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Auction No. 16



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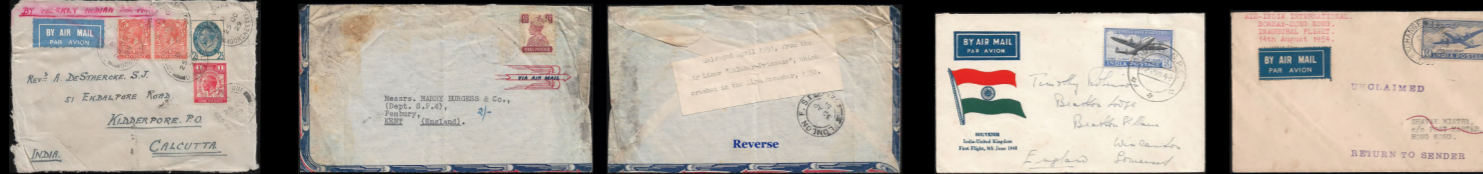


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1854 ISSUES

1. **Half Anna Blue Die I Mint** – superb example of SG#2. ₹6,000
2. **Half Anna Die I Mint** – minor blemishes, very fine mint example. ₹6,000
3. **Half Anna Mint** – very fine condition with superb margins and some ageing marks. Very low start. ₹4,000
4. **Half Anna Set of Three Dies I, II and III very fine used** – each with superb margins. Choice examples. ₹3,000
5. **Half Anna Lot of 12 used stamps** – unchecked for dies, varieties and cancellations. Very low start. ₹10,000
6. **One Anna Die I Deep Red SG#11** – very scarce mint stamp that catalogues in excess of Rs. 1,60,000. ₹12,000
7. **One Anna Die III Mint** – wide all round margins. Odd blemishes including hinge induced shallow thin does not detract from this superb example of this very Rare stamp. ₹50,000
8. **One Anna pair very fine used** – showing some part of the watermark. All round clear margins but some surface abrasions. Very low start. ₹4,000

9. **One Anna pair Blue cancel** – very fine used pair cancelled by blue cancellation. As per Jal Cooper blue cancellation stamps are worth twice the value of other used stamps. ₹6,000
10. **One Anna and Two Annas used by Blue Cancellations** – the 2 annas stamp with minor thinning along one of the edges. Both stamps catalogue at above Rs. 20,000 but as per Jal Cooper such stamps are worth twice the value of other used stamps. ₹4,000
11. **One Anna Set of Three Dies I, II and III very fine used** – each with superb condition. Choice examples at low start. ₹4,000
12. **Two Annas very fine used by Type6b cancellation 'C' missing** –from what looks like post office 159? Superb example with large margins on all sides. Very Scarce. ₹2,500
13. **Two Annas Error Pre-Printing Paper Fold** – very fine used from Kamptee, Nagpur. Dramatic and Rare Error. ₹9,000
14. **Four Annas First Printing** – from a collection that identifies this as Position 7. Very fine used example from the central row. ₹15,000



15. **Four Annas Second Printing very fine used** – SG#19, Position 2. Used with Diamond of Dots cancel. Certified as Genuine by BPA in 2021.

₹17,000

16. **Four Annas Second Printing** – from a collection that identifies this as Position 1. All round margins. Very fine used.

₹15,000

17. **Four Annas Second Printing** – very fine used example.

₹12,000

18. **Four Annas very fine used from Ootacamund** – cancelled by C/94 Type 6 cancellation of Ootacamund, Madras Circle. Very Scarce as less than 1% of 1854 issues are found with clear decipherable Type 6 cancellations.

₹15,000

19. **Four Annas very fine used from Palamcottah** – cancelled by C/135 Type 6 cancellation of Palamcottah, Madras Circle. Very Scarce as less than 1% of 1854 issues are found with clear decipherable Type 6 cancellations.

₹15,000

20. **Four Annas Fourth Printing** – fine used example. Clear margins on 3 sides. Very low start.

₹9,000

21. **Fifth Printing Four Annas Very Fine Used** – superb example of this printing.

From a collection that identifies this as Position 2 with watermark reversed as well as inverted. Very desirable.

₹17,000

22. **Four Annas two cut to shape on piece** – tied by postmarks as well as manuscript markings. Very low start.

₹5,000

23. **1854 Stamps Complete Set of 4 issues** – fine used. Unchecked for dies and varieties.

₹2,000

24. **Half Anna tied to native cover** – with Trichinopoly paid strike on reverse.

₹2,500

25. **One Anna entire from Bombay to Calcutta 1856** – Bombay Paid marking along with Calcutta GPO First Delivery postmark. Stamp with large and clear all round margins. Small paper loss does not detract as the stamp itself is doubly tied by cancellation as well as manuscript. Superb and very desirable.

₹15,000

26. **16 Annas rated cover to Aden** – two 4 annas cut to shape with East india 8 annas. Faults and splitting on cover majorly affecting one of the four annas and slightly affecting the other one. Still a desirable mixed franking showpiece. Bombay BPP Paid red postmark and manuscript endorsing per steamer Ganges on front.

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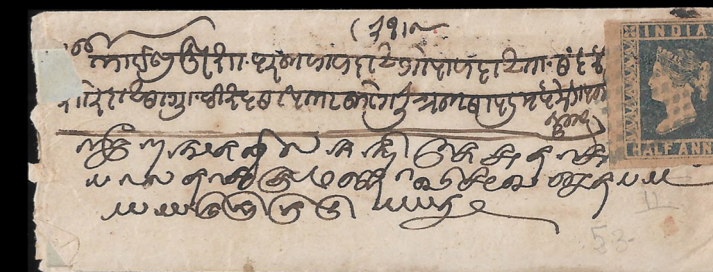
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ESSAYS, PROOFS AND REPRINTS OF BRITISH INDIA

27. **The famous book 'The Postage and Telegraph Stamps of British India' by L. L. R. Hausburg, C. Stewart Wilson and C. F. S. Crofton** – the most coveted publication in Indian philately. Original book with all 23 original plates. Images shown of Plate III and IV that were printed from the original copper plates. The pages and plates are in excellent condition considering that the book was printed on acidic paper which is very brittle. Privately hardbound in book with outer book case. Superb and at a very reasonable start as Plates III and IV sell for above the starting price. Probably one of the finest surviving examples of this publication.

₹1,70,000

28. **Half Anna Spence#96 Dark Blue pair** – superb appearance. Some ageing marks do not detract.

₹3,000

29. **Two Annas 1883 Spence#79** – printed on yellowish white wove paper from the original plate. Right hand marginal block of four. Horizontal crease at bottom, hardly visible from the front. Superb.

₹12,000

30. **Two Annas perforated on thick bluish laid paper Spence#81** – 1883 print from the original plate. Spence records this on unwatermarked paper but this stamp displays alphabet in watermark. Brilliant new discovery.

₹5,000

31. **Four Annas Specimen from 1890** – superb example of Spence#52. Specimen underprint on reverse in serif alphabets. Pristine and Very Desirable.

₹6,000

32. **Four Annas Specimen from 1891** – superb example of Spence#15. Specimen underprint on reverse in sans-serif letters. Pristine and Very Scarce.

₹7,000

33. **OHMS 1893 De La Rue Die Proof** – of SG Type 9 in black on glazed card. Minor tracing of mounting clear of the overprint. Ex-DLR archives and hence with paper adhesion on reverse. Rare and desirable as Type 9 was used on QV as well as KEVII issues.

₹35,000

34. **KEVII 1925 Essay Giles#1** – Mint Lightly Hinged with usual toned gum. Rare and Very Popular.

₹45,000

35. **KEVII Essay on 25 Rupees Giles#18** – Mint Lightly Hinged with usual toned gum. Rare.

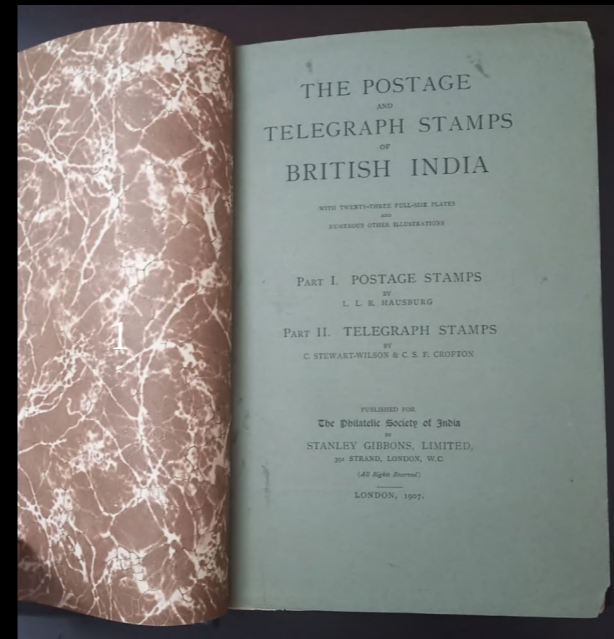
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36. **KGV Essay in Red and Black on 10 Rupees Giles#23** – hinged and without gum as prepared. Rare.

₹42,000

37. **KGV Essay in Green and Black on 15 Rupees Giles#27** – hinged and without gum as prepared.

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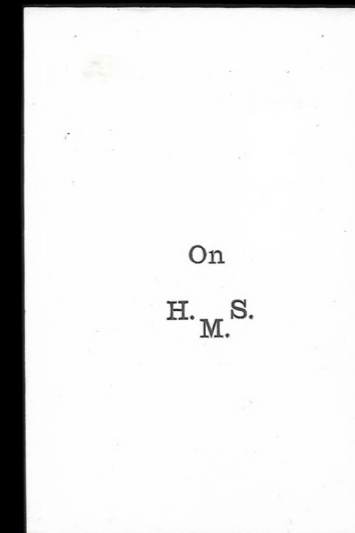
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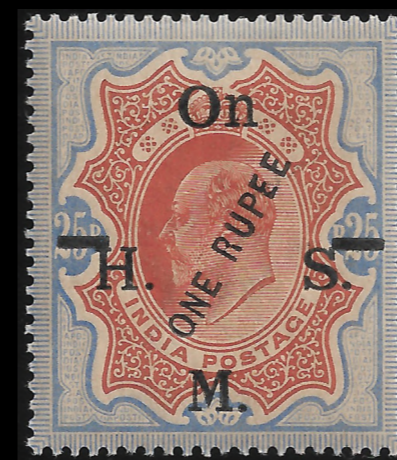
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BRITISH INDIA 1855-1946 AND INDIA OVERPRINTS

38. **Postage on Revenue SG#66 Superb Unused** – with light surface rubbing. With clear green overprint. Very low start.
₹40,000
39. **Postage on Revenue SG#66 very fine used** – cancelled by duplex postmark. Remnant of horizontal green line at bottom.
₹3,000
40. **Postage on Revenue SG#66** – numeral cancel, some ageing marks do not detract. Very low start.
₹2,000
41. **SG#68 Postage on Revenue** – superb used example.
₹3,000
42. **QV One Anna Block of four 1883 Times of India** – imprinted on reverse. Scarce multiple of this imprint.
₹3,000
43. **KEVII Rs. 10 High Value White Gum** – SG#144, mounted mint. Superb condition with very fine centring.
₹11,000
44. **KGV Mint Single Star Complete Set of 19** – SG#151/191 with most stamps with large part original gum and in fine condition. Very low start.
₹38,000
45. **Nine Nine KGV Variety SG#192a** – superb variety in vertical pair with regular stamp. Large part original toned gum.
₹4,000

46. **Pies Pies KGV Variety SG#192b** – superb variety in vertical pair with regular stamp. Large part original toned gum.
₹4,000
47. **KGV Nine Pies Double Surcharge 1921** – slightly toned gum. Fine example of SG#192c.
₹6,000
48. **Airmail 2 annas Dot between T and A Variety** – superb variety in very fine used stamps.
₹3,000
49. **Airmail Scratch on 8 in strip of 3** – with 2 regular stamps. Toned gum does not detract from this attractive variety. Scarce.
₹5,000
50. **KGV Perforation Error** – SG#202 in block of 4 with additional perforations. Mint never hinged condition.
₹4,000
51. **KGV 1a3p Inverted Watermark Block** – superb mint never hinged block of four.
₹1,500
52. **QV Small Service SG#02 Pale Blue** – no watermark, very fine used.
₹5,000
53. **QV Small Service SG#03 Brown** – no watermark, very fine used.
₹5,000
54. **QV Small Service SG#011 Orange** - watermarked, very fine used.
₹3,000



55. **Service on Fiscal Two Annas SG#O15 Mint** – with some original gum. Minor imperfections and visible bend but still superb as most examples are found with major surface faults. Very Scarce.

