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Hi

In this issue we want to share with you some ideas about starting new segments in the newsletter and expanding the coverage area to include the news of neighboring nations i.e. Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. We are working on the possibilities of collaborating with collectors and postal administrations from these countries to feed regular news. We are also looking at expanding the Research Notes segment and providing information on several subjects.

Since long we have been under pressure from collectors, who do not use the Internet and email with ease, to publish a print version at least once a month. As is well known that we can resist everything except temptation, we are seriously considering publishing from January 2002. Do drop us a line to let us know of your support, cooperation and methods of funding.

We are also awaiting your inputs to let us know what more you would like to see in the next year for your favorite newsletter.

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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAKE STAMPS RACKET UNEARTHED

With the arrest of four persons, the Delhi Police on August 21, 2001 claimed to have busted an interstate gang of racketeers allegedly involved in marketing of forged non-judicial stamp papers, revenue and postal stamps, share transfer stamps and other treasury notes. Police said that it had recovered such materials worth more than Rs 6 million. Acting on a complaint, police arrested one person from Darya Ganj area of the city following which raids were conducted at other two places in the national capital which led to arrest of three more persons involved in the fake stamps business.

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NEW STAMPS RELEASED

AUGUST KRANTI, BALIA

The Minister of Communications, Ram Vilas Paswan released a commemorative postage stamp on 'August Revolution' at Ballia District of Uttar Pradesh in Town Hall, Ballia on August 19, 2001. Former Prime minister of India and Member of Parliament from Ballia, Chandra Shekhar was the Chief Guest. Gautam Gupta, Member Operations, Postal Services Board, as well as Chief Postmaster General Uttar Pradesh and Postmaster General Gorakhpur Region were also present at the occasion.

The Indian National Congress at its Bombay session in August 1942 passed the famous 'Quit India' resolution, calling for a mass struggle under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi. "Do or Die" was the mantra, which Gandhiji gave the people of India. However, even before the Congress could start the movement, the British administrative machinery came down swiftly and heavily. All the major leaders were arrested and the Congress itself was declared illegal. A dismayed India reacted spontaneously against this repressive act. Popular revolts broke out across the length and breadth of the country, with the battle cry of "British Quit India". A prominent feature of the Quit India Revolt was the chain of 'National Governments', which came to be established in many parts of the country, though most of them could survive only for a few weeks.

In Ballia District of Uttar Pradesh the revolt started with protest demonstrations of the students. The arrest of a few girls and at-random firing by the police in the market sent a wave of indignation into the hearts of the people. The resultant anger and excitement led to spontaneous acts of protest like removal of rails, cutting of telegraph wires and burning of railway and police stations in the rural areas. In less than a week the local people raided the police stations, treasuries and other government offices of the District and occupied them. The authorities surrendered immediately and the national flag was hoisted over these buildings.

Having occupied the whole District and disrupted the colonial administrative machinery, the onus of setting up a parallel 'government' fell upon the leaders of the revolt. They undertook the task in a most responsible and efficient manner and a National Government was set up in Ballia on the 19th of August. Chittu Pandey, a charismatic leader described as the "Tiger of Ballia" by Jawaharlal Nehru and Subhas Chandra Bose, headed the Government. The entire population of Ballia supported the National Government and donated thousands of rupees to enable the Government to carry on its administration.

The stamp carries a picture of the monument at Shaheed (Martyrs) Park, Ballia. The stamp is of Rs 4 denomination, the current inland letter rate. Sankha Samanta designed the stamp, Suresh Kumar designed the First day Cover, and Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. An informative brochure containing write-up and technical data, priced at Rs. 2, was also brought out. Calcutta Security Printers Limited of Kanpur printed the stamps by photo-offset in four colors on matt chromo paper in the quantity of 400,000. The issued sheet contains 40 stamps. The stamps, First Day Cover along with the information sheet are available on sale at all Philatelic Bureaus and Counters and at selected Post Offices.

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PHILATELIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The recently reconstituted Philatelic Advisory Committee (PAC) of Ministry of Communications, Government of India, shall be meeting for the first time on September 3, 2001 at India Post HQ, Dak Bhavan, New Delhi. The last meeting of the PAC was held on June 3, 2000.

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HAFNIA 01 will be held at Copenhagen, Denmark from October 16 to 21, 2001. This is a FIP Patronized Specialized Show, limited to Traditional, Thematic, Youth, Literature, and Open class. M G Pittie, Immediate Past President of Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) and Vice President of the Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP) shall be the sole Indian member of the International Jury. Dhananjay Desai of Ahmedabad is the National Commissioner for India. Following exhibits are participating from India at HAFNIA 01:

Dhananjay Desai – Sorath, Dilip Shah – Gwalior, Valmiki Desai – Philatelic Terms, Ashok Kumar Bayanwala – Meter Post, Kishor Chandak – Hand Struck Postage Stamps of India, Ilyas Patel – Bridges, Parthvi Desai – Mahatma Gandhi, Prashant Shah – Speed Post, Ilyas Patel & Dhananjay Desai – Indian Telegraphs 1851-1914 Philatelic & Operational History (Literature), Radha Krishan Sarawagi – Brahmini Dak, (Literature).

