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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We apologize at the outset for missing on two weekly issues, but like the Murphy's Law everything that could go wrong did go wrong. Both of our phone lines suddenly went dead on the crucial day of June 7th mailing, just hours before our departure to Brussels. We were not able to upload in Brussels the 14th June issue. So we are now back on our desk and sending the June 21 issue though delayed by a day. Knowing our set up we know that you will bear with us these missed issues.

On return we found that our email at stampsfindia.com lost due to technical problems at our web hosting service provider. Please resend your message to webmaster@stampsfindia.net in case you sent us an email after June 6, 2001.

In a few hours we have to leave for attending the Philatelic Congress of India's meeting at Bhubaneswar on June 24, 2001 hence the detailed report on BELGICA 2001, General Assembly of WADP, Stamps and Postal Stationeries issued since our last issue shall be carried in our next issue. We also hope to resume web site updates as usual by that time.

We have to have a laptop in order to never miss an issue again and still be able to attend shows, meetings, and go on holidays. We are raising funds for this purpose. We need Rs. 250,000 and shall welcome contributions. We also invite proposals for equity participation in Stamps of India Group of Web Sites.

Well enough of problems we do have good news to share with you and all of you would be delighted to know that your own newsletter has been felicitated by the members of the Jury for originality at BELGICA 01 besides being awarded a Silver medal. This was the only periodical in the Philatelic Literature Class to receive the Felicitations of the Jury at the show. This is the highest ever recognition received by an Indian Philatelic Periodical at a World Philatelic Exhibition. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our subscribers, contributors, correspondents, advertisers and last but not least India Post for their support and we look forward to your continued cooperation.

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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

AWARDS AT BELGICA 2001

The participants from India won the following medals at BELGICA 2001 World Philatelic Exhibition held at Brussels, Belgium from June 9 to 15, 2001.

GOLD

Anil Suri, New Delhi, Fiscals of Cochin

LARGE VERMEIL

Jag Mohan Kapur, New Delhi, Handsruck Postage Stamps of India

VERMEIL

Dhananjay Desai, Ahmedabad, Indian Postal Stationery

LARGE SILVER

R K Sarawagi, Brahmini Dawk (Literature)

SILVER WITH FELICITATIONS OF THE JURY FOR ORIGINALITY

Savita Jhingan, New Delhi, Stamps Of India Collectors Companion (Literature)

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Pulak Gupta, New Delhi, Discover India

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Ajay Kumar Mittal, New Delhi, Maximum Cards of India

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Vishnu Saksena, New Delhi, India's Struggle for Freedom through India Postage Stamps (Literature)

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##### VISHNU SAKSENA JOINS INDIA POST AS CONSULTANT

Vishnu Saksena, former Member of Postal Services Board has recently joined as Consultant on Philately to India Post. Saksena is well known to the philatelic community as he has authored couple of books and several articles on philately as well as being active in philately for over two decades. He has also served as Director and Deputy Director General Philately at India Post HQ in 1980's.

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#### AUCTIONS – JUNE 2001 CALENDAR

Our Calendar of worldwide philatelic auctions for the month is updated in the beginning of every month with detailed information and announcements. The information for June 2001 was uploaded on June 1, 2001 and is available at

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Fifth in the series of booklets on wartime airmail routes and companies from this publisher. The book covers the Middle East & Far East. The locally registered companies comprise Indian National Airways, Indian Trans-Continental Airways (which was originally 49% owned by Imperial Airways), BOAC, Qantas. Other airlines mentioned are CNAC, Misr Airwork, Air France, KLM, KNILM & Pan American World Airways. It includes a summary of civil air services by country and six pages of postal history notes. A very useful book for the collector of WW 2 airmails.

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G P A NEWS, Whole # 46, May 2001, Monthly

Editor: H C Mehta

Publisher: Gujarat Philatelists Association

Mailing Address: D Desai & Co., 1/M National Chamber, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad - 380009

Annual Subscription including membership: Rs. 100, Entrance Fee Rs. 100,

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Philatelic Society of Rajasthan Newsletter

Editor: Rajesh Paharia, [rajeshpaharia@usa.net](mailto:rajeshpaharia@usa.net)

Publisher: Philatelic Society of Rajasthan

Mailing Address: A S Mittal, President, Dhamani Market, Chaura Rasta, Jaipur -3

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ISSUES <http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Issues/a200.htm>

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THE 100 GREATEST STAMPS EVER

This is the title of the cover story of the June 2001 issue of The Stamp Magazine. Choosing 100 stamps out of 360,000 issued in 161 years is a Herculean task. We were pleased to note 3 Indian stamps in this List of Honor. These are Mahatma Gandhi Rs. 10 – Rank 45, 'Lithographs' (The

first all India issue) 4 As. –Rank 17, and Scinde Dawk' (The first stamps in Asia) ½ An. Blue–Rank 16.

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The Hindu Business Line, June 4, 2001

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<http://www.indiaserver.com/businessline/2001/06/04/stories/140460pc.htm>

The Hindu Business Line, June 7, 2001

PART-TIME POSTAL STAFF REDESIGNATED

<http://www.indiaserver.com/businessline/2001/06/07/stories/140754pt.htm>

The Hindu, June 7, 2001

ANOTHER RED LETTER DAY

<http://www.indiaserver.com/thehindu/2001/06/07/stories/0407401x.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 24

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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Australia, As. 5½, As. 4

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Afghanistan, 1½, ½, in addition to ordinary postage

British Postal Agencies Persian Gulf, As.3*, As. 2,
Burma, As.3½ *, As. 2,
Ceylon, As.2, An. ½, These rate are per tola
China, As. 5, As. 3½
Hong Kong, As. 4, As. 2½
Bharat (India) 1½, ½, in addition to ordinary postage
Indonesia, As. 3, As. 2½, These rates are per tola
Iran, As. 3, As. 2½, These rates are per tola
Iraq, As. 3, As. 1½, These rates are per tola
Japan, As. 4, As. 3
Jordan, As. 2½, As. 2, These rates are per tola
Lebanon, As.3½*, As. 2,
Malaya, As. 4, As. 2½
Palestine (Parts at present in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, As. 2½, As. 2, These rates are per tola
Saudi Arabia, As. 3, As. 2, These rates are per tola
Syria, As. 3½*, As. 2½
Thailand, As.3*, As. 2
Turkey, As.4

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In Africa

British Somaliland, As. 4, As. 3
East Africa, As 4½, As. 3
Egypt, As. 2½, As. 1½, These rates are per tola
Ethiopia, As. 4, As. 3
South Africa, As. 5, As. 3½
Southern Rhodesia, As. 4½, As. 3½
Sudan, As. 4, As. 2½

In Europe

Austria, As. 4½, As. 3
Belgium, As. 4½, As. 3
Czechoslovakia, As. 4½, As. 3
Eire, As. 4, As. 3
France, As. 4½, As. 3
Germany, As. 4½, As. 3
Great Britain and Northern Ireland, As. 4, As. 3
Holland, As. 4½, As. 3
Italy (including Sicily & Sardinia), As. 4½, As. 2½
Norway, As. 4½, As. 3
Portugal, As. 4½, As. 3
Spain, As. 4½, As. 3
Sweden, As. 4½, As. 3
Switzerland, As. 4½, As. 3

In America

Argentina, As. 7½, As. 5
Brazil, As. 7, As. 4½,
Canada, As. 5½, As. 4
Chile, As. 8, As. 5½,
U.S.A., As. 6, As. 4

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