Ajeet Singhee President-PCI

Speech on Postal Stationery





- President, Philatelic Congress of India, the Indian National Federation.
- Accredited FIP Juror for Postal Stationery since 1997 and FIAP Juror for Postal Stationery and Aero-philately since 1996.
- Guest Juror at the HONG KONG 1996 and MELBOURNE 1996 National Exhibitions.
- National Commissioner for BULGARIA 1989 (Sofia) and PACIFIC 1997 (San Francisco).
- Represented India at several FIP Congresses during 1984 to 2016.
- The 'Indian Feudatory State Postal Stationery' exhibit secured GRAND PRIX D'HONNEUR, at the Asian International Exhibition INDEPEX ASIANA 2000 (Kolkata). The first International Grand award for a Postal Stationery exhibit. It was also nominated for the FIP GRAND PRIX D'HONNEUR, at the FINLANDIA 1995.
- Member of the FIP Postal Stationery Commission Bureau (2012-2016).
- Invitee to the 'Seminar on Philately' organised by Govt. of India in 1967 at the Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.
- First display-talk on Indian Airmail Postal Stationery to the Airmail Society of India, Calcutta in 1973 and thereafter have presented several seminars / display-talks on various aspects of Indian Philately.
- Presented a display-talk on the 'Indian Feudatory States Postal Stationery' to the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria. Melbourne in 1996.
- Several hundred research articles on different aspects of Indian Philately published in Philatelic Journals, Exhibition Bulletins and Souvenirs, etc.
- Contributions acknowledged in over 25 books published on Indian Philately in India or abroad during past four decades.

POSTAL STATIONERY EXHIBITING

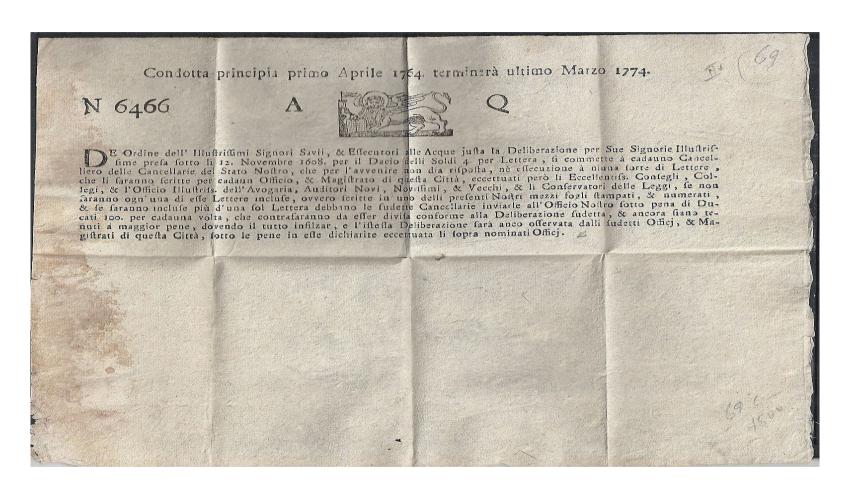


Fig. 1. Venice Republic 'AQ' Letter Sheet (1608-1797).



Fig. 2. 1818 Sardinia 'Cavallini' Letter Sheet.

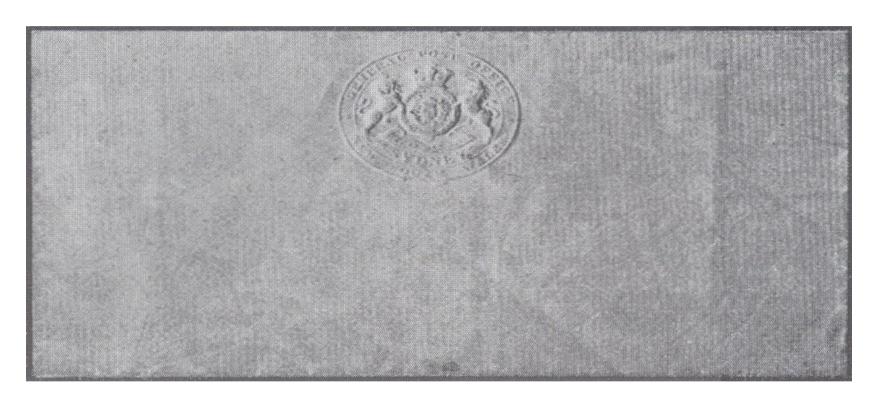


Fig. 3. 1838 (3 Nov.) N.S.W. Sydney Town Post Letter Sheet.

DEFINITION OF POSTAL STATIONERY

The FIP Special Regulations for Evaluation of the Postal Stationery Exhibits defines Postal Stationery, as the Postal matter which either bears an officially authorized pre-printed stamp or device or inscription, indicating that a specific amount (face value) of postage or fee has been paid towards postal or other related services.



