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#### At our Monthly Meetings

May :

Shri G. Madan Mohan Das was in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting was read by the Secretary Shri G. Balakrishna Das and adopted. Shri Madan Mohan Das informed the members about the formation of the Fiscal Stamps Association, Dealing with Documentary Stamps paper of various erstwhile Princely States as well as of Government of India Stamps.

Later, he narrated an interesting episode : how a small girl who was suffering from cancer and who was in death bed requested to pray for peace to the world and to communicate the same to her. Her last will and request was communicated throughout the length and breadth of the world through all media of communications like Radio, Television and News Papers with the result the small village Post Office could not cope up with the heavy receipt of innumerable manages in Telephone, Post Cards and letters and they were literally stacked outside the Post Office. Some of the letters of such messages were selected and read to the girl who was in semi conscious state.

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SECOND SUNDAY of every month - Regular meeting at the Philately Bureau, Anna Road, Post Office

THIRD SUNDAY of every month - Auction meeting at 41, Peromal Madali Street, Madras 1



# Aviation History on Stamps

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(Contd. from May-June 1983 Bulletin)

The wars have also played important parts in the history of aviation. The first world war in 1914 saw a drastic and far reaching change in aviation. In 1915 the German Air Force was equipped with a plane that revolutionised war in the air. This was a monoplane - One wing made by a firm of Fokker with a machine gun mounted at the front that could fire through the propeller without damaging the blades. The British could only throw against it the Vickers Gun-ners, which was a far slower plane whose only means of attack was a machine gunner perched in the nose.



By the end of the war in 1918 aviation technology had taken amazing steps. Soon powerful converted bombers were plying between cities and on 25th August 1919, a daily air service opened between London and Paris.

In between the two world wars as mentioned earlier, the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic Ocean took place in 1919. A twin engined Vickers Viny Bomber climbed in to the British New foundland air on 14th June, carrying captain John-Alock and Lieutenant Arthur whitten Brown and headed across the empty ocean. They finally touched down in an Irish bog 16½ hours later. This was no doubt the beginning of several first flights covering various destinations from all over the world. It was not until August 1932, that the Atlantic was crossed from East to West by another lone flier James Mollison, who had already flown alone from Australia to England and England to South Africa in a tiny de Havilland moth cabin plane. He took off from out side Dublin and after a wracking 30 hours landed near St. John in New found land.

The stamps issued in commemoration of these flights of various countries are numerous and interesting.

In September 1939, the world war once again plunged into armed conflict in which the aeroplane was to play a vital part. In 1940 all that stood between the Luftwaffe, German Air Force and invasion of England was a force of well under a thousand British fighters; the famous Spitfires and Hurricanes. (Great Britains "Battle of Britain 1940" - 25th Anniv Stamps - SG 671 to 677). The Second World War brought about the biggest and quickest progress in the annals of air-transport. Huge troop carrier planes (Germany-Junker 52, Transport - SG M 864) began covering the oceans carrying loads of men and goods.

Towards the end of the war an entirely new form of aircraft was developed, it was the jet aircraft. The first jet air craft to fly was German the Heinkel, but it was Wittles engine that became the parent of post-war jet engines. The first RAF Plane to use this principle was the Gloster Meteor, Capable of a speed of 480 mph. The invention of this engine enabled the aviation industry to leap ahead. In the late 1940s and the 1950s jet engines were developed in the United States. The Soviet Union, France and Britain. New and faster engines were developed and in a short time huge airliners with scores of passengers like the de-Havilland comet, came into service.



Britescians de-Havilland comet was the world's first jet air liner, making its maiden flight in 1949. It entered Service with BOAC



on May 2, 1952 on routes to South Africa, India and the Far-east. Its reputation suffered from some disastrous crashes, but after the cause, metal fatigue had been diagnosed and the structure had been modified, it gave good service.

The French Caravalle which came into service in 1958 for middle distance routes, was an instant success. France celebrated the 1st Flight of Concorde with stamps depicting "Concorde in flight" (SG. 1319 and 1320). The Commercial flight of "concorde" from Paris to Riode Janeiro was commemorated by France in 1976 by a stamp depicting "Concorde in Flight (SG. 3099).



Throughout history men of science have concentrated on designing machine that would enable them to take to the air and defy gravity. But it took nearly 2000 years to realise the same. It was on 17th December 1903 the Wilbur brothers of America flew in their craft a distance of 120 feet which feat took just 12 seconds.

To day giant jet liners like the Jambo jet and the Concorde carry huge number of passengers in a single flight and heavy transport carriers fly thousands of miles carrying hundreds of Tons of merchandise in a few hours. Correspondingly the issue of stamps in connection with aviation by all the countries of the world is also quite numerous and a thematic collection would be very interesting.

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#### At our Monthly Meetings.....

Later such correspondence and letters were donated to Orphanages and Schools, so that they may be offered for sale and the proceeds utilised for their benifits Fortunately the giral who desired for the above manage recovered from the death bed and she is now hale and healthy.