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Rick Miller writing in the August 13, 2001, edition of 'Linn's Stamp News'
A previously unrecorded stamp of Portuguese India issued in 1872 has come to light. Collector G.C. Gonyea of Potsdam, N.Y., made the discovery. The stamp is a 100 Reis yellow-green Numeral of Value on soft wove paper, one of the locally produced stamps of the 1870s.
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NEW PHILATELIC MAGAZINE FROM PAKISTAN

Mohammed Ali Jahangir of Karachi, Pakistan has announced the launch of 'Stamp Times' from September 2001. Mohammad Ali Jahangir is a keen stamp collector. He collects Pakistan and worldwide postage stamps, postal stationeries and other philatelic material concerning Pakistan and other countries of the world. He is also a collector-cum-dealer, again mainly of Pakistan and worldwide stamps and stationeries, both mint and used. He has a philatelic office-cum-shop in Karachi. He not only collects Pakistan stamps, but also promotes philately in Pakistan by using latest facilities like E-mail and Internet. He is a Life Member of the Philatelic Federation of Pakistan and the Stamp Society of Pakistan of which he is also a member of the executive committee. He has his own website which has contacts with about 2000 collectors and he also plans to start publishing from September 2001 a bimonthly magazine on stamps and philately.

He was associated with the first Iranian Stamp Exhibition in Karachi. He personally organized a stamp exhibition in Karachi, viz. UNIPEX 95. He runs a service called 'Service for Pakistan Collectors' through e-mail where collectors can ask questions about background and details of Pakistan postage stamps and postal stationeries. Mike Pagliari, UPU Consultant on Philately, has visited his office and exchanged ideas and views on the promotion of philately in Pakistan. He was closely associated with the publication of the book, "Fifty years of Pakistan stamps" by M. J. Zahedi.

M. A. Jahangir participated in three non-competitive Stamp Exhibitions held at Karachi: viz. Pak-French Stamp Exhibition November 11-20, 1999, at the Alliance Francaise; International School of Karachi and the National Museum, both held to celebrate Pakistan Day, 2001. Jahangir won a Silver Bronze in NEPHIL 2001 (South Asian International Philatelic exhibition) held in Kathmandu, Nepal, in February 2001, with his exhibit on Flowers. He has written many articles on philately in general, specially on Pakistan stamps, in magazines and newspapers, which have greatly contributed to introducing and promoting Pakistan stamps and philately.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

NATURAL HISTORY ON INDIAN STAMPS

International Collectors' Society of Rare Items (ICSRI) has recently brought out its third publication as above. This 76-page book, authored by Rajnish L Karnik lists and illustrates in black & white over 200 postage stamps of India on nature. It is available at Rs. 50 per copy from the ICSRI, 128 Kasba Peth, Pune 411011.

ICSRI is the only society in the world to have brought under one roof all types of collectors. It came into existence in May 1995 as "Collectors' Club". It was renamed as ICSRI in January 1996. The Society has more than 100 members collecting various items. The Society holds regular meetings, talks by eminent scholars on various subjects and holds exhibitions on different subjects. Twelve members of the society have found a mention in the "Limca Book of Records" for various collections from time to time. The president of the society already features in the Guinness Book.

The Society has held many exhibitions, which were mostly held for the first time in India. The notable among them are: 1. Exhibited 100 different collections, 2. Exhibited Rare items in Commemoration of 50 years of World War II, 3. Exhibited Dinosaur Eggs, Rare Minerals and Zeolites, 4. Exhibited Rare Hollywood Photographs, 5. Exhibited Rare Items in Commemoration of 50 years of India's Independence, 6. Exhibited Rare Pre & Post Independence Currency Notes, 7. Exhibited Shivaji Maharaj's "Hon" – a very rare coin, for the first time in India, 8. Exhibited Rare Items in a unique exhibition titled "Towards New Millennium".

The Society has published two books: 1. Coin Collecting for Beginners. (First edition sold out), 2. Guide to Indian Paper Money (1861 – 1997). 'Natural History on Indian Stamps' is the third book of the Society and it intends to provide the collectors with different books on different subjects in near future.

The Society has taken part in various social activities and the main aim is to provide "Knowledge through Hobbies". The future projects of the Society are 1. Establish "Young Collectors Club" in every school, 2. Establish a "Museum" on Natural History in Pune, 3. Establish a database and library for reference on different types of collections.

These types of ambitious projects require funds. The members of the Society take part in the activities purely on voluntary basis. The Society requires help from philanthropists. The donations given to the Society are given 50% rebate on income tax under section 12 G & 80 G.

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We have finally caught up with the backlog of reporting new issues of postal stationery of India. We also will be reporting in advance, as and when we receive information, on forthcoming issues of postal stationery of India.