₹21,000

56. **KEVII No Stop After M Variety** – SG#O66a with large part original gum. Minor surface blemishes. Superb example of this scarce variety.

₹9,000

57. **One Anna Overprint on One Anna Overprint Error** – fine example of SG#107a. Toned with large part original gum, maybe mint never hinged. Catalogues at above Rs. 25,000. Very low start.

₹5,000

58. **1a3p Service Variety strip of 3** – major shifting of overprint resulting in left value of all 3 stamps not being barred. Toned gum and unmounted mint condition. With regular stamps for comparison.

₹2,500

59. **KGV Booklet Black on Green Muir Mills Cawnpore Advert** – SG#SB7 with no stamps inside but scarce example with Muir Mills advertisement.

₹3,000

60. **One Rupee Two Annas Booklet Unexploded SB#13** – 24 Nine Pies stamps inside with toned gum.

Interestingly, postmarked 15 February 1922 on front and reverse. The buyer probably got this cancelled as a remembrance of the date of his purchase.

₹6,000

61. **One Rupee Booklet Unexploded SB#14** – 16 One Anna stamps inside with toned gum. Very low start for this high value booklet.

₹5,000

62. **KGV Booklet Black on Red 1937** – SG#SB22 with no stamps inside. Various adverts of postal services inside.

₹2,000

63. **CEF 4 annas Overprint Double One Albino** – SG#C7b mounted mint in very fine condition. The Albino impression clearly visible. Very Scarce.

₹5,000

64. **IEF Double Overprint SG#E1c** – toned with large part original gum. Clear visible doubling.

₹2,500

65. **IEF Two Annas No Stop After F and Broken I varieties** – superb unmounted pair with gutter margins. One stamp displaying broken top of I and the other with No Stop After F which is listed as SG#E5a.

₹2,500



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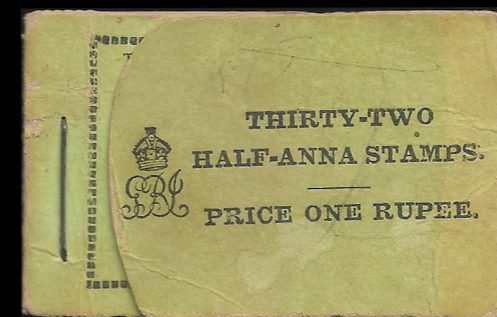
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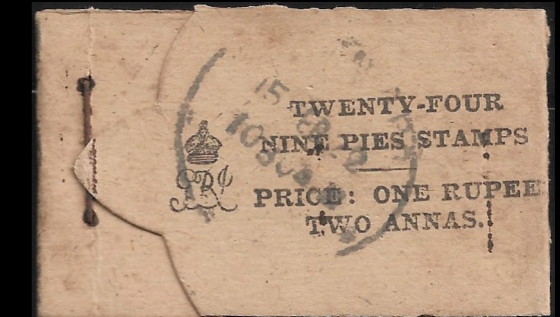
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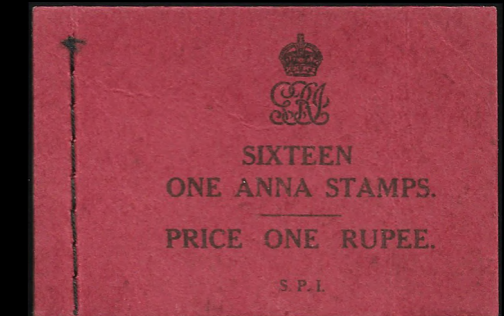
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66. **India Overprint Manuscript Surcharge Strait Settlements** – the only British Indian stamp that was first overprinted and then surcharged by hand. With BPA 2023 certificate. Strait Settlements SG#10 2 surcharge and Three Half deleted in black manuscript with some toning and slight surface defect but that does not detract from the desirability of this rarity. Under-catalogued by Stanley Gibbons but still at a very reasonable start. One of the elusive stamps among Indian Overprints and British Commonwealth philately.

₹3,40,000

67. **Andaman Islands Japanese Occupation KGVI .20 on 3pies** – surcharge in red. Unused and ageing marks. This particular stamp is featured in an article by Japanese collector and expertiser Morikawa Tamaki. He writes that it is ex-Hashimoto. Certified as genuine by RPSL in 2024. Major Rarity of Indian philately.

₹50,000

68. **Andaman Islands Japanese Occupation KGVI .30 on 6 Annas** – surcharge in black. Unused and ageing marks. This particular stamp is featured in an article by Japanese collector and expertiser Morikawa Tamaki. He writes that it is ex-Hashimoto. Certified as genuine by RPSL in 2024. Major Rarity of Indian philately.

₹50,000

69. **India Overprint Pakistan First Set of the issue 1947** – SG#1 to SG#19 in very fine Mint Lightly Hinged condition. Very low start.

₹6,000

INDIA USED ABROAD

(Also See Lot 221)

70. **India used in Singapore** – Two Annas cancelled by B/172 of Singapore. Superb example with all round margins. From the central part of the watermark and thus superb for sheet reconstruction.

₹6,000

71. **India Used in Aden One Anna and Four Annas 1854 issues** – clear Aden 124 postmark on both stamps.

₹5,000

72. **India Postal Stationery and stamp used in Aden** – Barred B postmark cancelling the indicia as well as the stamp. Sent to Holland. Some surface scrapping on front does not detract. Scarce unframed Aden Registration mark.

₹1,500

73. **Busrah to Germany via Bombay 1896 cover** – QV half anna block of 5 stamps, each tied by Busrah postmark. Nick and pinhole do not detract as this is a scarce destination for such India Used Abroad covers.

₹2,000



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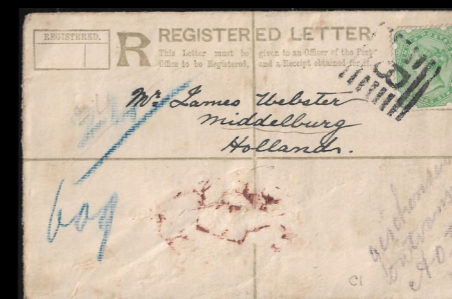
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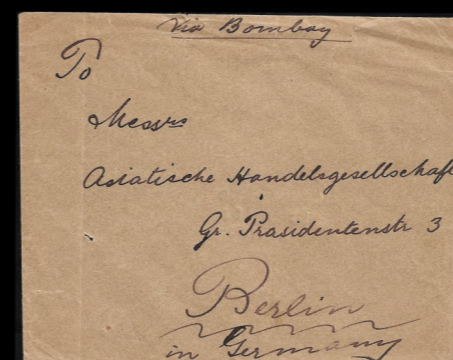
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74. **Bahrain Censored cover to Bombay India 1916** – with one of the stamps unseen as it hidden under the censor tape. Reduced and with small faults. Very low start.

₹3,000

75. **India Used in Chandernagore B/86** – East India 1anna used in Chandernagore, French India. Very Scarce.

₹3,000

76. **Fort St. George Madras to Chandernagore 1907** – lovely picture postcard featuring St. Mary's Church in Fort St. George. Clear strike of Chandernagore delivery cds.

₹1,500

77. **DLO Incoming cover to Chandernagore French India** – Chandernagore cds with Bombay and Calcutta DLO and other transit postmarks. Nicks and bends alongwith DLO chit.

₹2,000

78. **India Used in Port Blair in 1884** – East India 3 annas rated cover from Andaman Islands to Shanghai China. Stamps tied by Port Blair type K4 and Port Blair type D5 dated 18 April on reverse, applied alongside Bombay 12 May cds and 16 May Webb No. 3 Singapore to Hong Kong marine sorter cds. Ex-Spink and Extremely Rare.

₹40,000

79. **India used in Bassein Burma Type 7b** – East India half anna blue two stamps tied by B/21 of Bassein duplex strike. Ageing marks but it is important to mention that Jal Cooper stated that examples of this cancellation are Extremely Scarce. Very Desirable.

₹12,000

80. **QV 2a6p envelope Freak Usage from Port of Spain Trinidad** – to French Consul General in Tunisia. 1896 sending in fine condition except for couple of pinholes. Strange, Freak and Rare usage.

₹3,000

TELEGRAPHS AND INDIAN STATES

(Also see Lot 170)

81. **KEVII Telegraph Complete Set except One Rupee** – SG#T56/T59 & T61/T65 whole used stamps. All high values present. Such uncut used examples are scarcely seen or offered. Catalogues at above Rs. 65,000. Very desirable and at very low start.

₹21,000

82. **Telegraph Provisional surcharge set of 3** – mint examples of SG#T66/T68. Very fine complete set.

₹5,000

83. **KEVII 1908 Telegraph stamp OHMS on Five Rupees** – Unmounted mint yellowish gum SG#OT1.

₹5,000



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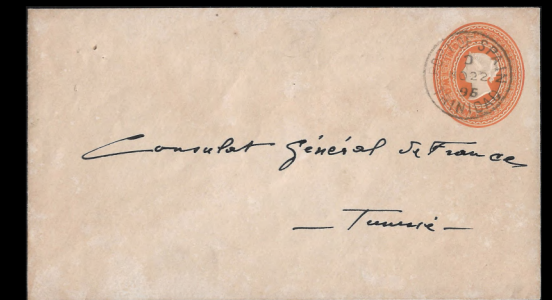


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84. **Gwalior to Austria 1913 Picture postcard** – two KEVII Gwalior stamps and Gwalior One Anna Revenue tied by Gwalior cds. Very Scarce freak usage.

₹2,000

85. **Nabha Indian Convention State Complete Set with all shades** – SG#14/33 that catalogues at above 90,000 rupees with only 15 stamps and this lot has all the shades. Stamps in very fine mint hinged, light hinged condition with the top marginal value hinged only in the margin and hence Mint Never Hinged. Magnificent set that is scarcely seen or offered.

₹40,000

86. **Bhopal 2 Service Postal Stationery Illustrated Postcard** – Bada Talab and Reti Ghat images on reverse. Ageing marks do not detract from this very desirable pair.

₹4,000

87. **Bijawar IFS SG1 Variety block** – from junction of panes comprising two tete-beche pairs, perf 11 only on vertical edges, double on one side, otherwise imperf. Odd shortish perf and minor adhesion on gum do not detract from this unusual multiple of SG#1c with variety. Purchased from Stanley Gibbons decades back for 150 pounds and with their stock card. Superb.