June '83

Sri Desappa of American Centre, a member of our Association who attended the meeting informed the members present that the American Centre cosponsoring with South India Philatelists' Association would be conducting an Indo-American Stamp Exhibition at American Library, on the occasion of 136th anniversary of the issue of U.S. Postage stamp. He invited the members to participate as well visit the exhibition.

Sri. C. S. Sankaranarayanan gave a talk on coil stamps which were numbered on the gummed side, as an experimental measure and issued first at Delhi then at Madras and other cities but subsequently with drawn.

July '83:

Sri. V.N.S. Rau, who was requested to give his views about the exhibition held at American Centre informed the members about the high standard of the exhibits which had even surprised certain American visitors, who had expressed that they had no previous knowledge of such items and that some of the exhibits were of a precious collection.

August '83

Sri. G. Madan Mohan Das requested the members and to inform others about their collections. He also requested the members to make use of the Association's Library. Later Sri. C.S., Sankaranarayanan read out a paper on 'History of Post Mark.'

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## Indo-American Stamp Exhibition

On the occasion of the 136th anniversary of the first issue of the United States postage stamp, the United States Information Services, in co-sponsorship with the South India Philatelists' Association, Madras conducted an Indo-American Stamp Exhibition at the American Library, Madras on 2 and 5 to 9, 1983. Mr. Guruchran Singh, Post Master-General, Tamil Nadu Circle, Madras formally inaugurated the exhibit on July 1st 1983. The exhibit consisted primarily of American stamps such as the American Bicentennial, the Champion of Liberty American Credo issues, State birds, State flags, Space achievement series and air-mail, Presidential series, etc., and also a few panels of Indian Stamps. A post office counter selling stamps, a special cancellation and a souvenir cover were special features of the exhibit.

**TRIPLEX-83:** A philatelic exhibition for students known as Tripex '83 is to be held from 22nd to 24th July 1983, at St. Paul's Seminary Trichirapalli - 620 001. A special cover will be released and a special cancellation will be provided on that occasion.

**NEW PHILATELIC BUREAU:** A new philatelic bureau was opened at Dehra Dun on 16-6-83.

With the opening of this bureau, the number of bureaux, in the country has risen to 39. A special cover was issued and special cancellation provided on this occasion.

**NEW ISSUES:** A stamp (denomination 100P) will be issued on World communications year on 18-7-83.

A Commemorative stamp (denomination 200 P) will be issued on Simon 'Bolivar' on 24-7-83.

**POSTPONEMENT:** The issue of a commemorative stamps on the centenary of Postal Life insurance scheduled for 23-7-83 has been postponed.

**SPECIAL COVER:** A special cover will be issued and special cancellation provided on 2-7-83 on the occasion of centenary of Shimla G. P. O. building. A Souvenir will also be brought out on this occasion.

**SPECIAL BALLOON FLIGHT COVER:** A limited quantity of special balloon flight covers issued in connection with INPEX-P2) are will available with Post Master Philatelic Bureau, Parliament St., Head P. O. New Delhi - 110001. (Each cover is Rs. 5/-).

### List of Indian Postage Stamps issued since 1947

Name of the issue	Date of Issue	Denomination	No. of issue
<b>Commemoratives :</b>			
2500th Buddha Jayanthi	24-5-56	2 and 14 As.	2
Birth Centenary of Lokmanya Balagangadhar Tilak	23-7-56	2 As.	1
100th Anniversary of the First Freedom Struggle	15-8-57	15 and 90 nP	2
19th International Red Cross Conference	28-10-57	15 nP	1
Children's Day, 1957	14-11-57	8, 15 and 90 nP	3
Centenary of Indian Universities of Bombay, Calcutta and Madras	31-12-57	10 nP each	3
50th Anniversary of the Steel Industry in India	1-3-58	15 nP	1



Name of the Issue	Date of Issue	Denomination	No. of Issue
<b>Commemoratives : (contd.)</b>			
Birth Centenary of Dr. D. K. Karve	18-4-58	15 nP	1
Silver Jubilee of Indian Air Force	30-4-58	15 and 90 nP	2
Birth Centenary of Bipin Chandra Pal	7-11-58	15 nP	1
Children's Day 1958	14-11-58	15 nP	1
Birth Centenary of Sir J. C. Bose	30-11-58	15 nP	1
India 1958 Exhibition	30-12-58	15 nP	1
Death Centenary of Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy	15-4-59	15 nP	1
40th Anniversary of ILO	15-6-59	15 nP	1
Children's Day 1959	14-11-59	15 nP	1
World Agriculture Fair	30-12-59	15 nP	1
Thiruvalluvar	15-2-60	15 nP	1
Kalidas Jayanti	22-6-60	15 nP & Rs. 1-03	2
Subramania Bharathi	11-9-60	15 nP	1
Birth Centenary of Dr. M. Visvesvaraya	15-9-60	15 nP	1
Children's Day, 1960	14-11-60	15 nP	1
UNICEF Day	11-12-60	15 nP	1
Tyagaraja	6-1-61	15 nP	1
Golden Jubilee of First Aerial Post	18-2-61	Re. 1, 15 & 5 nP	3
Birth Anniversary of Shivaji	17-4-61	15 nP	1
Birth Centenary of Motilal Nehru	6-5-61	15 nP	1
Birth Centenary of Rabindra Nath Tagore	7-5-61	15 nP	1
Silver Jubilee of AIR	8-6-61	15 nP	1
Birth Centenary of Acharya P. C. Ray	2-8-61	15 nP	1
Late V. N. Bhatkhaade	1-9-61	15 nP	1
Indian Industries Fair	14-11-61	15 nP	1
Children's Day, 1961	14-11-61	15 nP	1
Forest Centenary	21-11-61	15 nP	1
Centenary of Archaeological Survey of India	14-12-61	15 & 90 nP	2
Birth Centenary of Madan Mohan Malaviya	25-12-61	15 nP	1
Inauguration of Gauhati Oil Refinery	1-1-62	15 nP	1
Birth Centenary of Madam Bhikaiji Cama	26-1-62	15 nP	1
Panchayati Raj	26-1-62	15 nP	1
Birth Anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati	4-3-62	15 nP	1
Death Anniversary of Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi	25-3-62	15 nP	1