Fig.4. India 1950 Formula Post Card sold by Post Offices, affixed with a ½ anna adhesive stamp. Used within former Jaipur State at the 'LOCAL' postage rate.



Fig. 5. Jaipur State 1905 Formula Post Card sold by P. O. affixed with 1/4 anna adhesive stamp.



Fig. 6. Hyderabad State 1879 ½ anna Printed to Private Order (PTPO) Envelope. 9

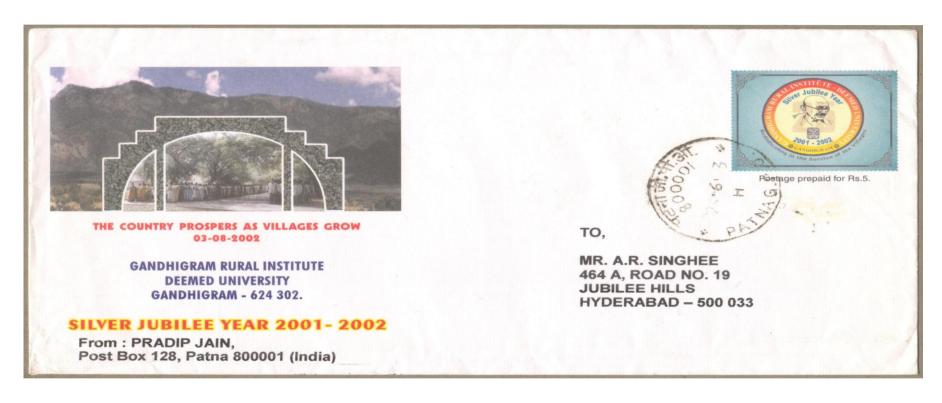


Fig. 7. India 2002 Gandhigram Rural Institute Customised Envelope.

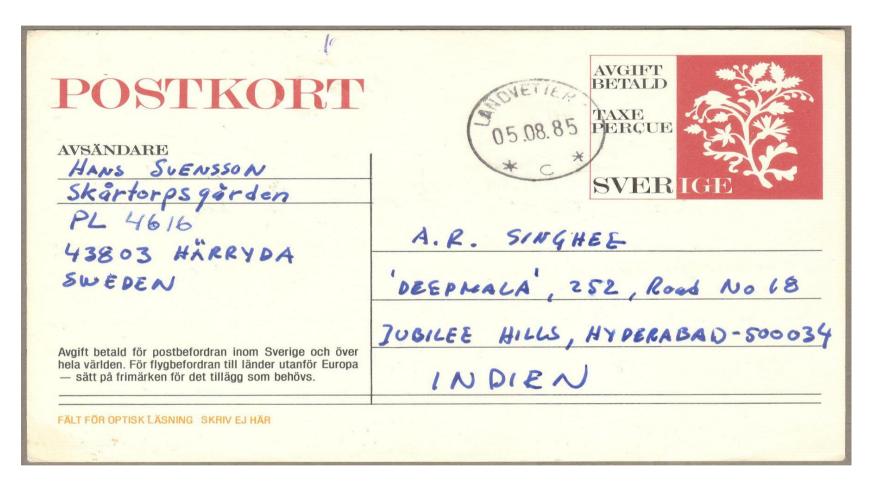


Fig. 8. Sweden Non Value Indicator Foreign Post Card.

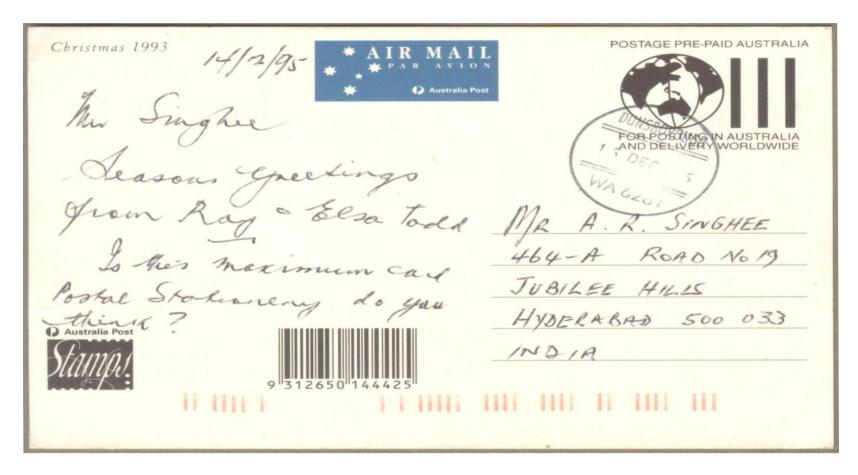


Fig. 9. Australia 1993 Non Value Indicator Foreign Airmail Picture Post Card.