₹15,000

88. **Dhar Indian Feudatory State First set** – SG#1/6 with all 6 stamps in mounted mint condition. Superb colours and appearance.

₹3,000

89. **Hyderabad State 1 Anna Bluish Grey Imperf Proof of SG#1** – in block of 4. On thin paper and in superb condition except for minor vertical bend.

₹3,000

90. **Jaipur State Registered Postcard** – uprated with 3 annas Investiture issue. Usual creases and one short corner does not detract. Scarce usage of Investiture stamp.

₹1,000

91. **Jammu and Kashmir IFS Combination 1894 Cover** – from Srinagar to Calcutta. Reverse has QV half anna with Jammu and Kashmir half anna ultramarine tied by Cashmere/325 duplex and manuscript. With three transit and delivery cds.

₹14,000

INDEPENDENT INDIA STAMPS

92. **Waterbirds Vertical Pair of 2 sets** – superb mint never hinged condition. Also displaying some offset that is uncommon in this issue.

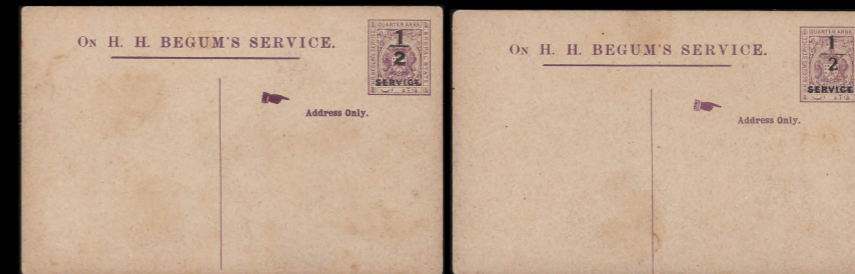
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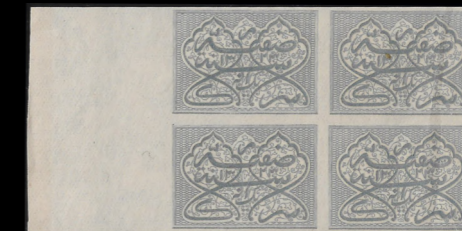
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93. **India UPU 1950 Souvenir Folder** – with Republic and UPU Stamps mounted inside. Presented to delegates who attended the UPU Executive Commission held at Montreux, Switzerland in May 1950. Very Scarce.

₹1,500

94. **United Nations Day and World Forestry Congress 1954 Publicity Poster** – 2 stamps of each issue mounted on India Security Press Nasik printed poster sized 340mm X 215mm. These were displayed at prominent post offices throughout the country. Usually found with corner faults on all sides, however, this one is in much better condition with only faulty corner. Rare Survivor.

₹7,500

95. **Children's Day and University Centenary 1957 Publicity Poster** – set of each issue mounted on India Security Press Nasik printed poster sized 340mm X 215mm. These were displayed at prominent post offices throughout the country. Usually found with corner faults on all sides, however, this one is in much better condition with only faulty corner. Rare Survivor.

₹7,500

96. **India Service First Set 1950 Publicity Poster** – set of 13 values mounted on India Security Press Nasik printed poster sized

340mm X 215mm. These were displayed at prominent post offices throughout the country. Usually found with corner faults on all sides, however, this one has minor faults in one corner. Rare Survivor in Incredible condition.

₹12,000

ERRORS OF INDEPENDENT INDIA

97. **New UPU HQ Superb Colour Shifting Error** – very fine used error with regular stamp for comparison. Such errors are rarely seen in this era.

₹2,000

98. **PPESIDENT Constant Variety** – in one stamp with other regular stamps. Superb positional block of 8. Recorded by Dr. S. P. Gupta. One of the most coveted constant varieties.

99. **Caracal Wildlife of India Black Omitted Error** – one of only 4 recorded. The colour omission resulting in complete omission of year and inscription. Rare and Magnificent marginal stamp.

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100. **Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Error block of 4** – 2 colours, Saffron and Green both shifted dramatically resulting in a superb error. Mint never hinged, white gum condition.

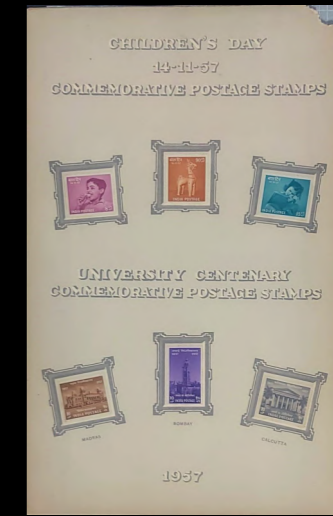
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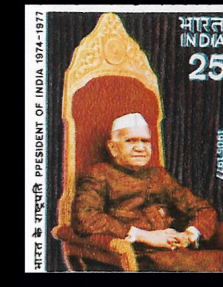
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101. **India 89 issue Early DLO Cancellation complete pane** – of 6 stamps. Superb shifting of black resulting in right inscription almost disappearing into perforations. Superb condition. The error affecting all 6 stamps.

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102. **Karant Black Omission from top half of the stamp** – very few recorded. Error leading to country name and value omission. With regular stamp for comparison, pen notation on reverse mainly in the margin and barely affecting the stamp. Scarce.

₹3,000

103. **Indo Iran Complete Sheetlet shifting of perfs** – leading to dramatic change in format of the stamps. Ageing marks on reverse do not detract as 4 stamps have their value divided. Very Scarce.

₹3,000

104. **Aga Khan Architecture Misperf MS** – downward shifting of horizontal perfs leading to part vertical imperf and cutting into stamps. Superb.

₹2,000

105. **Govindrao Pansare 2003 Offset Error** – part ageing marks do not detract from this clear Offset error.

₹1,500

106. **Sethupathy pair with complete Black omission** – odd ageing mark on reverse. Superb error with value and all inscriptions omitted.

₹5,000

107. **President Fleet Review Complete Vertical Imperf Sheetlet** – each stamp vertical imperf. Incredible Error, only 6 sheets recorded and most have been broken up. Very Scarce intact sheet.

₹13,000

108. **President's Fleet Review Black majorly shifted** – Traffic Light block showing black almost completely shifted into the realm of blue colour. Superb se-tenant error.

₹3,000

109. **World Consumer Rights Day Pair two colours shifted to the right** – dramatic error.

₹1,500

110. **Rainwater Harvesting partial omission of Blue from entire strip of 3 stamps** – blue completely omitted from pond and partly omitted from the sky. Superb condition and with regular stamps for comparison.

₹2,000

111. **University of Madras block of 20 with 8 stamps completely imperf** – magnificent error in magnificent condition.

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112. **Voorhees College Black Omitted** – incredible error that results in complete omission of inscription and value. Superb strip of 3.

₹6,000

113. **Endangered Birds Manipur Bush Quail Misperf** – extra horizontal perforation cutting into bottom row and another one creating double perforations.

₹2,500

114. **Renewable Energy MS One pair Imperf in between** – the right pair missing complete vertical perforations in between. Superb condition.

₹2,500

115. **Happy New Year Black Omitted Block of 6 stamps** – stamps and tabs all displaying the error that completely omits the year, value and country inscription.

₹9,000

116. **Madhubala Blue Omitted Entire Sheetlet** – with regular sheetlet for comparison. Fascinating and Rare Error in this popular issue, perhaps the only intact sheetlet with this error.

₹40,000

117. **Pigeon and Sparrow part omission of Blue colour** – superb error in superb condition.

₹1,500

118. **Refugee Relief Overprint Offset in block of 20 stamps** – magnificent error.

₹2,500

119. **Breastfeeding Definitive Complete Omission Error** – rare error with imprint completely missing from 8 stamps and almost completely missing from 4 stamps.

₹5,000

120. **Cotton Dry Printing block of 4 stamps** – superb with toning affecting only 1 stamp. Brilliant error.

₹2,000

121. **Afforestation High Value Complete Imperf** – block of 4. Sideways watermark. Superb mint never hinged condition.

₹12,000

122. **Solar Energy Preprinting Error** – resulting in elongation of the stamps. Fantastic.

₹1,500

123. **Biogas Brown Omitted Error** – complete omission from one stamp and almost complete from the other one. Superb.

₹2,000

124. **Leopard Cat Complete Imperf Block of 20 stamps** – excellent condition, vertical central fold.

₹2,500

125. **Leopard Cat Brown Colour Dry Print** – fascinating error affecting entire block of 40 stamps. Few ageing marks seen.

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126. **Tiger Complete Imperf Block of 8 stamps** – excellent condition except for bends. Lovely block with marginal inscription including plate number.

₹4,000

127. **Service 1958 Rupee One Flaw** – inclusion in printing leading to flaw in right pillar. Interesting Error, stamp in mint never hinged white gum condition.

₹2,000

INDIAN POSTAL STATIONERY

(Also see Lots 72, 80, 244 & 388)

128. **First Envelope of Indian Postal Stationery** – excellent mint example of EN1. Mounting marks and minor paper adhesion on reverse does not detract as from the front the envelope displays superbly.

₹6,000

129. **KGV Envelope EN38 1a on 1a3p** – very fine mint example.

₹2,000

130. **EN39 KGV 1a on 1a3p Envelope** – very fine mint example.

₹5,000

131. **Albino used cover KGV One Anna** – superb usage from the post office located at the Holy Pilgrimage Centre of Lord Shiva at Baidyanath Dham. Calcutta boxed delivery cds on reverse.

₹3,000

132. **KGV Albino Indicia used Postcard** – uprated usage as by 1925 the rate had

changed to half anna. Sent from Calcutta to Marwar. The missing indicia can be made out as the central part of the postal stationery is faintly printed. Rarity.

₹5,000

133. **KGV Quarter Anna Postcard used as Printed Matter** – to Europe. Delivery cds on front. Printed Matter imprinted on front and content on reverse. Nick does not detract from this scarce usage of quarter anna postal stationery.

₹1,500

134. **Reversed 4 in Right Panel of Indicia KGV Grey on Buff Postcard** – ageing marks do not detract from this error postcard used from Bara Bazar, Calcutta. Very Scarce Error on PC22.

₹3,000

135. **KGV PC23 Reversed 4 in Right Panel of Indicia** – Grey on Buff used from Indore. Minute pinhole does not detract from this error postcard. Very Scarce.

₹3,000

136. **KGV 1.5 annas Mint postcard PC35** – in superb condition except for minor blemishes in one corner. High catalogue and elusive postcard that has sold for record prices in auctions.

₹5,000

137. **Singature instead of Signature Variety Official Postcard OPC3** – superb mint postcard with this scarce recorded variety.

