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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi and Welcome to the First Anniversary Special Number.

The first issue of the 'Stamps Of India Collectors Companion' debuted on Monday, August 28, 2000. It was about 4 A4 size pages and mailed to little less than 100 addresses. We have since published 50 regular and 2 Extra issues.

The day of publication was changed from every Monday to every Thursday with issue # 11 appearing couple of days after issue # 10! We now try to maintain the size down to about 8 A4 size pages, unsuccessfully at times, and mail to about 1000 addresses.

We have had our share of shortcomings, such as missing out on 3 issues in June for 3 different reasons, and one in August due to our visit to Tokyo for PHILANIPPON. Several times we have been late for a score of reasons and appreciate your indulgence.

This is the 9<sup>th</sup> periodical we are editing in our nearly three decade long philatelic life and this being the first weekly had the most number of issues published. We are most happy for the

progress this publication has made so far and would like to say thank you to our readers, contributors, advertisers, and donors.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors to this issue:

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FELICITATIONS

**B N SOM, CHAIRMAN OF WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PHILATELY & DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INDIA POST**

I have gone through with great interest some of the editions of "Weekly News". I congratulate you for the excellence of the news content and the wide range of news that you are incorporating in your weekly. I perceive that in the course of time this weekly should be able to play a pioneer role in developing philatelic journalism in our country and thus fill up a very big vacuum in the proper development of philately movement in our country.

**KNUD MOHR, PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC FEDERATION (FIP)**

Congratulation with the first year anniversary for 'Stamps Of India Collectors Companion'. I am very impressed of the work you have done with sending news every week and I am always looking forward to read what have happened not only in India but from all over. Everybody knows how difficult it is to be the editor of philatelic periodicals and specially with an issuing policy for a new number every week. I have no doubt that through your Internet news you have given great promotion to collectors all over and I wish for you both all success with the years to come.

**LES WINICK, CHICAGO, USA**

Just to compliment you on your weekly news magazine. It is great and a valuable asset to all of us who have had trouble for many years receiving any type of news from India on philately. I am very pleased to use many of your news items in my weekly column in Linn's. I think Linn's has the largest circulation with 60,000 every week, of any philatelic journal in the world. I am mentioning this to show that your news does get around the world, literally.

**ROBERT DE VIOLINI, USA**

Even if you do not collect Indian Stamps this is interesting – one regular feature is summary of stamps related news articles in India's public press – many more every week than you would find in US papers in a month, and another is a continuing presentation of Pakistan's postal history.

**M A SAYEED, DUBAI, UAE, GRAND PRIZE WINNER**

I am attempting to congratulate you on the excellent Newsletter you are bringing up. I am very impressed with your exhaustive presentations of facts and I am already very sure that this letter will become very popular among the Philatelists all over the world who are having interest in the Indian pre or post Independence areas. Your Newsletter is very exhaustive which is what it should be because it includes activities through out the length and breadth of India in some detail and I do not think I have seen anything like this in the past from anywhere in the world. With the benefit of E-Mail / Internet or websites today your Newsletters should be very well focused and accessible to all section of the Philatelic community. I wish you and Members of your Team great success in your efforts to focus, and popularize Indian Philately not only to Indians at home, but also to the fraternity of Philately all over the world.

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STAMP STEALERS ARRESTED

New Delhi District police have arrested two postal employees and their two accomplices for illegally removing the stamps from letters mailed and selling the same in the market. The postal employees from Krishna Nagar Post Office, Bhagwan Das and Umesh Kumar, were arrested after their accomplices, Sunil and Mahesh Pathak, were arrested from Shastri Bhavan where the police laid a trap for them.

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## EVENTS

### STAMP BAZAR AT LUDHIANA

Ludhiana Philatelic Club is organizing a day long, 10 to 5, Stamps & Coin Bazar on Sunday the September 9, 2001 at Ludhiana Head Post Office with active cooperation and assistance of the India Post and the National Numismatic Society. A S I S Paul, Chief Post Master General of Punjab, shall inaugurate the Bazar in a gala function. A philatelic workshop will be held for students. The permanent pictorial postmark of Ludhiana Philatelic Bureau shall also be released on this occasion.

