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We apologize for a day's delay in sending out this issue and seek your understanding and continued support.

India is a big country and every week several philatelic organizations hold meetings, displays, talks, and auctions. Besides this other philatelic events such as release functions for stamps, and exhibitions are organized. And new postal stationery and special covers and special postmarks released. We want to cover it all in this newsletter for it to be a useful reference of philately in India. This is only possible with cooperation of many persons taking out time to contribute from all over and as editors its our job to receive news from all and send the same to everyone.

We will be uploading this weekend the complete 'List of Postal Stationery Issued During 2000'. There is a large backlog of visuals to be scanned. We have made arrangements to provide all issues of 2001 to be uploaded by end of January 2001. Later we will gradually complete the backlog in descending order.

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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR 'KUMBH'

Further to our exclusive report in the last issue we have learned that there are two mobile post offices on boats for the duration of the 'Kumbh'. The PIN code of the sole delivery post office at the 'Kumbh' is 211019.

The image of the special cover and special postmark issued on January 14, 2001, the first auspicious day for the dip, is now uploaded at our site. Those who want to have this and three other special covers and special postmarks may contact Anil Kumar at [stamp@vsnl.com](mailto:stamp@vsnl.com)  
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INDEPEX-ASIANA WINNERS FELICITATED

B N Som, Secretary to Government of India, Chairman of the Postal Services Board, Director General India Post, & Chairman of the World Association for Development of Philately was the Chief Guest at a special function organized at GPO Mumbai on January 7, 2001 to felicitate the local award winners at the 14<sup>th</sup> Asian International Philatelic Exhibition, INDEPEX-ASIANA 2000, held from December 7-12, 2000 at Kolkata.  
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SUDHIR JAIN FELICITATED

Indore Philatelic Society organized a special meeting on January 9, 2001 at Kanchan Hotel Indore to honor Society's Patron Sudhir Jain on receiving Bronze Medal in Indepex-Asiana 2000 at Calcutta. Ramesh Nayak given welcome speech and President Dr. Ravindra Pahalwan honored Sudhir Jain and presented memento. In his address Sudhir Jain told that philately is the key of knowledge as well as it inspires us to serve others. Secretary Surendra Mulye conducted the meeting and Sricha Saxena gave vote of thanks.  
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#### NEW STAMP RELEASED

The commemorative stamp to mark the centenary of the Paintings of St. Aloysius College Chapel at Mangalore was released in special function held at Mangalore on January 12, 2001.

The stamp is in the denomination of Rs. 15, the overseas airmail letter rate. Alka Sharma designed the stamp and the pictorial first day postmark. First day Cover design is based on the material furnished by the St. Aloysius College. An informative brochure containing write-up and technical data, priced at Rs. 2, was also brought out for the issue. Calcutta Security Printers Limited of Kanpur printed the stamp by photo-offset in five colors on matt chromo unwatermarked paper in the quantity of 1 million. The issued sheet contains 40 stamps.

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#### SERVICE PHILATELY

This is the name of a new philatelic organization formed recently in Thrissur with an outlook of service towards philately. There is no membership fee for joining this organization. For further details please contact: John Joseph, Service Philately, 459 'A' Evergreen, Near Regency Club, P O Kuttanellur, Thrissur 680014.

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#### RESEARCH NOTES

Manohar Lal has spent eight years, full time, at National Archives of India and other institutions researching postal history matters 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.

We have been fortunate to enlist him as a regular contributor to this segment of the newsletter and are confident our readers will benefit with the first time publication of the results of his painstaking research. At present he is not available on telephone or email. We shall be happy to pass on your comments and queries to him. His postal address is 9-B/6654 Dev Nagar, Gali # 6, New Delhi 110005

Earlier parts were published in our issues # 18, 19, 20, & 21 of December 21 & 28, 2000, and January 4 & 11, 2001.

#### POSTAL HISTORY OF PAKISTAN – Part 5

##### DELHI – SRINAGAR AIR LINK

July 17, 1948, The Dalmia Jain Airways are now operating a daily air service between Delhi and Srinagar and Delhi.

Departure and Arrival timings are as below:

Departure – Delhi – 06:30 am

Arrival – Srinagar – 10:00 am

Departure – Srinagar – 14:55 pm

Arrival Delhi – 15:25 pm

PAK AIR

Daily scheduled service commencing on August 1, 1948.

From LAHORE to KARACHI & DELHI

Departure - KARACHI – 06:30

Arrival – LAHORE – 10:30 -

Departure – LAHORE – 11:00

Arrival – DELHI – 12:45

Departure – DELHI – 14:00

Arrival – LAHORE – 15:45

Departure – LAHORE – 16:15

Arrival – KARACHI – 20:00

#### DUSK-TO-DAWN AIRMAIL – INDIAN P&T SCHEME / FIRST IN WORLD

July 27, 1948, New Delhi: The Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department shortly propose to revolutionise the airmail delivery system so far as five big Indian cities are concerned. Under the proposed scheme, airmail letter posted in Delhi until six o'clock in the evening will be delivered in Madras, Calcutta, Bombay and Allahabad the following morning before breakfast.