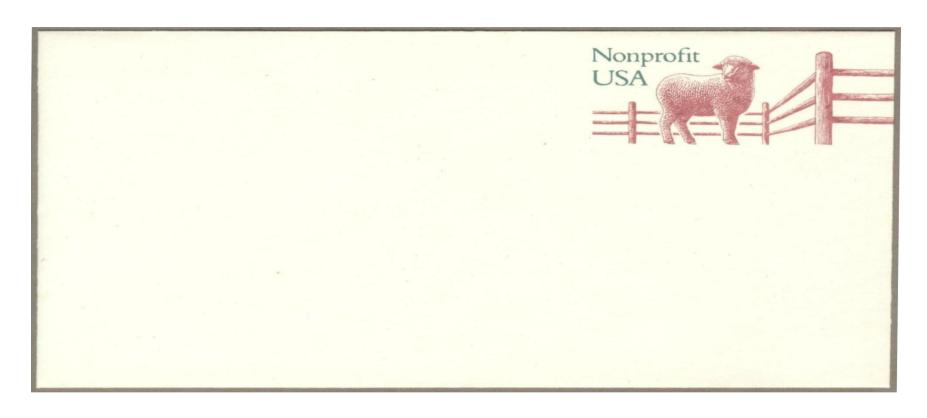


Fig. 10. USA Non Value Indicator Nonprofit Organization Envelope.

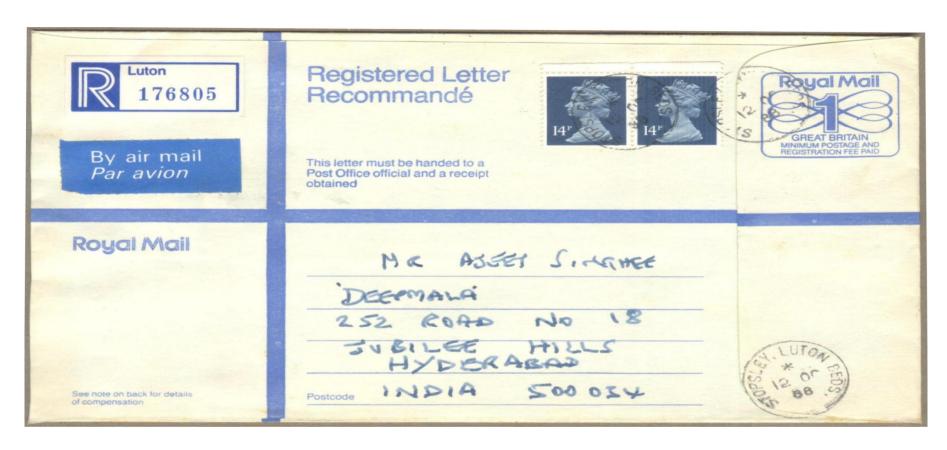


Fig.11. Great Britain Non Value Indicator Registered Letter Envelope.

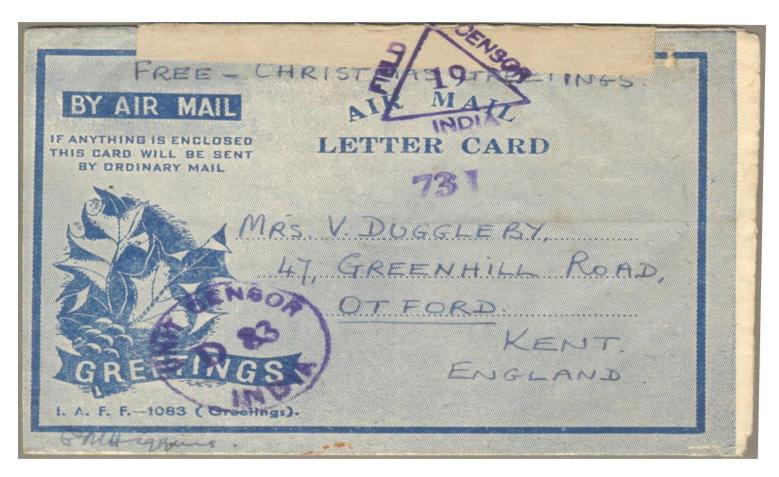


Fig. 12. India Forces Greetings Air Mail Letter Card used in 1943. (Not PS)

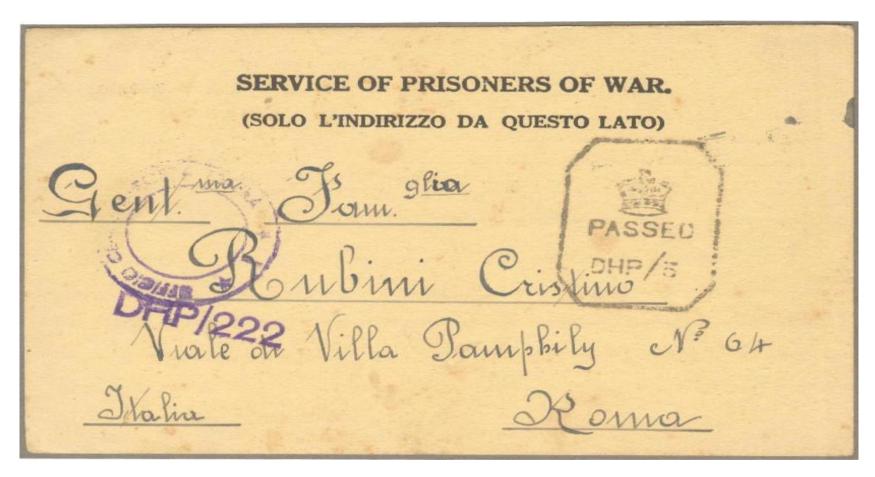


Fig. 13. India - Italian Prisoner of War Post Card used in 1941. (Not PS)