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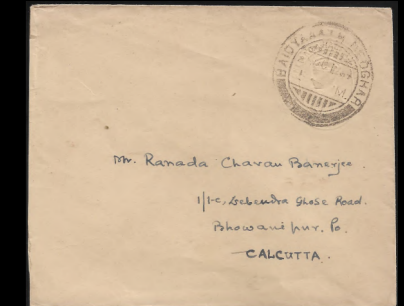
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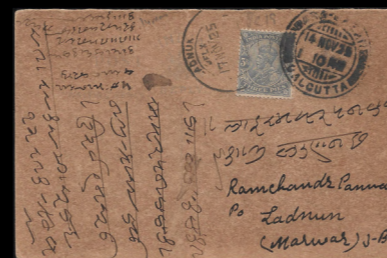
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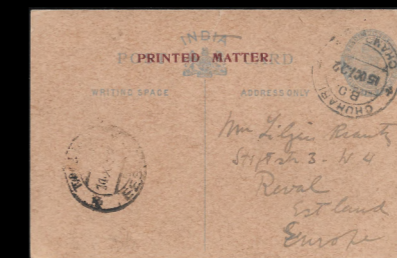
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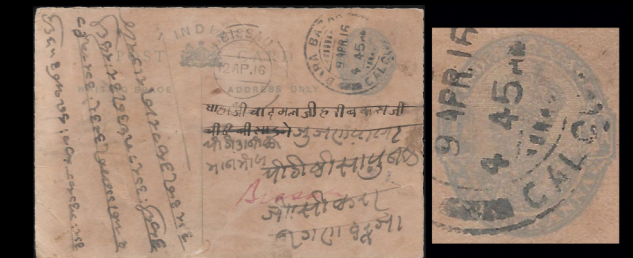
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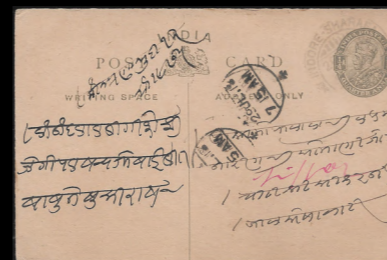
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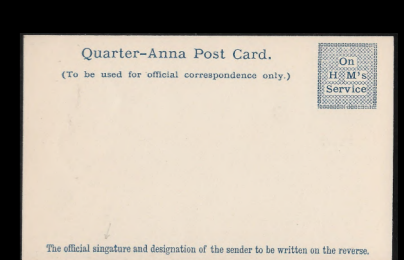
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138. **KGV 9 pies Official Postcard 1932** – very fine example of OPC16. Scarce and at very low start.
₹4,000
139. **Airmail 4 annas PC Mint** – fine example of APC1.
₹2,000
140. **Wrapper/Band of Airmail 4 annas APC1** – very scarce and in impeccable condition.
₹5,000
141. **Airmail India London 4 annas PC Mint** – very fine example of APC2.
₹2,000
142. **Double Impression KGV I Air Letter** – very fine used. Clear double printing in Indicia. Rare Error.
₹5,000
143. **QV Long Registration Envelope to Switzerland RE#2** – superb usage to a scarce destination. Crease as is usually found in this envelope. With pair of QV 2a6p issues tied by Bombay GPO postmark, Sea Post Office C and Swiss delivery postmark of Baaksan. Scarce especially in this superb condition.
₹7,000
144. **KGV Registered Letter RE16 Mint 1927** – ageing marks do not detract as mint examples are Very Scarce.
₹4,000
145. **Registered Envelope Green Line with Blue Four Annas Indicia** – rare Emergency print sent from Kalbadevi to

Mapusa in Goa. With 4 stamps of the Archaeological series. Sealing wax induced couple of pinholes in the centre of the cover. With transit and delivery postmarks. Practically Unobtainable and the finest example of this envelope that we have seen.

₹7,000

AZAD HIND AND JAI HIND PHILATELY

(Also see Lots 67, 68, 362 & 363)

146. **Azad Hind Agriculture Red perforated issue** – large block of 50 stamps in original gum. Minor imperfections as can be expected in such a large block. Largely in superb condition.
₹2,500
147. **Azad Hind Charkha Blue perforated issue** – large block of 50 stamps in original gum. Minor imperfections as can be expected in such a large block. Largely in superb condition.
₹2,500
148. **Nurse and Patient Red perforated Azad Hind issue** – large block of 50 stamps in original gum. Minor imperfections as can be expected in such a large block. Largely in superb condition.
₹3,000
149. **Map of India Azad Hind three issues in blocks of 4** – in original gum. Bends and minor imperfections. Among the high values of this set.
₹1,500



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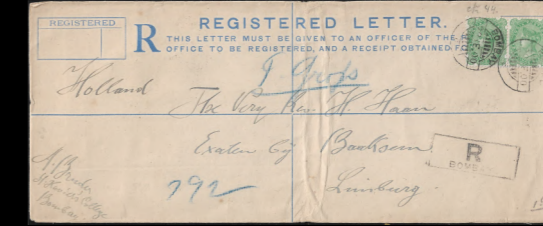
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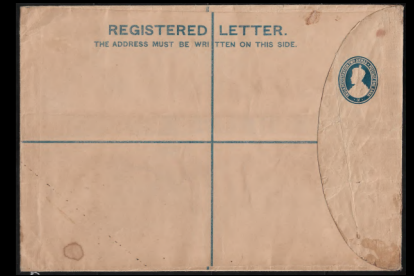
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150. **Jai Hind 15 August 1947 Label tied Private Cover** – blue National Flag and National Emblem Label. Sent by Book Post to Quito Ecuador, its delivery cds on front. Rare cover to an extremely rare destination for any Indian mail.

₹25,000

151. **National Flag Jai Hind 21 November 1947 FDC** – Bombay RMS day of issue cds, addressed to Bombay Philatelic Co. Delivery cds on reverse.

₹2,000

152. **Jai Hind National Flag Bombay RMS FDC** – pair of stamps tied by Bombay RMS day of issue cds. Sent to England.

₹4,000

153. **Jai Hind Indian Independence Long Private FDC** – both values of the set issued on that date tied by Ghatkopar day of issue cds. Boxed delivery cds on reverse. This private cover is usually found in heavily stained condition, this example has only minor ageing marks. Superb and Scarce.

₹9,000

154. **Jai Hind 1.5 annas issue FDC** – tied by New Delhi day of issue cds. Excellent condition save for one minor pinhole.

₹1,000

155. **Three covers with Jai Hind stamps to various destinations** – in mixed condition as these are genuinely mailed commercial covers. Very desirable as such covers are not only scarce but increasingly difficult to obtain.

₹3,000

156. **Four covers with Jai Hind stamps to various destinations** – in mixed condition as these are genuinely mailed commercial covers. Very desirable as such covers are not only scarce but increasingly difficult to obtain.

₹4,000

MAHATMA GANDHI PHILATELY

(Also see Lot 170)

157. **Gandhiji 1.5 annas issue 1948** – complete sheet of 50 stamps. One vertical fold and with paper stuck on reverse. Very low start for this showpiece sheet.

₹5,000

158. **Gandhiji 12 annas issue 1948** – complete sheet of 50 stamps. One vertical fold and with paper stuck on reverse. Very low start for this showpiece sheet.

₹20,000

159. **Mahatma Gandhi Service 1.5 annas** – mounted mint white gum. Excellent example at very low start.

₹4,000

160. **Gandhiji and Flag Private FDC** – multicoloured cachet. With crease and one pinhole that do not detract from otherwise superb condition. Scarce.

₹10,000

161. **Mahatma Gandhi 3 values FDC 1948** – all 3 tied by Bombay first day postmark. Minor ageing marks do not detract.

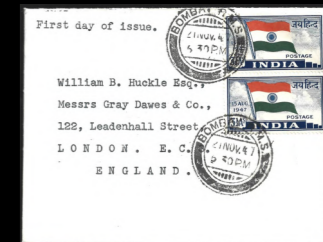
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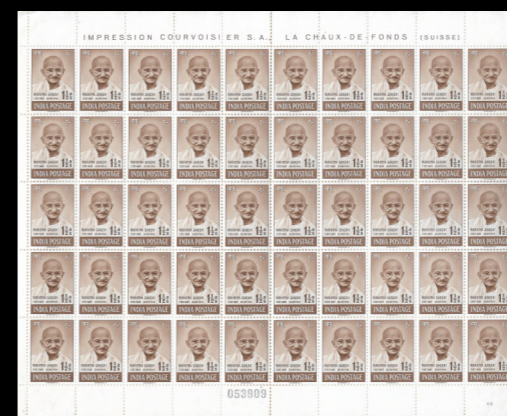
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162. **Gandhiji Cuttack FDC** – one value of the set tied by Cuttack RMS day of issue cds. Bombay delivery cds on reverse. Somewhat crumpled and with marks on reverse but still very desirable as this is the first Cuttack origin 1948 FDC we have handled.

₹1,500

163. **Mahatma Gandhi 1.5annas FDC to Madagascar** – delivery cds on reverse, rare destination for Gandhi FDCs.

₹7,000

164. **Mahatma Gandhi 3.5 annas FDC Madras to Germany 1948** – scarce destination for Indian mail of that period. Very fine cover that pays the 3.5annas sea mail rate to Germany.

₹1,500

165. **Gandhiji Cadilla Road Bombay 3 values FDC** – each stamp struck by day of issue cds. Sent to England. Such FDCs from smaller post offices are extremely rare and hence very collectable.

₹5,000

166. **Gandhiji 17 August 1948 usage from Madras Government House Temporary Post Office** – two stamps of 12 annas sent by Airmail paying double airmail rate to England. Both stamps tied by Temporary Post Office at the Government House which was the residence of the Governor of Madras and also used by then Governor General of India C. Rajagopalachari when he was in Madras. Rare usage from a rare post office.

₹32,000

167. **Gandhiji 22 annas rated cover to USA** – registered and roughly opened. Sent from Allahabad to USA. 5 values of the Mahatma Gandhi issues.

₹3,000

168. **Gandhiji Trinidad and Tobago 1970 FDC** – complete set of 2 tied by first day postmark.

₹3,000

FIRST DAY COVERS

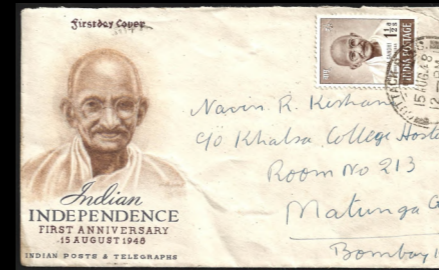
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169. **New Delhi Inauguration 1931 FDC** – with 3 stamps of the set, each cancelled by 9 February 1931 day of issue New Delhi cds. Sent to Allahabad, delivery cds on reverse.

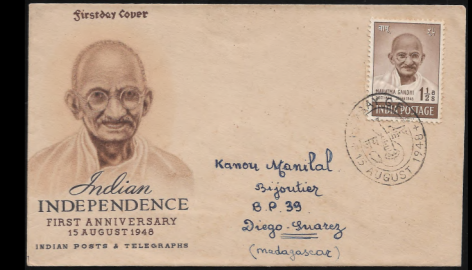
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170. **Travancore Temple Entry 1937 Private FDC** – the first such FDC that we have handled. Two stamps of 6 cash tied by day of issue cds. An incredible long FDC that has the entire Proclamation printed on it. Also, an important Mahatma Gandhi thematic item since he was a participant and active supporter of the Vaikom Satyagraha that led the foundation of this historic proclamation and hence hailed the action of the then ruler of Travancore. Superb and definitely rare.

