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Hi

The year 2004 will be the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Indian Post Office Act of 1854 that paved the way for establishment of the office of the Director General of India Post and the introduction of adhesive postage stamps in India. India Post celebrated its centenary in 1954 in a befitting manner. We request India Post to draw their plans now for this historical opportunity.

We have received some ideas and suggestions to start discussions for our new Views & Opinions segment. However we would like little more response than we have received so far. Send in your views and opinions, NOW.

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

- M&SJ

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#### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### HIKE IN POSTAL RATES

In the Finance Bill 2001-2002 presented to the parliament on February 28, 2001 by Yashwant Sinha, the Finance Minister, proposed an increase in inland postal tariff as follows: Postcards – from 25 paise to 50 paise, Postcards with Printed Matter – from Rs. 2 to Rs. 3, Postcard for competitions – Rs. 4 to Rs. 5, Letter first 20 grams – from Rs. 3 to Rs. 4, Registration Charges – from Rs. 14 to Rs. 17, Acknowledgement Delivery Fee – from Rs. 2 to Rs. 3, Parcels first 500 grams – from Rs. 12 to Rs. 16, Book Pattern & Sample Packets for first 50 grams – from Rs. 2 to Rs. 3, every additional 50 grams or part thereof – from Rs. 3 to Rs. 4, Book Packets containing printed books and periodicals for every 100 grams – from 50 paise to Re. 1, Registered Newspapers Single Copy below 50 grams – from 15 paise to 25 paise, between 50-100 grams – from 25 paise to 50 paise. India Post will announce the date from which the new rates shall be applicable after the bill is passed in the parliament and receives President of India's signature.

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##### CUSTOMIZED GREETING CARDS

India Post is providing new opportunities to corporate clients in greeting cards. The clients can put their logo or message on the card design that shall be reproduced on the stamp area of the accompanying pre-stamped envelope. 'Phillips' has placed the first order for a card with India Post. A premium of 20 percent is charged by India Post over the normal value of the card and envelope in the case of customized greeting cards.

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##### GREETING CARDS DELAYED

The fourth issue of the 18 Greetings Cards has been delayed and shall now be released in early March 2001. The set was originally planned to be produced by both the Calcutta Security Printers Limited and Madras Security Printers Limited as has been the case with earlier three sets. However this set is now being produced exclusively by Madras Security Printers Limited.

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##### 2600TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF BHAGWAN MAHAVEER EXHIBITION

A grand exhibition commemorating 2600th Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Mahaveer from February 27 to March 5 is being held at Town Hall, Calcutta. Philately, coins,

photos, idols, old scripts etc. related to Jainism are being exhibited. In Philately section, Naresh Kumar Jain of Patna and Sudhir Jain of Satna are invited with their collections on Jainism. Manik Jain is the convener of this exhibition.

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**FAREWELL MAJOR GENERAL SRIVASTAVA**

Major General K K Srivastava, Additional Director General of Army Postal Service has taken voluntary retirement from the Indian Postal Service with effect from February 28, 2001. As Chief of APS he was a member of the Governing Council of the Philatelic Congress of India. He is joining as a member of Central Appellate Tribunal at Allahabad.

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**GNLF BLOCKADE**

The indefinite strike called by the Gorkha National Liberation Front, GNLF, in the three hill sub-divisions of Darjeeling district since February 11, 2001 affected the postal services in Sikkim. The GNLF strike to protest an ambush on their leader Subhas Ghising near Kurseong on February 10, 2001 evening has paralyzed vehicular traffic movement along the National Highway 31A, the only lifeline of Sikkim, passing through the agitators' territory.

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**ALSO IN THE NEWS**

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**INDIA IN LINN'S STAMP NEWS**

Les Winick is writing for Linn's a regular column 'The Insider' for 17 years. He wrote an all India column for the issue dated February 26, 2001 and yes, 'Stamps of India Collectors Companion' was mentioned.

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**NEWSPAPER SCAN**

The Times of India, February 24, 2001

POOJA BATRA HELD FOR ASSAULTING POSTMAN

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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.]

#### 'ON POSTAL SERVICE' ON POSTCARDS OF INDIAN PRINCELY STATES

In the late 1960s the IPTD authorized the use of stocks of mint Indian States postal cards and envelopes (Travancore, T-C and Hyderabad) for post office business (test letters, reminders of overdue licence payments etc.) provided they were overprinted with a suitable IPTD slogan (e.g. On P&T Service). I am coordinating a research group into these overprints for the Indian Study Circle for Philately. Whilst I would welcome any information, what I particularly want is a copy of the actual wording of the IPTD notice allowing this - if possible from government/PO records, failing that from reports in contemporary newspapers or philatelic magazines.  
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#### POSTAL HISTORY OF PAKISTAN – Part 10

Earlier parts were published in our issues # 18 to 25 and 27.

