW ONE-RUPEE NOTES

April 30, 1952: A Pakistan Government Press Note issued on Tuesday April 29, 1952, says: One Rupee notes bearing the signature of Mr. Abdul Qadir, Secretary to the Government of Pakistan in the Ministry of Finance, are to be issued from the offices and agencies of the State Bank of Pakistan.

The notes are printed in the same color, design and size as the notes bearing the signature of Sir V A C Turner, the former Finance Secretary which are now in circulation and which will continue to be issued for some time.

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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