Fig. 14. India Postagram used by Air Force in 1971. (Not PS)

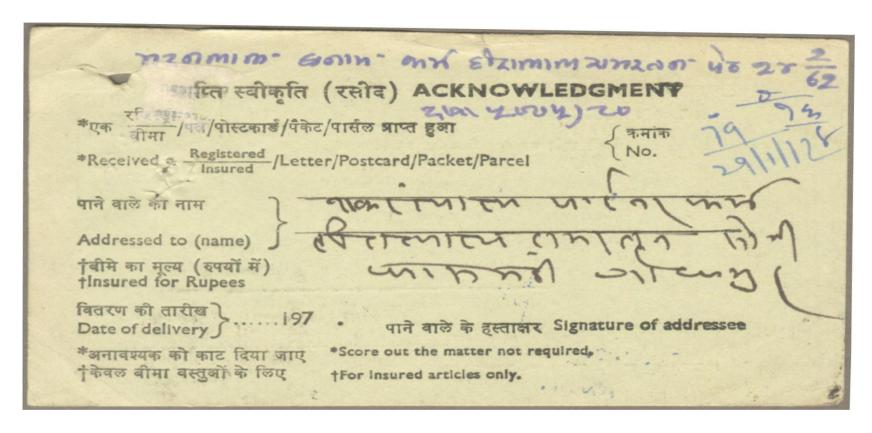


Fig. 15. India Acknowledgement Card for registered or insured articles. (Not PS)

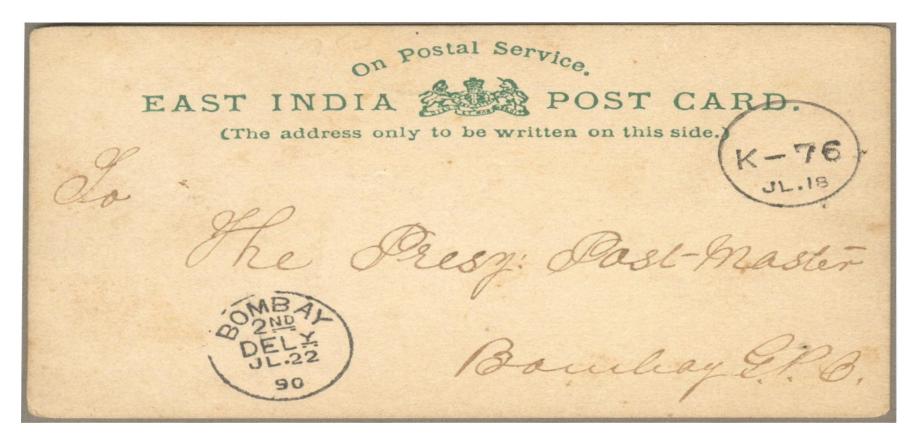


Fig. 16. India 'Postal Service' Post Card used as a Test Card to check transit time. (Not PS)

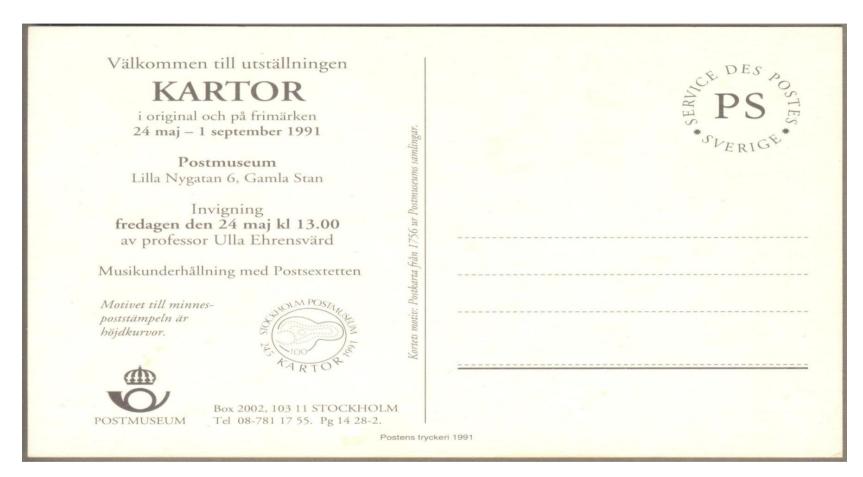


Fig. 17. Sweden 1991 Postal Service Post Card. (Not PS)