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- January 18, 2001. Census 2001, Mirror of the Nation, in English, ISP,
- January 22, 2001. MTNL, Phone Plus Services, in English, ISP
- February 27, 2001. Census 2001, Development's Milestone, in Hindi, SPP
- March 17, 2001. Indian Oil 'Servo', in English, SPP

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March 1, 2001

L & T Cement, in Hindi, ISP

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- March 1, 2001. Eradication of Aids Everyone's Responsibility, In Telegu, SPP

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- March 26, 2001. Environment: Greenery is Life, In Kannada, SPP
- March 26, 2001. Environment: To Eradicate Pollution, In Tamil, SPP

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March 30, 2001

- March 31, 2001. TVS XL Super, in Kannada, SPP

- April 4, 2001. TVS XL Super, in Telgu, SPP

- April 4, 2001. TVS XL Super, in Tamil, SPP

- April 4, 2001. TVS XL Super, in Hindi, ISP

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30,000 LETTERS RECEIVED FOR "MONUMENT TO LOVE" ART PROJECT

BERLIN, Aug 17 (AFP) -

Some 30,000 love-letters have been received by the German artist H A Schult who plans to cover a former Berlin post office building with them as a "monument to love", a spokeswoman for the German postal service said. The post office sponsoring the project had invited members of the public to address a love-letter to a real or imaginary person and send it to the artist.

The response had been so good since the idea was launched in mid-July that the final date for sending the letters had been postponed from August 20 until September, spokeswoman Ina Quilling said. "We have received passionate declarations of love, romantic letters, movingly tender texts and philosophical writings," she said. The missives have also included love-letters addressed to countries rather than people, and collages confectioned by children.

The aim of the project is to instill the habit of letter writing among young people who increasingly use electronic mail. H A Schult originally reckoned that 5,000-10,000 letters would be necessary to decorate the grandiose former post office building in Berlin. The project is due to be executed from mid-October. Copyright © 2001 AFP

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NOTES ON PAKISTAN – Part 31

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ITALIAN EXPEDITION TO K-2

April 15, 1954:

The Italian expedition, led by Professor Desio, will consist of 19 mountaineers including a Pakistani – Col. Ataullah of the Pakistan Army Medical Corps, Director of Medical Service. The mountaineers, who are expected to begin their assault early in May, plan to establish their base camp at Skardu, from where they will proceed via the BALTORO Glacier, following the route of the German expedition led by Herr Wiener in 1939. Leader - Dr. Ardito Desio, Physician & Alpine Climber – Dr. Pagani, Geologist – Dr. Farettein.

May 7, 1954, Skardu:

The Italian KARAKORAM EXPEDITION reached an altitude of about 9,000 feet at village Dassu tonight.

May 18, 1954, Skardu:

The Italian expedition encamped at 11,600 feet high meadow of Pajju on May 8, 1954. "Pajju is situated on the tree line and the few stunted leafless trees, which mark this camp site, are the last trees that the expedition will see until their return from K-2". Expedition are now in the greatest glacier world. Some of KARAKORAM glaciers are 30 miles or more in length which makes them five or six times as large as most of the big Himalayan glaciers.

May 24, 1954, Skardu:

The advance party of K-2 expedition reached the 15,000-foot high CONCORDIA amphitheater. CONCORDIA is the meeting ground of 11 glaciers and is ringed around the 20 peaks of 20,000 foot or more in altitude. K-2 itself is seen from here for the first time.

June 10, 1954, Skardu:

Base camp at 17,000 foot, K-2 expedition set up Camp – 3 at 21,500 feet.

June 25, 1954, Skardu:

The expedition progress has so far been satisfactory and it is at present ahead of its schedule. The present bad weather is therefore, causing no one any anxiety.

June 27, 1954, Skardu:

K-2 expedition halted by early monsoon storms. K-2 – Mount Godwin Austen – is the highest unconquered peak in the world.

June 30, 1954, Skardu:

The bad weather in the K-2 area has permitted little climbing activity on the wind swept Abruzzi Ridge. Professor Desio and some of his companions went yesterday to pay homage at the monument raised to Arthur Gilkay who was killed on K-2 last year. This impressive stone monument was raised by the American on a spur of rock at the junction of the Godwin Austen and SAVOLA Glaciers and commands wonderful views in all directions. Italians are now putting up a memorial plaque in the same place to honor four others who have died in previous attempts on K-2.

July 5, 1954, Skardu:

On arrival at Camp 4, the expedition found two tents and four thermos flasks left behind by Dr. Houston's expedition last year. Camp – 4 is situated at an altitude of 21,200 feet. Mr. Mario P. Choz died at 19,000 feet high camp on the morning of June 21 with acute pneumonia on June 20. He was 36.

INDIAN AIRLINE TO OPERATE IN OCCUPIED KASHMIR

June 27, 1954, Srinagar: The Indian Airlines Corporation will start a fortnightly passenger service between Srinagar and the town of Leh in Ladakh tomorrow morning. Bakshi Ghulam will inaugurate the flight. Later it will be changed from fortnightly to weekly.

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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