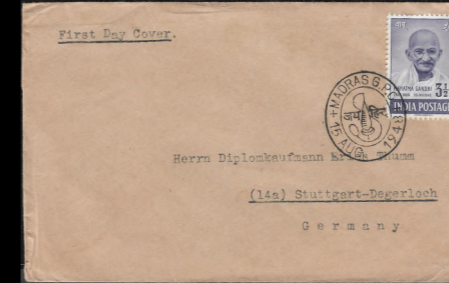
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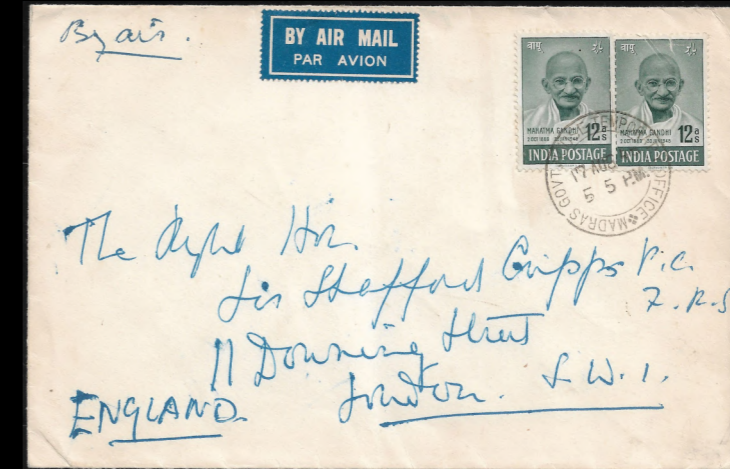
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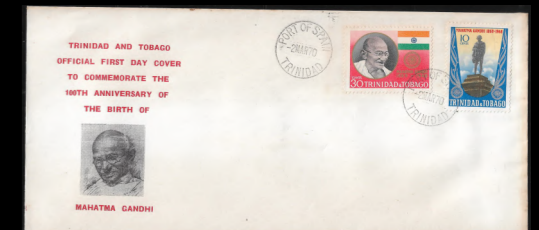
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171. **KGVI Registered FDC** – three stamps of 9pies and two stamps of 1anna tied by Vepery day of issue cds. Delivery cds and Registration label on reverse. Very Desirable Registered FDC.

₹5,000

172. **KGVI First Day Cover** – 12 values upto Rs. 1 cancelled by Park Street Calcutta day of issue cds. Locally mailed, with delivery cds on reverse.

₹5,000

173. **Air India 1948 Multiple franked FDC** – sent from Madras to Geneva on Air India's First International Flight. On 15 August 1949, 2 stamps were added to the cover and tied by Archaeological Series first day postmark. Finally, on 10 October 1949 the UPU issued stamp was added and tied by UPU first day postmark. Triple sent and hence Triple FDC. Delivery cds of each sending on reverse.

₹2,000

174. **Republic Constitution and Parliament Private FDC** – complete set of 4 Republic stamps and 1 Gandhi stamp tied by Poona day of issue cds. Minor ageing marks and delivery cds on reverse.

₹1,500

175. **UPU 1949 VIP Folder** – with complete mint set of 4 inside. Superb.

₹1,500

176. **Asian Games Nagpur Mailed FDC** – 2 annas stamp tied by Philatelic Bureau Nagpur day of issue cds. Reverse marked by 5 March Nagpur First Asian Games 3 line duplex postmark. The first such cover that we have seen.

₹1,500

177. **Saints and Poet 1952** – brochure in album form with complete set of 6 mint stamps mounted inside.

₹1,000

178. **Indian Railway Centenary Blue and Red Private FDC 1953** – stamp tied by Red Bombay first day postmark. Pristine.

₹1,000

179. **Indian Railway Centenary Brochure 1953** – block of four stamps tied by Red New Delhi first day postmark. Superb.

₹2,000

180. **Mount Everest 1953 Private FDC** – superb Bombay Philatelic Company FDC, sent registered to New Zealand with complete set of 2.

₹2,000

181. **Mount Everest 1953 VIP Folder** – with complete mint set of 2 mounted inside. Superb and Scarce.

₹1,500

182. **World Forestry Congress Private FDC** – superb Mammoth cachet.

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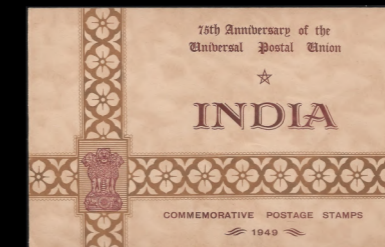
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183. **Stamp Centenary BDS Brown and Red Private FDC** – complete set of 4 tied by Bombay first day postmark.

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184. **United Nations Day 1954 Birds Private FDC** – Calcutta day of issue cds. Superb.

₹1,000

185. **United Nations Lotus Private FDC** – New Delhi day of issue cds. Excellent condition.

₹1,000

186. **UN Day Purple and Blue Private FDC** – minor ageing marks on reverse do not detract. Issued stamp tied by Bombay day of issue cds.

₹1,500

187. **UN Day Green and Purple Private FDC** – the scarcest cachet of this FDC. Issued stamp tied by Bombay day of issue cds.

₹1,500

188. **Buddha Jayanti Sanchi Stupa Private FDC** – set of 2 on 2 separate FDCs. Scarce.

₹2,000

189. **Archaeological Series 1949 FDC to Rupee One** – 12 values of the set tied by Calcutta first day postmark. Some ageing marks do not detract. Very low start.

₹4,000

190. **Archaeological Series Taj Mahal cachet Private FDC** – one value of the set tied by Bombay first day postmark. Locally mailed, delivery cds on reverse.

₹1,500

191. **Archaeological Complete Set Folder 1949** – entire set of 16 first day postmarked from Madras. Some ageing marks and very minor splitting in a couple of places do not detract. The folder itself is the most attractive folder issued by India Post. Scarce and Superb.

₹21,000

192. **Archaeological Series block of 4 stamps on Air India Ticket envelope** – Maharaja illustrated envelope. Some ageing marks.

₹1,000

193. **Archaeological Series 2.5 annas later issue Private FDC** – stamp tied by Bangalore day of issue.

₹1,500

194. **Five Year Plan 1955 Private FDC** – One Anna stamp tied by Dehradun day of issue cds. Central crease clear of the stamp, sent by Book Post. Mysore delivery cds on reverse. Rarity as this is the first such FDC that we have seen.

₹1,500

195. **Universities Centenary 1957 Madras University Red Private FDC** – Madras University stamp tied by first day postmark. Tattered edges and faults do not detract as this is the first FDC of this design that we have handled. Rare.

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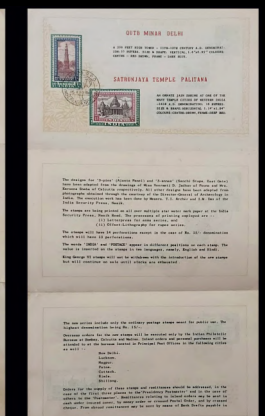
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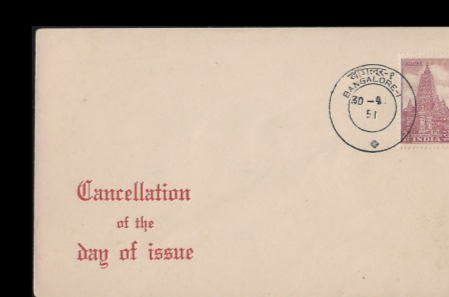
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196. **Universities Centenary 1957 Complete Set Private First Day Cover** – blue Bombay University Clock Tower cachet. Mailed to Jal Cooper with Bombay delivery cds on reverse.

₹1,500

197. **Universities 1957 Three Private FDCs** – cachets in Grey, Brown and Blue. Magnificent and very scarce trio.

₹3,000

198. **Indian Air Force Silver Jubilee 1958 Private FDC** – complete set of 2 on scarce BDS cachet.

₹1,500

199. **India Exhibition 1958 Private FDC** – superb BDS cachet in Green. Some ageing, Bombay delivery cds on reverse.

₹1,000

200. **India 1958 Exhibition Private FDC** – superb red cachet. Scarce.

₹1,000

201. **Wildlife 1963 VIP Folder and Motilal Nehru 1962 folder** – complete set of 5 in VIP Folder tied by New Delhi first day postmark and Motilal Nehru detailed blank folder. Very low start.

₹1,000

202. **Map Asoka Watermark Private FDC** – all five stamps issued on that date tied by Bombay GPO day of issue cds. Superb BDS cachet.

₹4,000

203. **Refugee Relief Overprint and Handstamp stamps on FDC** – both tied by Bombay GPO day of issue cds.

₹1,000

204. **Service Imperf Complete Set of 11 FDC** – tied to cover by Calcutta day of issue cds.

₹1,500

205. **Service 1982 Complete Set of 12 FDC** – each stamp cancelled by day of issue cds. Rare.

₹1,000

AEROPHILATELY OF BRITISH INDIA

206. **Bombay to Karachi 1920 Air Post** – sent on the first flight southwards of India's First Regular Airmail Service. Roughly opened from one side and registered with multiple Bombay Air Post 1925 postmarks. Karachi Air Post 25 January 1920 arrival cds on reverse.

₹5,000

207. **Calcutta to Risalpur to Nowshera 1925 First Flight Cover** – one of 89 such covers with Nowshera cds on reverse. Superb Airplane cachet and signed by Flight Lt. Graham of the RAF.

₹9,000

208. **Hawasae by Air RAF 1926 First Flight Card** – Calcutta to Risalpur Flight, one of 51 flown. KGV postcard with Elephant Vignette and couple of handstamps. Signed on the reverse by Stephen Smith. Scarce.

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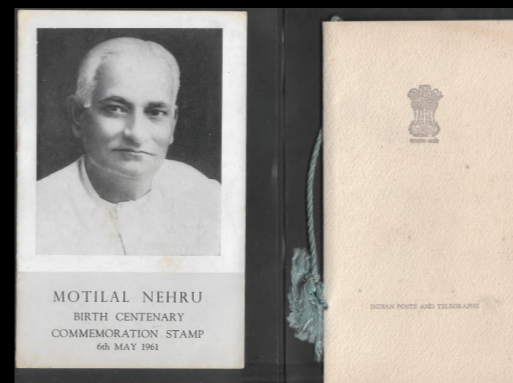
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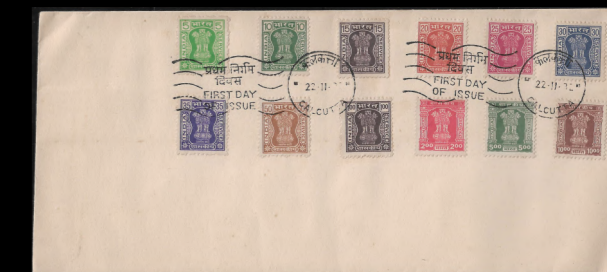
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209. **Stack and Leete Flight from Karachi to Delhi** – stamp cancelled by boxed special cachet, with Karachi cds and Bombay RAF cds on reverse. Ageing marks do not detract. Very low start.

₹5,000

210. **Bengal Flying Club Inauguration Flight 1929 Flown Card** – KGV stamp cancelled from Dum Dum on 2 February 1929. Brilliant condition and hence Scarce as most cards we have seen are stained. Signed by Stephen Smith on the reverse.

₹8,000

211. **Delhi to Karachi 1929 Special First Flight Cover** – authenticated by Stephen Smith on the reverse. Airmail Delhi Karachi cachet in Black and City of Baghdad Airliner handstamp in blue. Very desirable.

₹7,000

212. **Basrah to Karachi and Baghdad to Karachi 1929 FFCs** – scarce incoming covers carried on the stages of the first flight. Superb condition.

₹5,000

213. **Hyderabad to Jodhpur by Indian State Air Service FFC 1930** – the Smith illustrated cover in superb condition. Authenticated by Stephen Smith on the reverse.

₹7,000

214. **RAF Flight Calcutta to Delhi by Hanaidi and Wapiti Planes 1930** – only 43 flown. Scarce and very desirable.

₹10,000

215. **RAF Flight Allahabad to Delhi 1930** – with numbered and dated Cheshire Regiment handstamp. Minor ageing marks, signed by Stephen Smith on the reverse.

₹7,000

216. **Tata Sons Karachi to Ahmedabad stage of Karachi Madras Flight** – piloted by J. R. D. Tata himself. Red and Blue Union Jack cachet. Signed by Stephen Smith. From the Collection of B. B. Joffe. Superb.