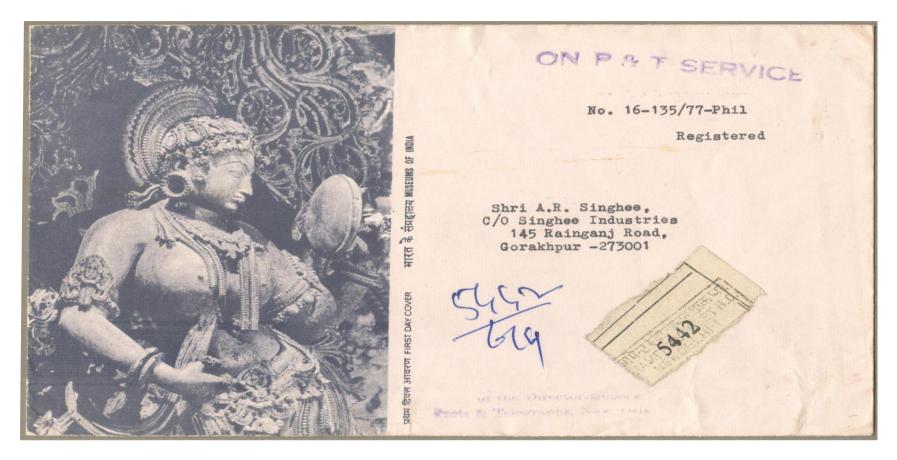


Fig. 18. 1978 Museums of India unissued FDC, registered used 'On Postal Service'. (Not PS)



Fig. 19. South Africa Postage Paid Indicator or Symbol (PPI or PPS) Envelope. (Not PS)

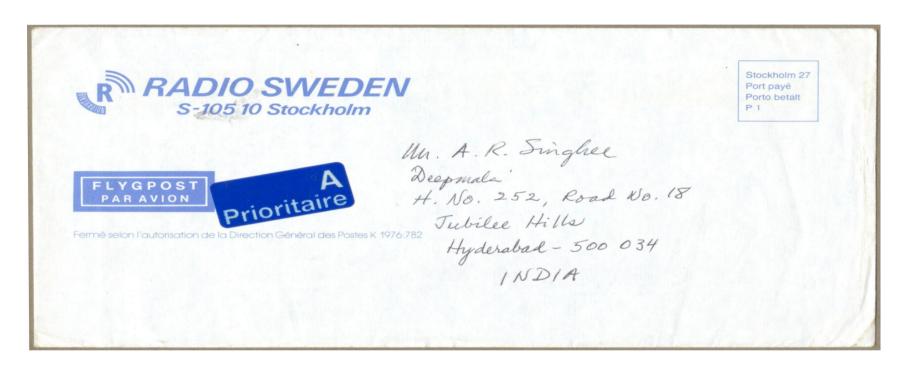


Fig. 20. Radio Sweden Postage Paid Indicator or Symbol (PPI or PPS) Envelope. (Not PS)

Classification of Postal Stationery

The PS issues may be broadly classified in three categories by the manner of their availability and usage, physical form and the particular service for which these are intended.

These may be classified according to the manner of its availability and usage, as under:

- 1. Public issues
- 2. Official or Service issues
- 3. Forces (Military) issues
- Stamped or Printed to Private Order (STPO or PTPO) or Customised issues
- 5. Local Post issues

It is possible to classify the PS issues according to their physical forms, as under:

- Letter-Sheets, including Air Letters and Aerogrammes
- 2. Envelopes
- 3. Post Cards
- 4. Letter-Cards
- 5. Wrappers
- Other Pre-stamped Forms of various postal or other related services.

It is also possible to classify the PS issues according to the type of postal or other associated services for which these are intended, as under:

- Surface mail
- 2. Air mail
- Registered mail
- 4. Special or Express Deliveries
- 5. Pneumatic Post
- 6. Telegraph (Fig. 12), Airgraph and V-Mail Services
- 7. Miscellaneous Services Certificate of Posting Forms, Money Order Forms, Parcel Forms, Receipt Forms, Postal Notes, Postal Orders, Address Labels, Parcel Labels, International Reply Coupons, other postal and associated or related services Forms, etc., provided these are **pre-paid.**

	INDIAN POSTS AND Inland Telegram Telegram
	Class Amount No. Date H. M. Words Rs. As. Sent at Charge To
	Service Rs. As.
	(Nothing is to be written by the sender above this line.)
1	If this telegram is to be classed EXPRESS, write the class here. If this telegram is on State business, the word STATE should be written in this space.
	When a reply is to be prepaid, write the words "Reply Paid" and the amount in the space below. TO Name Address Telegraph Office
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Fig. 21. India 1946 KVI 9 annas Telegram Form with embossed stamp.