### EMPIREPEX UPDATE: EMPIREPEX PROSPECTUS RELEASED

B N Som released the Prospectus of the EMPIREPEX on August 25, 2001 at Mumbai at a special function organized for the purpose at Conference Hall, Chief Postmaster General's Office, Mumbai at 10.30 am. President of the Empire of India Philatelic Society (EIPS), Vispi Dastur welcomed all assembled. Kishore Jhunjunwala, member of the Governing Council of EIPS, introduced the Chief Guest, B N Som. S A Vijaykar, Treasurer of EIPS spoke about EIPS, Damayanti Pittie, Vice President of the Philatelic Congress of India also spoke on the occasion. Surendra Gupta, Secretary of EIPS gave the vote of thanks.

The prospectus and entry forms can be had from The EMPIREPEX 2001 Secretariat, P O Box 638, Mumbai GPO, Mumbai 400001. The exhibition has all classes including Mophila, Frugal Philately, Social Philately, and One Frame Exhibits. The entry fee is Rs. 300 per frame and there are no charges for youth class and school collections. The last date to submit the entry forms is September 30, 2001.

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#### PCI TO MEET AT DELHI

Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) will hold its next regional meeting at New Delhi on September 30, 2001. The meeting will begin at 9.30 in the morning at the Committee Room of the India Post HQ at Dak Bhavan, Parliament Street. The meeting will be followed by lunch. Out station philatelists are requested to inform their arrival to Madhukar Jhingan, 18 School Lane, New Delhi, Telephone 011-3356828 or email [webmaster@stampsofindia.net](mailto:webmaster@stampsofindia.net)

The members may send their points for insertion in the agenda of the meeting up to September 15, 2001 to Dilip Shah, President Elect & Secretary General of PCI, 799 Gol Bazar, Jabalpur 482002, Telephone (Residence) 0761-312104, (Office) 0761-424456, Fax 0761-312047, Email [dilipshah@pci-india.org](mailto:dilipshah@pci-india.org)

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THREE INJURED IN PARCEL BOMB EXPLOSION

At least three persons were injured when a powerful parcel bomb explosion rocked Rajouri town (J & K) early morning on August 29, 2001. This was the second parcel bomb to explode in Rajouri town in recent years. The congested bus stand is surrounded on 3 sides by the army establishment.

The blast took place inside booking counter of general bus stand at around 6:35 AM, when most of the vehicles were leaving for Jammu and other destinations. It all happened when the conductor of a mail bus, which carries postal mails from Jammu to Rajouri, carried the bag to drop inside the booking counter, which was to be handed over to the postal authorities. Unmindful of the bomb inside the mailbag, the conductor threw the consignment in a room of booking office building from a distance. A powerful blast rocked the building the moment the bag hit the wall of the room. Three persons were injured. Two of them have been identified as, Sanjay Kumar and Arvind Kumar working, as conductors with private buses, while the identity of third could not be ascertained.

The local police reached the spot after some time of the explosion. Local people of the area immediately gathered near the spot after hearing the deafening sound in early morning. The police authorities have collected the samples for identification. The bomb was packed in a parcel that is believed to have been registered at some post office in Jammu. It could not be established that whom the parcel was addressed to but it could have caused more damage had the parcel reached the targeted person. It has been confirmed that another parcel in the same bag was addressed by an army officer to his son in Nowshera, a border town in Rajouri district on Jammu - Poonch road.

Today's explosion has put a question mark on the screening maintained by the postal authorities and the level of security of the mail on way to the final destination. A possibility of bomb being put

in the bag in way to Rajouri also could not be ruled out. Two years back a similar parcel bomb exploded inside district police lines Rajouri seriously injuring few officers and policemen. That time the parcel containing the bomb was addressed to Deputy Superintendent of Police headquarters and exploded in his hands injuring him and other persons present there seriously. After that incidence, the postal department had claimed to maintain proper screening of the mails. But today's blast has exposed the claims of security system maintained by the department.