₹9,000

217. **Karachi to Bombay Tata Sons stage of Karachi Madras Flight** – piloted by J. R. D. Tata himself. Rare Yellow and Ultramarine cachet. Stephen wrote that only 100 of all printed covers were printed in Ultramarine colour. Signed by Stephen Smith.

₹9,000

218. **Tata Sons Madras to Bellary stage of Madras Karachi Flight** – Red and Blue Union Jack cachet. Signed by Stephen Smith. Superb.

₹9,000

219. **Madras to Bellary Tata Sons stage of Madras to Karachi Flight** – Rare Yellow and Ultramarine cachet. Stephen wrote that only 100 of all printed covers were printed in Ultramarine colour. Signed by Stephen Smith.

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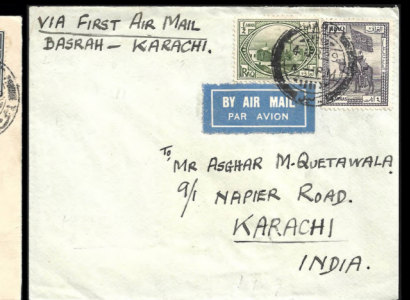
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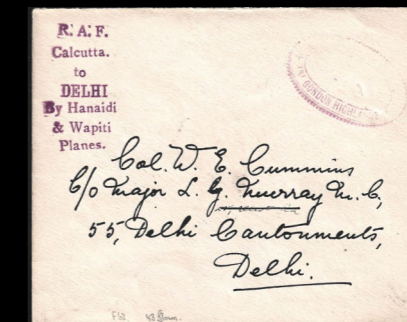
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220. **Delhi Flying Club 1932 Delhi to Karachi**
Stephen Smith signed – first flight cover.
 Very low start.

₹3,000

221. **New Route to India Bahrain to Palestine**
Imperial Airways FFC – New Delhi Inauguration and Airmail stamps of India used on cover, postage due marking and thence addition of Palestine Postage Due stamps. Vendor informs that only 7 covers were carried on this leg. Very desirable as this new route was part of the development of Airmail routes between India and England. Last fetched Rs. 65,000 in a European auction. For Indian collectors, it is also a remarkable example of India Used Abroad.

₹75,000

222. **Lahore Karachi Flight and onwards to Bahrain** – the first such cover that we have seen. Some ageing marks and part cds on reverse.

₹3,000

223. **Rangoon to Akyab 1933 Indian National Airways FFC** – fine example of the JC Lal cachet. Akyab delivery cs on reverse.

₹1,000

224. **Rangoon to Chittagong 1933 INA First Flight Cover** – faults on the right edge do not detract. Scarce leg of the Rangoon to Calcutta first flight.

₹1,000

225. **Calcutta To Bassein 1933 INA Illustrated FFC** – superb illustrated and with delivery cds on reverse.

₹1,000

226. **Dacca to Dum Dum Experimental Flight 1933** – with red cachet on front and reverse. Signed by Stephen Smith. Superb condition and Scarce as only 53 were flown.

₹9,000

227. **Singapore to Calcutta FFC signed by Stephen Smith** – superb 1934 cover carried on the first Imperial Airways flight from Singapore to Calcutta.

₹3,000

228. **Kuala Lumpur to Calcutta FFC signed by Stephen Smith** – super 1934 cover carried on the first Imperial Airways flight from KL to Calcutta.

₹3,000

229. **Tata Sons Bombay to Tatanagar Jamshedpur First Flight 1935** – scarce stage of the Demonstration Flight between Bombay and Calcutta. Superb official Tata Sons cover.

₹2,500

230. **Arnoux Paris to Saigon Air Race via India Flight and Crash Cover 1936** – the flight arrived in Karachi with damaged undercarriage and was forced to crash land and give up on the race. Signed by Arnoux and Japy.

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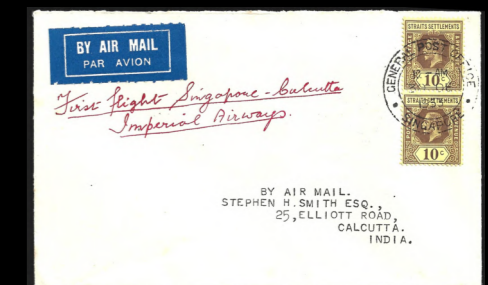
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231. **Bombay to Cannanore Stage of the Bombay to Trivandrum FFC – 1937** reopening of Bombay to Trivandrum Air Service. Sent onwards from Cannanore to Pernambut.

₹2,500

232. **England to Karachi Flying Boat First Flight Cover –** addressed to David Ezra in Calcutta with delivery cds on the reverse. Written in the hand of Stephen Smith in red. Jeffery Brown records that before the Coogee flights, Flying Boats were already flying from Southampton to Karachi. Very Scarce and the first such cover that we have handled.

₹10,000

233. **Hyderabad Air Service 1940 FFC –** first inaugural flight from Hyderabad Deccan to Bangalore. Delivery cds on reverse. Signed by the pilot C. N. Reddy. Superb and Very Scarce as only 24 Flown.

₹25,000

234. **Hyderabad Air Service Hand Painted First Flight Cover –** Jeffrey Brown records only 2 such handpainted covers signed by the pilot C. N. Reddy. Magnificent Rarity.

₹60,000

235. **Chungking to Calcutta CNAC First Flight Cover –** superb illustrated cover. Censor handstamp and on the reverse are Chungking transit and Calcutta delivery cds. Superb.

₹6,000

236. **Calcutta to Chungking CNAC First Flight Cover –** censor handstamp, minor ageing marks. Superb illustrated cover.

₹8,000

237. **Delhi to Lucknow 1946 First Flight Cover Only 6 Flown –** Lucknow delivery cds on the reverse. Ageing marks do not detract from this rare cover signed by the pilot of the flight, G. B. Mehta. One of only 6 carried. Rarity.

₹55,000

CRASH MAIL
(Also see Lot 230)

238. **England to India 26 October 1929 Crash mail from City of Alexandria –** that crashed at Mersa Matruh, Egypt. Mail from the crashed aircraft was transferred to City of Athens that too faced an accident, mail was soaked and salvaged. Mail was then transferred to the City of Baghdad that finally managed to reach its destination. No official marking was applied on the salvaged mail. A. E. Hopkins records a cover similar to this one which was also a soaked survivor. This cover was sent from Dorchester on 25 October and arrived in Calcutta on 7 November 1929. Major rarity of Indian Crash mail.

₹65,000

239. **Scipio Crash 1936 –** long cover with KGV 1 Anna strip of 7 and KGV Half Anna. Post the crash redirected within England. Reverse with black boxed 'Damaged by Immersion in Sea Water I.S.'. Calcutta GPO and delivery cds on reverse. Displays well.

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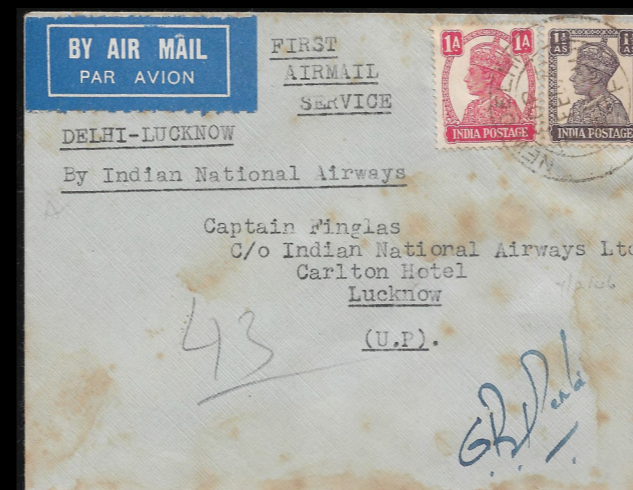
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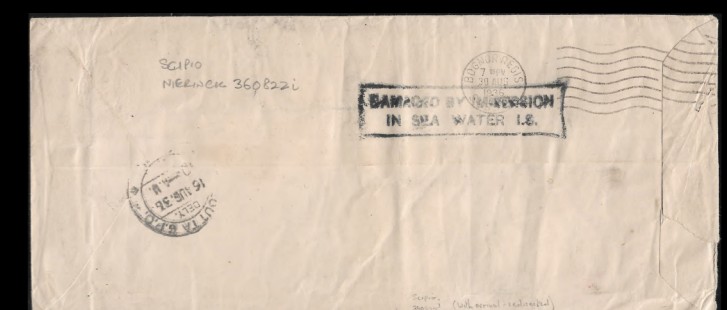
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250. **Four Rocket Labels from Scouts Jamboree and Girl Guides Rally** – the red label signed by Jal Cooper on the reverse and the Blue by Stephen Smith. The Bengal Girl Guides Label is particularly scarce. Pencil notations, odd blemishes and mounting marks do not detract. Very Desirable and at a very low start.

₹2,500

251. **Equipment List in Blue All India Scouts Jamboree** – edge tears on one side and some splitting on horizontal fold does not detract. Still a fine example of JC#18b.

₹2,500

252. **Messages of Loyalty All India Scouts Jamboree JC#18f** – printed in Red and one of 2,500 carried.

₹2,000

253. **Messages of Welcome All India Scouts Jamboree JC#21b** – printed in black and one of 1,500 carried.

₹2,500

254. **Four different Rocket Labels printed by Stephen Smith** – odd blemish, generally superb condition. Very low start.

₹1,500

CENTAUR COLLECTION OF INDIAN AEROPHILATELY

AIR INDIA INTERNATIONAL FIRST FLIGHT

255. **4 June 1948 Early Usage on Official Air India FFC** – rare early usage of the stamp,

sent by the correct 12 annas airmail rate to England. Usual creases do not detract as the issued stamp was valid only to be used on 1 day, that is, 8 June 1948. In this case the stamp was used from Simla on 4 June 1948. Rarity.

₹11,000

256. **Air India 3 Long Official Air India FFCs/FDCs** – from Bombay to Cairo, Geneva and England. Usual creases and ageing blemishes do not detract as a set of all 3 legs on these long Air India covers is scarcely offered. Very desirable.

₹4,000

257. **Air India Tricolour Private FDC/FFC** – superb and very desirable cachet. One of the most attractive private covers of this flight.

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258. **Air India Long Red Private FDC/FFC** – very fine condition except for few staple and pin holes. The first such FDC that we have handled. Perhaps the rarest Private FDC of this issue.

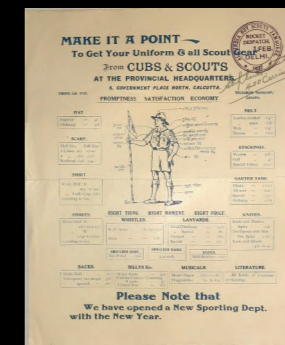
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259. **Air India Calcutta Red Private FDC/FFC** – some ageing marks and tape on reverse. Interesting Calcutta origin as most private FFCs of this issue originate from Bombay. Very low start.