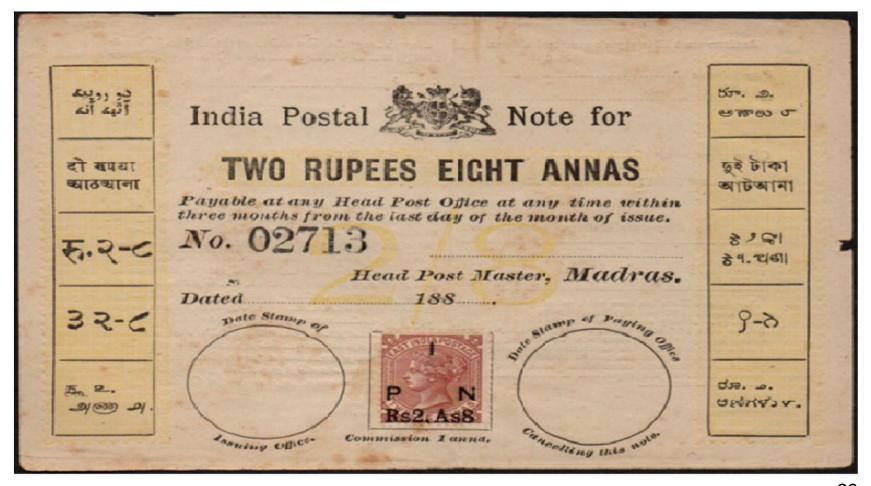


Fig. 22. India 1884 Rs.2 As.8 Postal Note with 'IPN' stamp affixed.

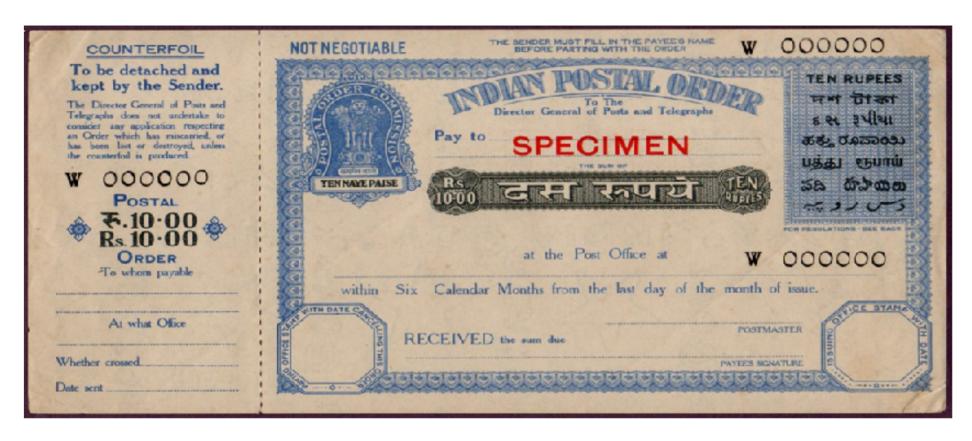


Fig. 23. India Rs.10 Postal Order overprinted SPECIMEN in red.



Fig. 24. Jaipur State ½ anna PS Envelope Stamp Cut-outs (5) used on a 1926 registered cover.

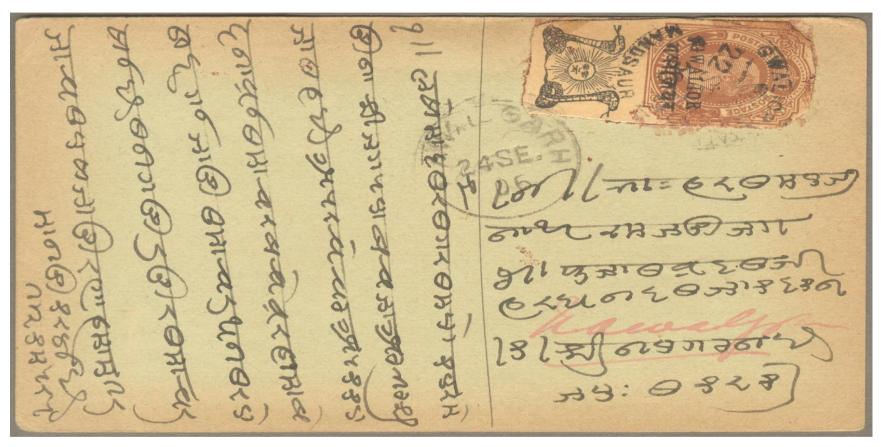


Fig. 25. Gwalior State KE 1/4 anna Post Card Stamp Cut-out used as adhesive stamp.



Fig. 26. Gwalior State KGV 1 anna on 1 anna 3 pies Envelope Essay Overprint (Type A), not approved as '1^A' (part of the overprint) interfered with the already overprinted State Name, and the Adopted Overprint (Type B).







Fig. 27. India QV Artist Drawing of the 1anna News Paper Wrapper Stamp and cut-down Die Proofs of the Portrait and Stamp.



Fig. 28. India QV 9 pies Soldier's & Seamen's Envelope embossed Die Proof.