The bus carrying the mailbag had to deliver it to the booking office last evening but it could not, the bus stand was cleared off all the vehicles on Tuesday in wake of complete bandh (strike) observed in Rajouri town.

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POST OFFICE TO SET UP SPECIAL CENTERS TO DEAL WITH GREETING CARDS

In view of the upcoming festive season, Government has decided to set up special centres to deal exclusively with greeting cards, Communications Minister Ram Vilas Paswan informed the Lok Sabha today. Replying to supplementaries during question hour, he said special arrangements for handling seasonal mails at notified centres have already been made.

Outlining steps taken to improve postal services in the country, he said these included opening of new mail offices and transit sections, sanctioning of additional posts of postmen, surprise checks on the delivery of mails and setting up of computerized customer care centers at 204 district headquarters. He said a new scheme as Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Yojana had been introduced as a third tier of administration for expansion of the postal network in the rural areas. A total of 3213 such kendras have been opened and another 2000 were being opened during the current year, he said.

On the mounting losses incurred by the postal department, he said during question hour that, "We are not in a position to make up these losses". He noted that postal services all over the world were running into losses. Citing an example, he said the cost of making a post card was Rs.3.25 but it was sold at 50 paise, the remaining was borne by the Department. Laxminarayan Pandey (BJP) stressed that comprehensive measures were required to meet the growing competition by private operators.

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PHILATELY NEWSLETTER, Whole # 7, Apr-Jun 2001, In Hindi

Editor in Chief: B N Som, Managing Editor: Rameshwari Handa, Executive Editor: Tilak De

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PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF RAJASTHAN NEWSLETTER, # 5, August 2001

Editor: Rajesh Paharia, rajeshpaharia@usa.net

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With the next issue we also will be reporting in advance, as and when we receive information, on forthcoming issues of postal stationery of India.