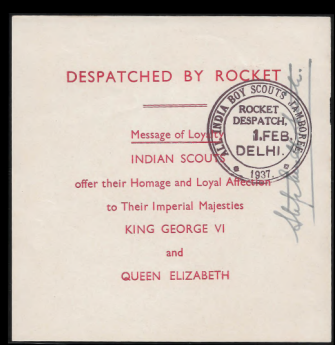
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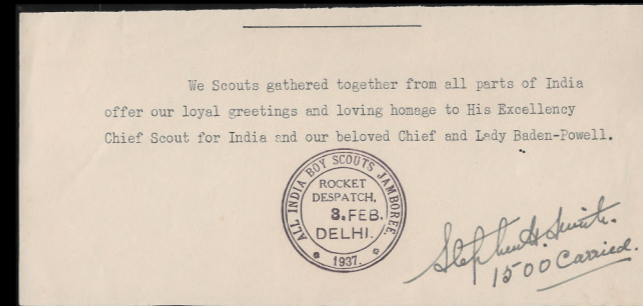
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260. **Rustom Hormazdiyar Red and Blue Private FDC/FFC** – long private creation that was lucky to have received a London receiving postmark 'London Chief Office/10 June 48'. This postmark is only found on these private covers. Superb condition for a 75 year old cover. Rare Private creation as there are only about half a dozen such covers.

₹25,000

261. **Rajput Princess Private FDC/FFC** – it was the Rajput Princess airplane that was to fly on Air India's first international flight but for some unknown reason it was replaced by the Malabar Princess. Very fine condition.

₹2,000

262. **Air India 2 colourful airmail FDCs/FFCs** – in very fine condition except for couple of staple holes in one of the covers. Scarce covers display the variety of envelopes used to celebrate the first international flight by an Indian airline.

₹3,000

263. **Air India Return to Sender FFC** – as per the postal instructions, to have this cover returned to India, it should have simply been addressed to the Manager at the Air India office in London. However, in this case it was sent c/o of the postmaster and hence received British insufficient address and return to sender postmarks. Superb and Very Scarce.

₹8,000

264. **Air India Redirected cover with couple of UK postmarks** – as the covers to UK did not receive any delivery marks, British postmarks are only on redirected covers. Very Scarce and Very Desirable.

₹6,000

265. **Tuticorin to Cairo Air India 1948 FFC** – very scarce origin. With Cairo delivery and transit postmarks. The only other cover with Tuticorin origin that we have seen was addressed to London. Rare.

₹4,000

266. **Bombay to USA Air India 1948 FDC/FFC** – with superb block of 4 overpaying the postal rate but creating a superb display worthy cover. Couple of New York postmarks on reverse. Minor ageing marks do not detract from this superb cover.

₹4,000

267. **Geneva to Bombay Air India Rare FFC** – one of the most coveted Air India covers. Geneva to Bombay inscribed return flight cover Swiss stamps cancelled by 12 June 1948 cds. Minor ageing marks do not detract as the cover is overall in superb condition. Delivery cds on reverse. Rare long Tata official Return cover.

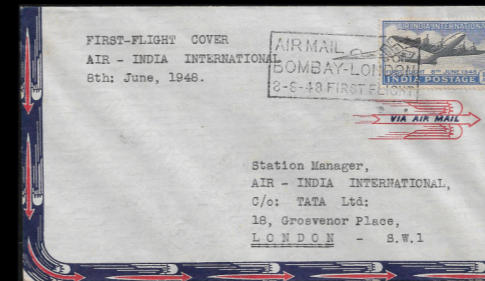
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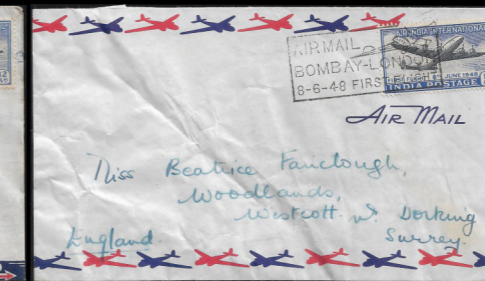
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268. **Air India International 12 June 1948 cover** – the stamp itself was only valid for use on the date of the flight, i.e., 8 June 1948. But here the cover has been used on the date of the second flight and hence was carried on it. Probably a case of the souvenir and stamp being late for the first international flight and hence carried on the second. Any early or late usage of this stamp is Very Scarce and this is the first such 'Second' Flight cover that we have seen.

₹9,000

AIR INDIA FLIGHTS

269. **India Aden East Africa First Flight Cover 1950** – with blue cachet and stamp tied by Airport Bombay cds. Minor ageing marks do not detract from this very scarce cover.

₹6,000

270. **Calcutta to London First Flight Cover 1950** – with special handstamp applied on reverse. Scarce.

₹6,000

271. **Air India Bombay to Hong Kong First Flight Cover 1954** – 12 annas Jai Hind stamp tied by Bombay Stock Exchange cancellation. Very Scarce and Very Desirable FFC.

₹20,000

272. **Rome to Prague Air India FFC 1956** – on 4 April 1956, Prague was introduced as a

halt on the Bombay to London route. With official Air India Rome card insert. Superb and Rare FFC.

₹14,000

273. **Air India New Delhi to Moscow Private FFC** – superb Blue and Red cachet. Scarce.

₹2,000

274. **Moscow to New Delhi First Flight Private FFC** – Red airplane cachet. Very fine condition.

₹2,000

275. **New Delhi to Moscow First Flight Parliament of India Private FFC** – sent by Book post. Very fine.

₹2,000

276. **Bombay London Pilot signed FFC 1960** – superb illustrated cover with signatures of Captain Byramjee and Captain K. R. Gazder.

₹2,500

277. **Air India New York to Bombay 1960 Four Private FFCs** – with 4 colours of the cachet. With American and United Nations stamps. Superb.

₹2,500

278. **Rome to New York Air India Boeing 707 FFC** – superb cachet printed on Air India International stationary. Italian stamps cancelled by 5 May 1960 Rome cds. Carried on the Rome to New York stage. Very Scarce.

₹12,000



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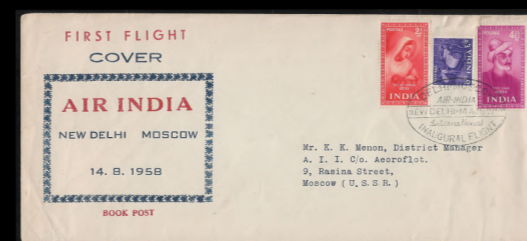
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279. **Air India Vienna to Bombay via Rome Private FFC – scarce Retour example of this flight. Initially delivered to Bombay but the sender did not claim the cover and the reverse had an American address. Scarce and interesting especially with the numerous postmarks.** ₹2,500
280. **Tokyo Bombay Air India Black Label Private 1961 FFC – superb with Bombay Airport delivery cds on reverse. The Air India Label is rare and has only been seen on this cover.** ₹2,500
281. **Bombay Nairobi Air India Maharaja Private FFC – superb cachet of Air India's Maharaja Mascot playing with children.** ₹2,000
282. **Double impression misprinted Air India Bombay to Moscow FFC 1962 – superb cachet with major shifting of Black colour giving double impression shadow. See doubling of Air India Maharaja. Superb condition.** ₹2,000
283. **Bombay to Austria 1966 Air India Greetings from Bombay cover – with Austrian stamp tied by later day cachet that celebrates Aerophilately Day. Superb.** ₹3,000

284. **Kuwait to Zurich 1968 Air India FFC – superb long cover. Scarce.** ₹5,000
285. **Dubai to Geneva and Return Air India 2 FFCs 1969 – superb illustrated covers.** ₹1,000
286. **Bombay Abu Dhabi and Return 2 FFCs 1970 – illustrated covers, one of the sent from Abu Dhabi and return on Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary.** ₹1,000
287. **Geneva to Bombay Air India Elephant FFC 1972 – very scarce cover with Swiss UN stamps and delivery cds on reverse.** ₹10,000
288. **Bombay Accra and Return 2 FFCs 1976 – superb illustrated covers.** ₹1,000
289. **Bombay to Jeddah Saudi Arabia and Return 2 FFCs 1977 – superb illustrated covers.** ₹1,000
290. **Delhi Tokyo Boeing 747 First Flight 1980 – superb cachet in green. Tokyo delivery cds on reverse.** ₹3,000
291. **Calcutta Stage of Tokyo to Delhi Flight of Boeing 747 Air India – return flight from Delhi to Tokyo on 2 January 1980. Scarce.** ₹3,000



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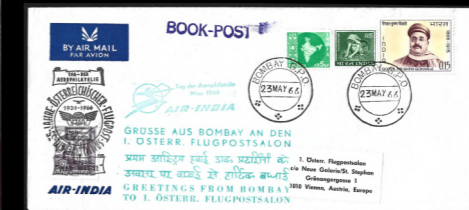
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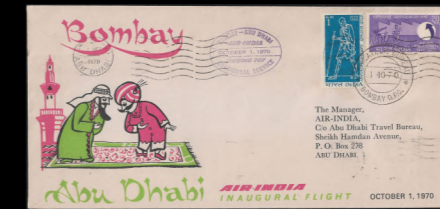
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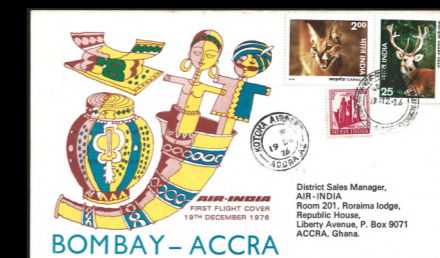
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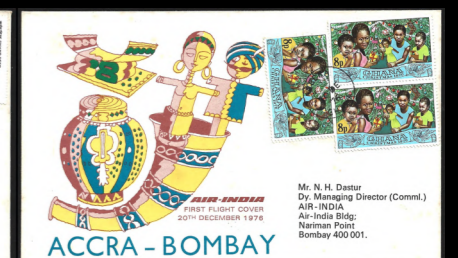
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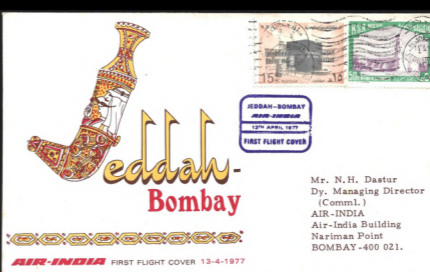
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292. **Air India Calcutta to Paris Boeing 747 FFC 1980** – Paris and Calcutta cds on reverse. Scarce.

₹3,000

CARAVELLE FLIGHTS INDIAN AIRLINES

293. **Bombay to Madras and Return plus Calcutta to Bombay and Return 4 FFCs 1964** – superb long Bhiwandiwalla Private FFCs.

₹ 2,000

294. **Madras to Bombay 1964 Private cachet FFC Indian Airlines** – superb FFC from Madras to Bombay.

₹500

295. **Bombay to Calcutta and Return 1964 Indian Airlines 2 FFCs** – Map of India Private FFCs. Superb.

₹1,500

296. **New Delhi to Bombay and Return plus New Delhi to Madras 4 FFCs** – Map of India Private FFCs. Superb.

₹2,500

297. **New Delhi to Calcutta and Return 1964 Two FFCs** – Map of India Private FFCs. Superb.

₹1,500

298. **New Delhi to Madras and Return plus New Delhi to Bombay and Return 1964 4 Private FFCs** – superb long Bhiwandiwalla Private FFCs.

₹2,500

299. **1965 Bombay to Bangalore and Return 2 FFCs** – superb private covers.

₹1,000

300. **Delhi to Bangalore and Return 2 FFCs** – superb private covers.

₹1,000

301. **1966 Bombay to Hyderabad and Return 2 FFCs** – long private covers.

₹1,000

302. **Madras to Calcutta Indian Airlines official stationary FFC** – very scarce cover addressed to Traffic Officer Incharge.

₹2,000

303. **Delhi to Hyderabad and Return 2 FFCs plus Hyderabad to Madras Return 2 FFCs Indian Airlines** – long Srinivasan Private covers.