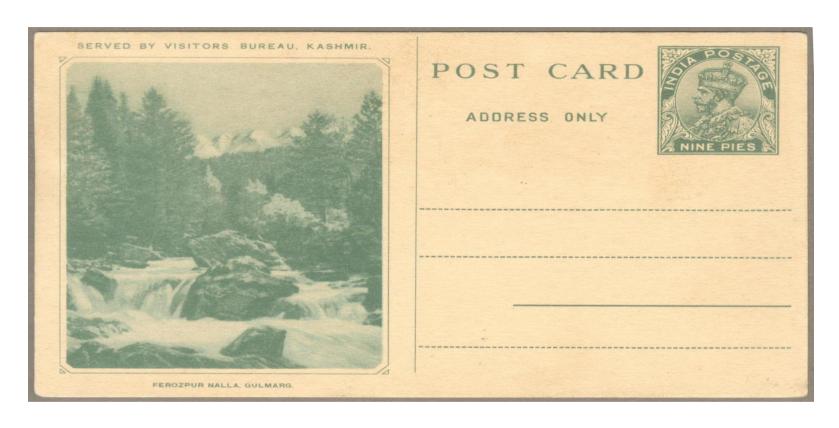


Fig. 29. India 1937 KGV 9 pies Visitors Bureau Kashmir View Post Card.



Fig. 30. Australia Unstamped (not pre-paid) Pictorial Aerogramme. (Not PS)



Fig. 31. Portuguese India Pictorial Aerogramme (not pre-paid) used with adhesive stamps. (Not PS)

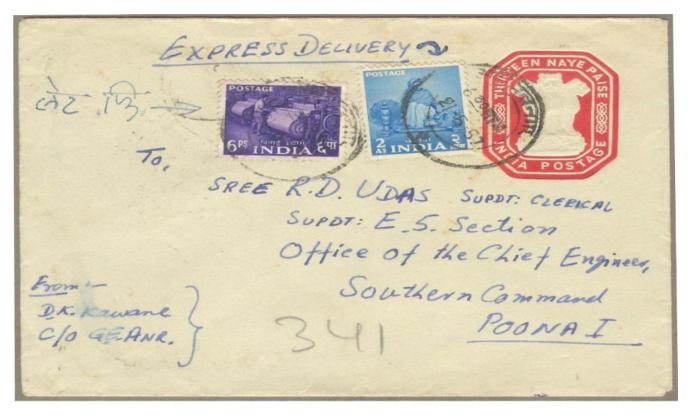


Fig. 32. India 13 np envelope, used with 2 annas & 6 pies stamps on Express Delivery. Currency combination use (21.05.1957), when both the Annas and Naya Paisa issues were valid for postage, during transition period (01.04.57 to 30.09.57). 38

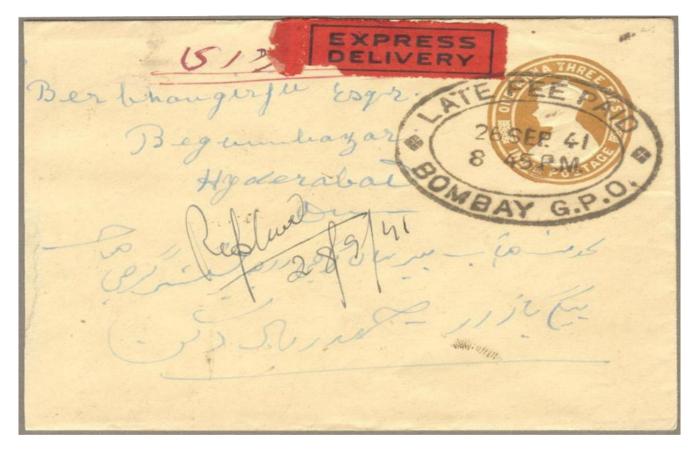


Fig. 33. India 1941 KGVI 1 anna 3 pies Envelope used for Express Delivery (2 annas), with Late Fee Paid (6 pies).



Fig. 34. India 2 annas Envelope from Deshnok to Calcutta, Salvaged Night Airmail Dum Dum Crash 21 November 1951.



Fig. 35. 1939 Gwalior State KGV 9 pies Post Card, used in combination with Jaipur State 1/4 anna stamp from Lashkar to Malpura (Jaipur State). 41



Fig. 36. 1916 India KE 2 annas Registered Letter Envelope with ½ anna stamps (2), used in Combination with Hyderabad State 1 anna stamps (3) to Marwar Mundwa. 42



Fig. 37. Jaipur State ¼ anna Post Card and ¼ anna stamp, registered used with A/D, with India 1 anna and 4 annas stamps, during transition period (01.04.1950 to 30.04.1950), when both issues were simultaneously valid for use.