Part 2, April – June 2001

POSTCARD WITH ADVERTISEMENT

May 15, 2001

- May 18, 2001. Dabur Ashokarisht, in Hindi, ISP

- May 18, 2001. Dabur Dashmoolarisht, in Hindi, ISP

May 16, 2001

Vijya Milk & Milk Products, in English, SPP

June 1, 2001

- June 6, 2001. Dabur Ring Ring, in Hindi, ISP

- June 6, 2001. Dabur Ring Ring, in Marathi, ISP

June 15, 2001

Registration of Birth & Death is Compulsory, in English, SPP

June 23, 2001

HP Gas, Switch Off Regulator when Cooking is Over, in English, SPP

June 25, 2001

Women Empowerment Year -1, in Hindi, ISP

Women Empowerment Year -2, in Hindi, ISP

June 26, 2001

- August 18, 2001. Women Empowerment Year -3, in Hindi, ISP

June 30, 2001. New Denomination & Design

Janshala Program Lucknow, Primary Education, in Hindi, ISP

- August 18, 2001. LIC Housing Finance, in English, ISP

INLAND LETTER CARD WITH ADVERTISEMENT

April 30, 2001

Arya Vaidya Sala, in English, SPP

K C Pal's Folding Umbrella, in Hindi, ISP

May 16, 2001

Isabgol More Tasty More Effective, in English, SPP

- May 18, 2001. Lakhani Shoes, in Hindi, ISP

- May 18, 2001. Dabur Dashmoolarisht, in Hindi, ISP

May 17, 2001

- May 18, 2001. Dabur Ashokarisht, in Hindi, ISP

June 15, 2001

National Savings Scheme - 1, in Tamil, SPP

National Savings Scheme - 2, in Tamil, SPP

June 23, 2001

Primary Education, in Hindi, ISP

June 25, 2001

Malabar Classic cements, in English, SPP

June 26, 2001

Women Empowerment Year -1, in Hindi, ISP

June 27, 2001

Women Empowerment Year -2, in Hindi, ISP

Women Empowerment Year -3, in Hindi, ISP

June 30, 2001

- July 2, 2001. Citibank Silver Card, in English, SPP

- August 18, 2001. Life Insurance Corporation, in Hindi, ISP

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The intaglio process, the printing technique originally used to create the Penny Black, has produced the 27p stamp, representing economic sciences. The peace prize is represented by an embossed image of a dove on the 36p stamp. The 40p stamp is the Britain's first "scratch and sniff" stamp and contains ink impregnated with thousands of tiny gelatin microcapsules filled with scented liquid. Scratching breaks the microcapsules and releases the aroma of eucalyptus. Eucalyptus, a plant known for its healing qualities, represents the medicine category.

The 45p stamp will represent the literature prize. Using micro-printing, the entire text of the T S Eliot poem 'The Ad-dressing of Cats' is fitted onto the stamp's face in letters 0.1mm high. The poet was made a Nobel Laureate in 1948. The 65p stamp will be the first in Britain to include a hologram. Representing the physics prize, it features an image of a molecule.

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The Times of India, August 30, 2001  
POST OFFICES PENT THE TOWN RED by Arun Kumar Das  
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~~~~~RESEARCH NOTES~~~~~

NOTES ON PAKISTAN – Part 32

Earlier parts were published in our issues # 18 onwards, except # 26. These are available for free download at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Download/archives.htm>

The success of this segment of the newsletter has motivated Our Research Coordinator to go beyond the microfilms of the 'Civil & Military Gazette' and 'Dawn', straight in to the original records of Posts & Telegraphs Department held by the National Archives of India.

We begin with reproducing the Pakistan Posts & Telegraphs Department's Director General's Post Office Circular of 11<sup>th</sup> April 1948.

POSTAL AND MONERY ORDER SERVICES TO INDIA

The exiting stand still Agreement with India concerning postal matters terminates on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1948. With effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1948, the postal communications between Pakistan



and India will be brought into line with postal relations with other foreign countries and will generally be governed by the provisions of Section III, IV, V and clauses 359 of Section IX of the Indian Posts and Telegraph Guide, September 1946 except in regard to matters for which provision has specifically been made in this circular and the accompanying Postal Notice.

2. The exchange of postal traffic with India will generally be carried on international lines, all such mails passing through the duly constituted offices of exchange, as shown in para 6 following.

3. Money Orders: (I) Money Orders to India will be made out by the remitters on the inland money order form, the amount being expressed in India Rupee. The office of booking should deal with these money orders in the same manner as with money orders for Burma according to the procedure laid down in Rule 316 of the Posts and Telegraphs Manual, Volume VI as amended by correction slip No 136, dated the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1946. Money orders for India should not be impressed with the oblong money order stamp, Month stamp and Audit office stamp by issuing offices in Pakistan. The spaces provided for these stamps should be left blank but the round money order stamp should be impressed in the space below the space for the month stamp on the top right hand corner of the form. The name-stamp should, however, be addressed to the proper office of exchange in Pakistan duly entered in registered list. Acknowledgements signed by the payees in India will be received and disposed of in the same way as those for inland money orders.

(ii) Money orders from India for payment in Pakistan will be received through the proper Pakistan office of exchange in the original money order forms made out by the remitters in India and will be disposed of according to the procedure laid down for the payment of inland money orders, the payees' acknowledgements being returned to India in the usual manner. The offices of payment in Pakistan should scrutinize the money orders received from India to see that they bear the oblong money order, month and Audit office stamps and the number and date of the Pakistan office of Exchange. No money order issued in India on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1948 should be paid unless it bears the oblong, month and Audit stamps and number and date of the Pakistan office of Exchange. Paid orders will as usual be forwarded direct by paying offices to the Home Audit office as shown by the Audit office stamp impressed by the Pakistan office of Exchange.

(iii) A separate memorandum of instructions for dealing with money orders exchanged with India also accompanies this circular. It must be carefully studied and acted upon.