#### CHINA NATIONAL AVIATION CORPORATION

Announce a regular weekly service operated by Skymaster for passengers, mails and cargo between Pakistan – China – USA with effect from Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1949. The service leaves at 4 AM from Monday, October 17, 1949.

#### SCANDINAVIAN AIRLINES

October 18 (APP) 1949, New Delhi: The Government of India have granted temporary authorization to the Scandinavian Air Lines to operate a bi-weekly service across India.

The service, which is scheduled to begun on October 29, will follow this route: Oslo to Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Zurich, Rome, Lydda, Damascus, Basra, Karachi, Bombay, Calcutta, Bangkok and Hong Kong.

#### SERVICE STAMPS SALE TO COLLECTORS

October 24, 1949 (APP), Karachi: Attention of the Government has been drawn to reports appearing in a certain section of the Press alleging that 'Service' stamps are not available to the public, states a Press Note. "It is notified for general information that 'Service' stamps of all kinds are sold to philatelists through the Philatelic Bureau, CPO Karachi. Orders may therefore be placed with the Bureau."

#### INSCRIBED PAKISTAN NOTES TO BE WITHDRAWN ON MONDAY

In terms of Government of Pakistan Notifications Nos. 5467 and 5468/F/49 dated September 17, 1949, inscribed Pakistan notes of all denomination will be demonetised with effect from November 1, 1949. They will then cease to be legal tenders.

On and after November 1, 1949, inscribed Pakistan notes will be accepted at the office of the State Bank of Pakistan, Treasuries, Sub Treasuries and branches of the Imperial Bank of India in Pakistan.

PAKISTAN 6-ANNAS AIR LETTER FORMS FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1949

October 27, 1949, Karachi: The Government of Pakistan have decided to introduce, with effect from November 1, 1949, 6-Annas air letter forms of new Pakistan design. The India 6-Annas air letter forms over printed Pakistan will become obsolete on and after November 1, 1949.

#### NEW PAKISTAN AIR MAIL ENVELOPS

November 19, 1949 (APP), Karachi: The Government have decided to introduce ten-anna, new design Pakistan Air Mail envelope on December 16, 1949, states a Press Note.

All Indian Air Mail envelope overprinted Pakistan, posted after December 15, 1949, shall be treated as unpaid.

The period of currency of Indian Air Letter forms overprinted Pakistan expiring on November 30 has also been extended to December 15, 1949. Such air letter forms, posted on or after December 16, shall be treated as unpaid.

#### JUNGSHAH AIR CRASH

December 13, 1949, Karachi: a Pak Air Dakota, flying from Lahore to Karachi, crashed into 1,000 foot hill last night near Jungshahi, 45 miles north east of Karachi. 26 killed in Pak Air disaster.

#### PAK AIR SUSPENDED FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD

December 14, 1949, Karachi: Under instructions from the Ministry of Defence, Pak Air Limited have suspended all their services for an indefinite period of time, it was learnt on Wednesday morning.

#### COMMEMORATING FIRST AEROPLANE FLIGHT

##### TRUMAN'S MESSAGE TO BE FLOWN ROUND THE GLOBE

December 1, 1949, Washington: Wartime fighter pilot Tom Lanphier will leave Washington by airlines tomorrow to try to take a message from President Truman round the world in five days to commemorate the first aeroplane flight by Wilbur and Orville Wright, 46 years ago.

He expects to be back in New York next Wednesday. The present record is six days three hours. The President's message emphasizes the need for free to make the aeroplane a force for Peace. Reuter

#### SOUVENIR ENVELOPE TO COMMEMORATE THE FIRST IIEE

December 4, 1949: Pakistan's Ministry of Communications has designed a souvenir envelope to commemorate the first International Islamic Economic Exhibition. The brightly designed envelope bears a map showing airmail routes linking Karachi with other important countries of the Muslim world.

#### INDIAN PLANE FORCE – LAND

December 31, 1949, Dacca: A Bharat Airways four engined Skymaster... which was on its way from Agartala to Calcutta force-landed at Akhora, a town on the Pakistan side of the East Pakistan - Tripura state border, at about midday yesterday.

#### INDIA TO TAKE OVER CONTROL OF HYDERABAD CURRENCY NEXT APRIL

December 29, 1949, New Delhi: The Government of India and Hyderabad have accepted the Krishna Manlari Committee's recommendation for the federal financial integration of the State with India, which certain modifications it is officially stated. According to the scheme which is subject to final ratification after the settlement of the State's constitutional relationship with the center, the Government of India will take over the entire currency administration of Hyderabad State from April 1950.