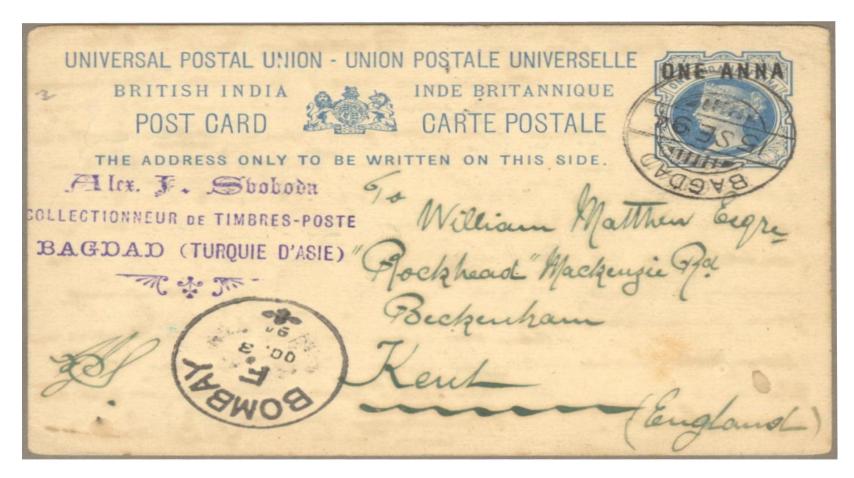


Fig. 38. 1994 India QV 1 anna on 1½ anna UPU Post Card, used from BAGDAD (IRAQ) to England, via Bombay.



Fig. 39. 1926 India KGV ¼ anna Post Card and 3 pies stamp with Perfin 'R.K.R' (Rohilkund and Kumaon Railway Co. Ltd., Izatnagar).

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Fig. 40. 1919 Cochin 2 Pies Post Card with Perfin 'D', used by 'DEVASWOM Office'.



Fig. 41. Patiala State KGV 1anna Envelope with paper manufacturer's Watermark, 'TIGER / figure of Tiger / FOOLSCAP'.



 $Fig.\ 5.\ Watermark\ Type\ E$ (Spatial position of the text to horse medallion are not known)

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Fig. 42. Watermarks on the Indian Convention States KGV 1a brown (Nasik) and 1a 3ps purple envelopes.

POSTAL STATIONERY EXHIBIT JUDGING CRITERIA

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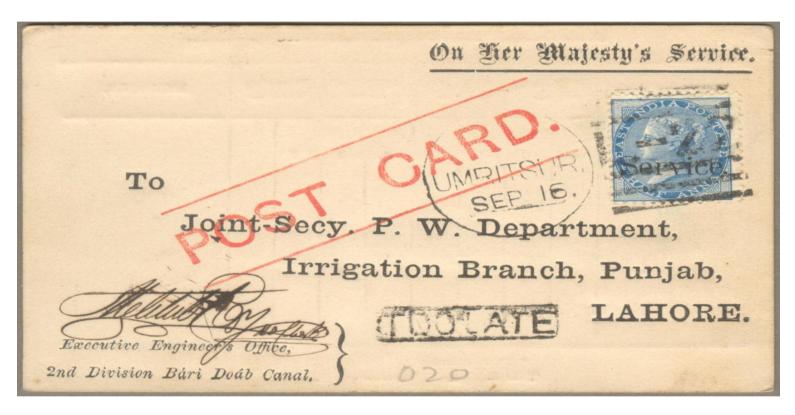
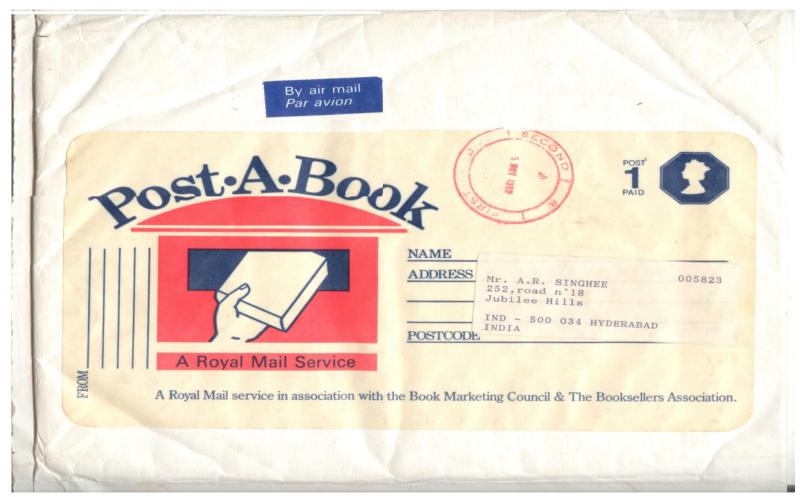


Fig. 43. India Canal Gauge Reading 'Post Card', used with ½ anna service stamp, paying full letter postage rate in 1875. (Post Card rate was introduced on 01 July 1879)



Great Britain 'Post A Book' self-adhesive prepaid label. It is an adhesive stamp or a Postal Stationery ??