Name of the Issue	Date of Issue	Denomination	No. of Issues
Eradication of Malaria	7-4-62	15 nP	1
Dr. Rajendra Prasad	13-5-62	15 nP	1
Centenary of High Courts — Calcutta	1-7-62	15 nP	1
Madras	6-8-62	15 nP	1
Bombay	14-8-62	15 nP	1
Birth Centenary of Ramabai Ranade	15-9-62	15 nP	1
Wild Life (Rhinoceros)	1-10-62	15 nP	1
Children's Day, 1962	14-11-62	15 nP	1
XIX International Congress of Ophthalmology	3-12-62	15 nP	1
75th Birth Anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan	22-12-62	15 nP	1
Birth Centenary of Swami Vivekananda	17- 1-63	15 nP	1
Freedom from Hunger Campaign	21- 3-63	15 nP	1
Centenary of the Red Cross Foundation	8- 5-63	15 nP	1
Defence Effort	15- 8-63	15 nP & Re. 1/-	2

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## Catering to the postal needs of the troops

Who wouldn't like to receive a letter?

The soldier manning an outpost in a remote area would be more eager than anyone else to get one.

But the hostile terrain or the distance would deter even the hardiest postmen.

Fortunately, such a contingency was thought of even as early as 1856 when a "duration of the war" service was formed by a contingent of P & T men who donned the Army uniform. They were despatched with the Indian troops to Bushire in the Persian Gulf.

A full-fledged Army Postal Service Corps was established 11 years ago on March 1.

The Service today consists of P & T volunteers who accept the military discipline and privations during their tenure. The Corps looks after the postal needs of the troops of

the three services and para military forces deployed throughout the country.

The organisation consists mainly of field post offices — often functioning in tents, barracks and bunkers.

The Service also prides itself on the fact that no letter, however addressed, remains undelivered.

The Corps also looks after provision of social security and savings facilities to the soldiers. The Postal Life Insurance for Defence Personnel, which is handled by the Corps has covered 20 lakh personnel for a sum of Rs. 122 crores.

The service is also alive to the growing interest in philately among those it serves. Light has also been thrown on interesting aspects of Army life and history to create a unique place of honour for the Indian Army in the world of philately.

Courtesy: THE HINDU



# Philatelic Terms

1. **Accessories :** A wide range of accessories is available to aid the modern Collector including hinges and mounts of various kinds, magnifiers, tweezers, perforation and measurement gauges, Colour guides etc., Other aids being albums, Catalogues and Philatelic Books.
2. **Adhesive :** A Postage Stamp intended to be affixed by its own gum, as distinct from one printed or embossed on postal stationery.
3. **Aerogramme :** Official U.P.U. name for an air letter sheet. These light weight sheets with gummed flaps, and usually with a stamp printed on them, are carried by air at less than normal air-mail rates.
4. **Albino** Without colour, An impression made by a cliché or other printing plate or die, bearing a design from which all colour is missing by accident.
5. **Aniline :** Colour derived from coal tar. Commonly used for brilliant tints, especially soluble in water.
6. **Approvals :** Priced selection of stamps sent out by dealers to collectors on approval.
7. **'As is :** Against an item in an auction catalogue indicates that the stamps are sold without guarantee or promise of refund.
8. **Back Stamp :** A post mark applied to the back of any item of mail.
9. **Bar :** Is an overprint (normally a part of it) used to strike off a certain inscription on number.
10. **Barred :** Heavy bar cancellation
11. **Bilingual pairs :** A bilingual stamp shows the inscription in two different languages. Some stamps are trilingual.
12. **Bisects :** When stamps of one denomination are in short supply in some instances stamps of a higher denomination have been cut in two, vertically, horizontally or diagonally to provide substitutes for the wanted stamp.
13. **Bishop Mark :** The famous circular hand mark introduced in April 1661 by the then Post Master General col. Henry Bishop.
14. **Block :** A group of not less than four stamps but not in a strip form but still joined together.
15. **Bogus :** Describes a fictitious usually fraudulent stamp design or overprint or post mark.
16. **Book let pane :** Stamp sold by the Post Office in small sheets in Book-lets usually containing a selection of the value in most common postal use.