#### ANNOUNCING A NEW AIR INDIA INTERNATIONAL CONSTELLATION SERVICE TO NAIROBI VIA ADEN

Air India Karachi – Bombay. Air India International constellation service, Bombay – Nairobi in 17 hours. Inaugural flight January 21<sup>st</sup>, 1950, successive flights every alternate Thursday, commencing Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February.

#### SALVAGED MAIL FROM PAK AIR CRASH

January 21, 1950, Lahore: Some more mail salvaged from the ill-fated Pakistan Dakota which carried mails posted at Peshawar, Rawalpindi and Lahore and crashed at Jungshahi was received by the Posts and Telegraphs Department and disposed of, according to a Press Note.

#### BOAC ARGONAUT SERVICE VIA ROME

From January 19, 1950 the weekly BOAC service, London – Karachi – Calcutta is calling at Rome instead of Malta for additional capacity from Pakistan and India to Rome.

This change has been made possible by the introduction on January 21 of a second London – Cairo Argonaut service to Cairo was routed via Rome.

The twice-weekly York Service between London and Cairo via Tripoli has been withdrawn from January 17, 1950.

#### DACCA AIRPORT CLOSED TO TRAFFIC

February 5, 1950, Dacca: Dacca Airport at Tejgaon is to be closed to all scheduled traffic for about three and a half months for reconditioning, it was learnt.

Kurmitola airport will be used for scheduled air traffic during this period.

#### USE OF QUID-E-AZAM MEMORIAL STAMP TO BE STOPPED

Government of Pakistan have decided to discontinue the use of the Quid-e-Azam memorial stamps after March 3, says a Press Note issued yesterday. All stocks left with the Posts and Telegraph department at the close of business on that date will be destroyed, the Press Note adds.

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.

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March 4, 2001: Geological Survey of India, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Rs.3

#### POSTAL STATIONERY

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Two post cards and one Inland Letter Card with Advertisement were issued this week. The details shall be provided in the next issue.

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## KANPHILEX

Subhash Chandra, Senior Superintendent of Post Offices Kanpur City Division of India Post successfully organized KANPHILEX 2001 at the Philatelic bureau, Kanpur Head post Office on February 17 and 18, 2001.

On the first day a school teams participated in a philatelic quiz was competition. The winners are: First Prize – H B I T Kanpur – Vijayant Bhalla & Pankaj Kumar Verma, Second Prize – B N S D Shiksha Niketan – Manu Srivastava & Mayank Mishra, and Third Prize – Mount Carmel High School – Nikhil Mishra & Mayank Mehrotra.

S M A Naqvi, Postmaster Nawabganj PO, Kanpur conducted a workshop on Philately on February 18, 2001. Awards were given to Nilay Mehrotra, Monika Mehrotra, Aditya Anupam, Bushra Meraj, and Arshad Hasan for their good performance.

There were a total of 64 exhibits – 4 exhibits in the Invitee Class, 5 in Senior Class, 11 in Senior Youth Class (15 to 21 years of age), and 44 in Junior Youth Class (up to 15 years of age). The awards are as under:

Senior Class: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Siddarth Vyas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Bushra Meraj, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Mainish Maheshwari and Consolation Prize with Judges Special Prize – Rajendra Prasad Gupta.

Senior Youth Class: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Manav Vohra, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Arshad Hasan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Saumya Dixit, Consolation Prizes – Charu Agrawal, Babith Menon, Salil Karan, Poulomi Chakraborty, Ankita Singh, Judges Special Prizes – Vijayant Bhalla, and Pankaj Kumar Verma.

Junior Youth Class: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Ishita Tandon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Yash Kulshershtha, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Khushboo Agrawal, Consolation Prizes: Antariksha Gupta, Hansha Nigam, Akanksha Srivastava, Adit Koomar, Jyotsana Bhatia, Sparsh Shekhar, and Kirtesh Garg, Consolation Prize with Judges Special Prize – Anju Agarwal.

Dr. Virendra Swarup Education Centre Awadhपुरi, Kanpur and Delhi Public School, Kalyanpur, Kanpur were awarded Shields for best performances of their students.

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After a two month long hiatus due to the problem of our server change the Calendar of philatelic auctions worldwide is being updated for the month of March 2001 now.

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## PUBLICATIONS

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I have been trying to find out about the name of the species of butterfly definitive stamp of Rs 15 issued on 20 Nov 2000. Postal authorities have not given any information about it. Do you have the information? You know that I collect butterflies, so I am interested to know. I am also interested in Indian wild life maximum cards. Any person who can supply or any philatelist interested in exchange?

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