4. Value Payable Service: Value Payable articles including parcels addressed to India will dealt with in the same manner as such articles to and from other foreign countries except that the Value Payable Money Order form made out by the sender will be forwarded to the office of delivery in India along with the article through the office of exchange and that the money order from India will be received advised in that very form the money order from India will pass through the same office of exchange through which the value-payable article itself has passed. The value-payable money orders will be advised to India in the same manner as prescribed in para 3 above for ordinary money orders to that country.

5. As regards Indian and over-printed Pakistan postal orders attention is invited to the relevant provisions in the accompanying postal notice.

6. With effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April all mails and money orders for India will be disposed of by the offices in Pakistan in the manner shown below:- I. WEST PAKISTAN

(a) Money Order and Value Payable Articles

i) All ordinary and Air Mail money orders and value-payable articles from Sind and Baluchistan Circle for India and vice versa will pass through Karachi Foreign

ii) All ordinary and Air Mail money orders and value-payable articles from Punjab and NWFP Circle for India and vice versa will pass through Lahore Foreign

iii) All telegraphic money orders from Sind and Baluchistan Circles for India will be advised to Lahore CTO

iv) All telegraphic money orders from Punjab and NWFP Circle for India will be advised to Lahore CTO

(b) Parcels, Insured Articles and Dutiable correspondence

All parcels, insured articles and dutiable correspondence originating in West Pakistan for India will pass through Lahore Foreign or Karachi Foreign whichever may be expeditious according to the destination of the articles.

(c) All other Correspondence

All other correspondence will pass through Lahore RMS or Karachi RMS, until further orders, whichever may be expeditious according to the destination of the articles.

## II. EAST PAKISTAN

(a) Money Orders and Value-Payable Articles

All money orders (ordinary and airmail) and value-payable articles from East Bengal for India and vice versa will pass through Dacca Foreign. All telegraphic money orders from East Bengal for India will be advised to Dacca CTO

(b) Parcels, Insured Articles and Dutiable Correspondence

All parcels, insured articles and dutiable correspondence originating in East Bengal for India and vice versa will pass through Dacca Foreign

(c) All Other Correspondence

All other correspondence from East Bengal for India and vice versa will circulate until further orders through one of the three offices named below which ever may be nearest and expeditious according to the destination of articles- Dacca RMS, Poradaha RMS, Jessore RMS

## III. AIRMAILS

Airmails from Pakistan for India and vice versa will pass through one of the following Air Exchange office whichever may be nearest

West Pakistan – Karachi Air and Lahore Air, East Pakistan – Dacca Air and Chittagong Air

Karachi Foreign will be the principal office of account for surface mails and money orders. For airmails the office of the Superintendent, RMS 'K' division, Karachi will be the office of account.

7. This circular and the accompanying postal notice should be carefully studied by all concerned for their guidance.

To be continued in the next issue.

Acknowledgements: National Archives of India. New Delhi.

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## VIJAY SETH OF NEW DELHI

I am a collector of Indian postage stamps since 1981 and collect all the stamps and postal stationery issued by the Post Office.

I would like to bring to your notice some of the additions that are required in the new definitive series and postal stationery items. The new postal rates were introduced on 1st July 2001. Subsequently some new stationery items are needed in the new rates. There has been a lapse of over three months and no new stationery items have been issued for the general public and stamp collectors.

1. A new inland envelope of Rs. 4 is urgently needed.
2. A new registered envelope of Rs.21 is urgently needed.
3. A new Competition Postcard of Rs. 5 is urgently needed.
4. A new Postcard and reply postcard of 50p and Rs1 is urgently needed

5. New Definitive stamps are required in the denominations of Rs. 2 & 4 to complete the set
6. A special definitive in the denomination of Rs. 4.00 to complete the set.

Additionally please look into the needs of the collectors and postal stationery end users in thousands of Post Offices, who are adding stamps of Rs. 1, 2 or 3 to makeup the deficit in the old stationery rates. This is incurring a loss to the Department of Posts, Government of India as additional stamps are being used on old rate stationery items. I suggest all the old stationery items if in large quantity should be overprinted and then sold to the public at the Post Offices.

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