In order to implement this revolutionary scheme, the Postal authorities will run their own air service, which will operate at night. Once the night air service is established, postal places will carry all types of postal freight including parcels.

There will be daily services in both direction between these five towns and it is contemplated that the aircraft to be purchased will be freighters. The new experiment is likely to be in operation by the close of the year.

At present no country in the world has such a service in existence. The proposed scheme involves a budget of some crores of rupees.

#### NO P&T SERVICE TO AREAS FORCIBLY TAKEN BY INDIA

July 27, 1948, Karachi: The Pakistan Government will not accept mails for any areas situated in Junagarh and Manavadar States, states a Press Note of the Posts and Telegraph Department, Government of Pakistan, issued here today.

On the establishment of Pakistan the Press Note adds, Junagarh and Manavadar States acceded to Pakistan. Before the administration of the Posts and Telegraphs service in these states could be taken over by the Pakistan Government, forces of the Indian Dominion, however, unconstitutionally and forcibly went into the states and forcibly occupied them.

It is therefore, not possible for the Pakistan Government to maintain the Posts and Telegraphs services in these areas, nor can this administration arrange for the conveyance of mails, addressed to destinations therein and posted in other areas, which are under the forcible and unconstitutional occupation of the Indian Dominion.

#### DELHI – MADRAS – DELHI – JUPITER AIRWAYS LTD.

Departure – Delhi – 07:30

Arrival – Nagpur – 10:35

Departure – Nagpur – 11:05

Arrival – Vizagapatam – 13:20

Departure – Vizagapatam – 13:50

Arrival – Madras – 16:30

Departure – Madras – 07:30

Arrival – Vizagapatam – 10:10

Departure – Vizagapatam – 10:35

Arrival – Nagpur – 12:50

Departure – Nagpur – 13:20

Arrival – Delhi – 16:30

#### AIR SERVICES OF INDIA PLANE

April 13, 1946, London: The aircraft is leaving the Hatfield aerodrome on Thursday next on its delivery flight to India on behalf of the Air Services of India, Limited. It will be given a warm send off at the aerodrome on Thursday morning at a reception arranged by the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Scindia Steamships (London) Limited.

#### PAK AIR – LAHORE – KARACHI – DELHI

Lahore – Karachi – Delhi flight will operate to the following revised timings from Monday August 9, 1948

Departure – Karachi – 06:15

Arrival – Lahore – 10:15

Departure – Lahore – 10:45

Arrival – Delhi – 12:45

Departure – Delhi – 14:00

Arrival – Lahore – 16:00

Departure – Lahore – 16:30

Arrival – Karachi – 20:30

#### POSTAL SERVICE BY AIR TO QUETTA

August 27, 1948, Karachi: Due to floods in Sind and consequent absence of direct railway connection, the Posts and Telegraph Department have arranged for carriage of mails by air to Quetta and the service is now arranged run almost daily. Only such mails on which airmail postage has been paid are so carried. Ordinary surface mails are transhipped between Sikkon and Shikarpur by boat and Shikarpur is maintaining train service to Quetta as well as Larkana breach-head via Jacobabad. – APS

#### STATE BANK TO ISSUE NEW PAKISTAN NOTES FROM OCTOBER 1, 1948

September 2, 1948, Karachi: A Press Note of the State Bank of Pakistan states that the Government of Pakistan notes of the denominations of Rs. 5, Rs. 10 and Rs. 100 will issued by the State Bank of Pakistan at its offices at Karachi, Lahore, and Dacca with effect from October 1, 1948 and from as many treasuries, sub treasuries and branches of the Imperial Bank of India as possible.

...The Reserve Bank of India notes inscribed with the words "Government of Pakistan" will remain legal tender side by side with Government of Pakistan notes.

#### ORIENT AIRWAYS – SERVICE SCHEDULE

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays – North Bound

Departure – Karachi – 06:00

Arrival – Rawalpindi – 11:35

Departure – Rawalpindi – 12:05

Arrival – Peshawar – 12:55

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays – South Bound

Departure – Peshawar – 14:00

Arrival – Rawalpindi – 14:50

Departure – Rawalpindi – 15:20

Arrival – Lahore – 16:40

Departure – Lahore – 17:10

Arrival – Karachi – 21:10

Wednesdays and Sundays

Departure – Karachi – 06:00

Arrival – Lahore – 09:50

Departure – Lahore – 10:20

Arrival – Rawalpindi – 11:35

Departure – Rawalpindi – 13:00

Arrival – Lahore – 14:15

Departure – Lahore – 14:45

Arrival – Karachi – 18:35

Mondays and Fridays

Departure – Karachi – 06:00

Arrival – Quetta – 08:30

Departure – Quetta – 09:00

Arrival – Lahore – 12:00

Departure – Lahore – 13:00

Arrival – Quetta – 16:00  
Departure – Quetta – 16:30  
Arrival – Karachi – 19:00

Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays  
Departure – Karachi – 06:00  
Arrival – Bombay – 11:00  
Departure – Bombay – 12:30  
Arrival – Karachi – 16:00

Daily Except Sundays – South Bound  
Departure – Calcutta – 06:00  
Arrival – Chittagong – 07:30  
Departure – Chittagong – 08:00  
Arrival – Akyab – 09:00  
Departure – Akyab – 09:30  
Arrival – Rangoon – 11:30

Daily Except Sundays – North Bound  
Departure – Rangoon – 12:30  
Arrival – Akyab – 14:30  
Departure – Akyab – 15:00  
Arrival – Chittagong – 16:00  
Departure – Chittagong – 16:30  
Arrival – Calcutta – 18:00

Daily Service  
Departure – Calcutta – 08:00  
Arrival – Dacca – 09:00  
Departure – Dacca – 09:30  
Arrival – Chittagong – 10:30  
Departure – Chittagong – 11:00  
Arrival – Dacca – 12:00  
Departure – Dacca – 12:30  
Arrival – Calcutta – 13:30

RESUMPTION OF DECCAN AIRWAY SERVICES PERMISSION SOUGHT  
September 27, 1948, Secundrabad: Representations have been made on behalf of the Deccan Airways, 51 percent of whose shares are owned by the Nizam's Government, for permission to resume services, it is learnt.  
The services were suspended early in August under orders of the Civil Aviation Directorate of the Government of India.

COMPETITION FOR DESIGN OF NEW PAKISTAN STAMP  
Prize Of Rs. 250 Offered

BOAC FLYING BOATS  
New Port of call – Alexandria instead of Cairo – will be in use from October 24, 1948  
Marine Airport on Lake Mariut.

To be continued in the next issue.

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December 31, 2001 – Available on January 15, 2001

Inland Letter Card with Advertisement

- Save Rain Water, in Hindi, CSP

January 15, 2001

Post Card with Advertisement

- Star Plus TV Channel's Kaun Banega Crorepati Game Show, in Hindi,

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Post Card with Advertisement

- MTNL, Telco for Mumbai & New Delhi, in English

- Census 2001, Mirror of the Nation, in English, ISP

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##### INDOREPEX-2000 < Late News >

India Post organized a district level philatelic exhibition INDOREPEX-2000 at Indore from November 24 to 26, 2000. Three special covers and three special postmarks were released. Theme of the special covers and postmarks were Technology for November 24, Archeology for November 25, & Wild Life for November 26. Indore Philatelic Society helped in organizing the same. A K Kansal, General Manager Telecom inaugurated the exhibition. Renowned Philatelists of Madhya Pradesh G M Pujari, Dr. Ravindra Pahalwan and M S Dhakad were the jury members. Winners were- GOLD MEDAL - Padmakar Pandharkar, L N Kanodia, Ashok Dube, Usha Bajpai, Alok Biyani, Shikha Jain and Sankalp Mulye. SILVER MEDAL - S K

Bhatt, Ketki Mazumdar, Reena Saxena and Sricha Saxena. BRONZE MEDAL - Pratibha Chouhan, S B Biyani, Neha Jain, Smriti Biyani and Vaibhav Biyani. A Philatelic Seminar was also organized in with Surendra Mulye, Ravindra Dangi and P V Pandharkar as speakers. Special covers with special cancellations are available with Dr. Ravindra Pahalwan, President, Indore Philatelic Society, 9, Telephone Nagar, Indore 452 001 at Rs. 15 for a set of 3 covers plus postage.

#### PHILATELIC SHOW KANNUR

Cannanore Philatelic Club is organizing an exhibition of stamps, coins, and currency at Town Hall, Kannur on January 21-23 as part of celebrations to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Republic of India. District Collector Jyothilal will inaugurate the show. A quiz competition for school students on philately was held on January 14, 200 at Malabar Arts College, Kannur.

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The Guide is the priority project of the World Association for the Development of Philately (WADP) and is being produced in eight languages. The Guide promotes best practices in all aspects of philatelic business.

The Guide is priced at Swiss Frank 40 and can be ordered:

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#### PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF INDIA

The next regional meeting of PCI scheduled for March 4, 2001 at Mumbai will now be held on March 18, 2001. Other details, as published in our issue # 20, remain unchanged.

#### PHILATELIC CLUB THRISSUR

The monthly meeting of the Club was held on January 7, 2001 at Trichur Towers, Thrissur. O K Prakash briefed about the INDEPEX-ASIANA 2000 and the award winners. After that John Joseph took classes on philately that was followed by the spot auction.



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