₹2,000

INDIAN AIRLINES

304. **Starline Nagpur to Jubbulpore First Flight Cover 1948** – scarce stage of the Nagpur to Lucknow flight. Superb.

₹3,000

305. **Air Transport Nationalisation Private and Official covers** – both with stamps tied by special cancellation. Very low start.

₹1,000

306. **Inland Night Airmail First Flight Cover signed by 3 Pilots** – stamps tied by Nagpur Air cds, reverse with Madras cds. Some ageing marks do not detract from this rare signed flight cover.

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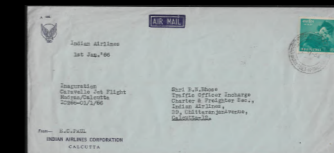
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307. **Starline Night Airmail Calcutta to Bombay on Inland Airmail Postal Stationery** – the indicia cancelled by Calcutta 30 January 1949 cds, boxed delivery postmark on reverse. Notation on the reverse reads 2 out of 4 covers sent. **₹3,000**
308. **Night Airmail Nagpur to Bombay on Inland Airmail Postal Stationery** – postmarked Nagpur 30 January 1949. Night Airmail cachet on front and boxed delivery cds on reverse. **₹2,500**
309. **Bombay to Goa and Return 2 FFCs 1962** – the flights necessitated by the long-awaited merger of Portuguese ruled Goa into Independent India. These covers were largely unheralded for decades till philatelists understood and propagated their importance in India's postal as well as political history. Very Desirable. **₹3,000**
310. **Calcutta to Dacca and Return 2 FFCs** – both covers signed by the pilots B. K. Roy and B. K. Saha. The return cover especially scarce because of the usage of Bangladesh handstamp on Pakistani stamps. **₹3,000**
311. **Delhi to Lahore International Flight 21 July 1976** – ageing marks do not detract from this scarce cover with Lahore delivery cds on reverse. **₹4,000**

312. **Bombay to Karachi International Flight 25 July 1976** – ageing marks do not detract from this scarce cover with Karachi delivery cds on reverse. **₹4,000**
313. **Calcutta to Agartala Proving Flight Cover 1975** – sent by the Commercial Manager of Indian Airlines at Calcutta to the Station Manager at Agartala. Delivery cds on reverse. Very Scarce. **₹4,000**
314. **Agartala to Calcutta Proving Flight Cover 1975** – sent by the Station Manager to the Commercial Manager at Calcutta. Delivery cds on reverse. Very Scarce. **₹4,000**
315. **Reintroduction of Night Airmail 1 April 1975 Bombay to Madras** – first flight card with Madras delivery cds. **₹2,000**
316. **Reintroduction of Night Airmail Madras to Bombay FFC** – Bombay delivery cds on reverse. **₹2,000**
317. **Jaipur to Aurangabad First Flight Card 1975** – superb card on picture postcard of Boeing 737-200 that flew on this flight. Major Rarity of Internal Indian Flights. **₹5,000**



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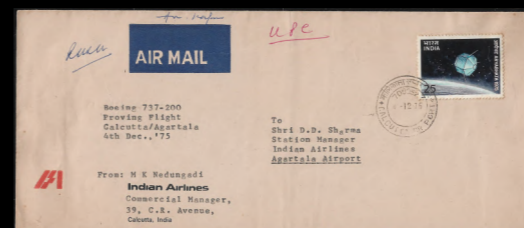
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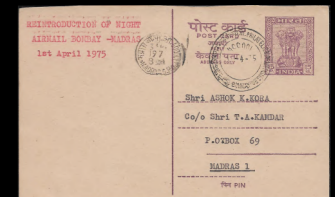
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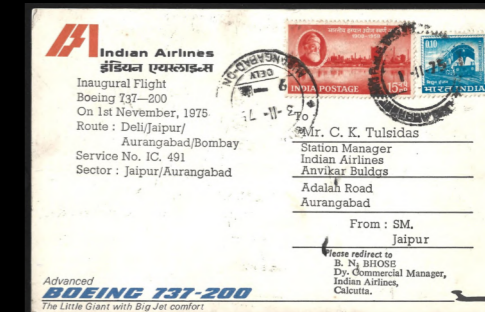
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318. **Airbus A300 Bombay to Calcutta FFC Indian Airlines VIP Complimentary Cover** – presented by the Airline to VIPs. Minor ageing marks on reverse. With certificate that reads that this cover was carried on the flight. Scarce.

₹2,500

319. **Airplane Multicoloured Indian Airlines 2 First Flight Covers** – Bangalore to Bombay first flight and Calcutta to Delhi first flight. Superb condition except for couple of staple holes in the second cover. Both with delivery cds on reverse.

₹1,500

320. **Bhavnagar Philatelic Society Private FFC** –private cover from Bombay to Bangalore. Delivery cds on reverse. Scarce.

₹1,000

321. **Boeing 737 Bangalore to Hyderabad and Bangalore to Calcutta 2 FFCs 18 May 1977** – two very scarce covers, the first from Bangalore to Hyderabad and the second flown from Bangalore to Calcutta. On Indian Airlines official stationery.

₹4,000

322. **Boeing 737 Calcutta to Hyderabad 18 May 1977 FFC** – on Indian Airlines official stationery. Very Scarce.

₹2,500

323. **Calcutta to Port Blair Proving Flight 18 June 1977** – sent by Airport Manager Dum Dum to Station Manager Port Blair. On official Indian Airlines stationery, Port Blair delivery cds on reverse.

₹3,000

324. **Port Blair to Calcutta 2 August 1977 FFC** – sent by Station Manager Port Blair to Airport Manager of Dum Dum. Same day delivery cds on front as well as reverse.

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325. **Indian Airlines A300 Fokker Retooling in VFW-Fokker Flight Covers** – covers flown from Bremen to India on 7 August 1978 and from New Delhi to Bremen on 8 August 1978.

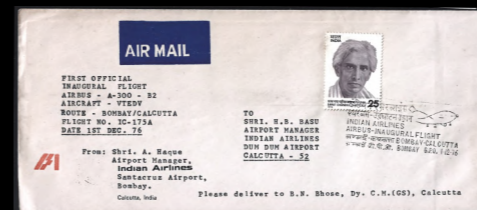
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326. **Srinagar to Leh Boeing 737 FFC 14 January 1979** – addressed to the Indian Airlines Station Manager at Leh.

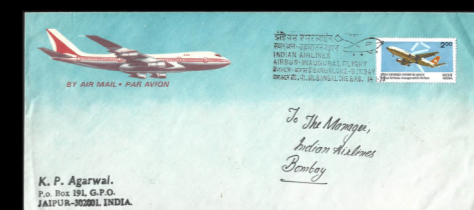
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327. **Leh to Srinagar Boeing 737 FFC** – unaddressed but with postmark of Leh. In our opinion this is a return flight cover as the special postmark reads 'Srinagar-Leh-Srinagar' and hence the additional Leh postmark signifies its mail acceptance and further transmission. Covers addressed to the Station Manager at Leh do not bear the Leh postmark.

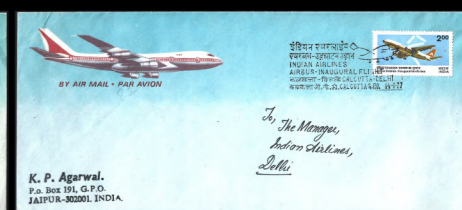
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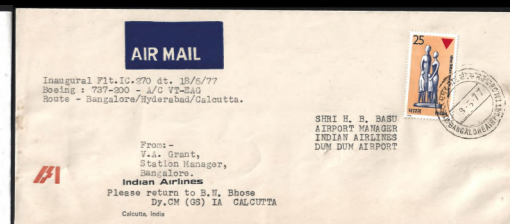
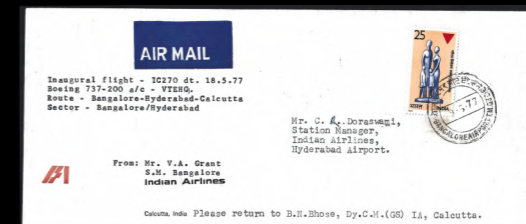
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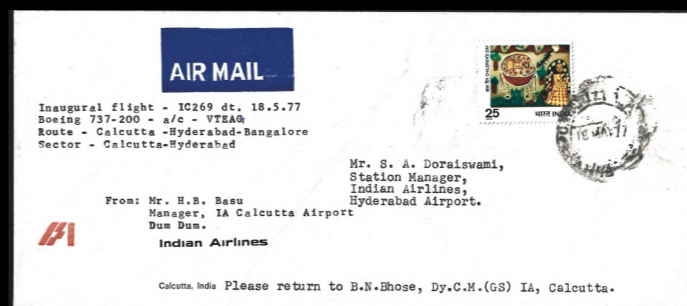
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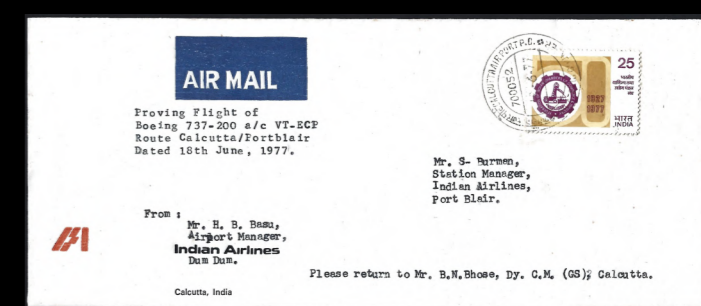
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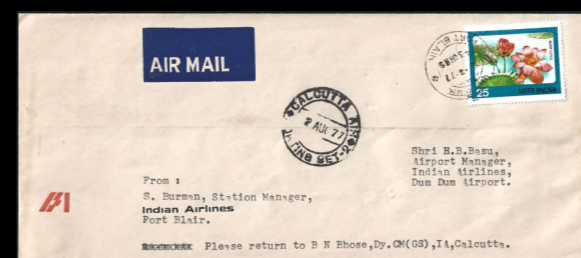
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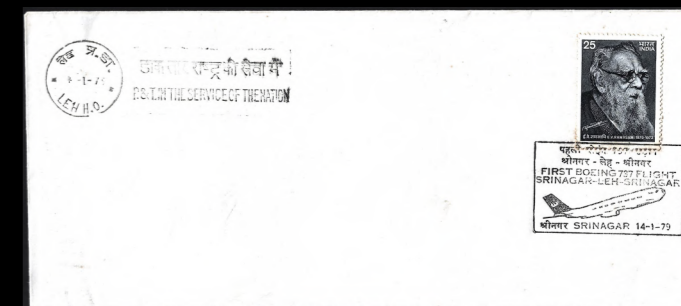
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328. **Indian Airlines International Flight to Maldives First Flight Aerogramme –** Trivandrum-Male-Trivandrum Flight. Interesting usage of Aerogramme.

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329. **Hyderabad to Ahmedabad 1986 FFC Rare –** delivery cds on reverse and with stamp itself displaying variety of Red colour shifted downwards.

₹6,000

MILITARY, CENSORED AND POW MAIL

(Also see Lot 401)

330. **Chinese Expeditionary Force FPO 10 cover to Tientsin BRA –** sent in May 1901 when FPO 10 was located at Hanku. With BRA 5 cents stamp tied to cover. Base Office and FPO 4 cds on reverse. Very Scarce.

₹10,000

331. **CEF FPO 20 cover to Tongku –** sent in April 1901 when FPO 20 was located at Tongshan. With BRA 5 cents stamp tied to cover. FPO 4 cds on reverse. Very Scarce.

₹10,000

332. **Dagshai Boer War Prisoner of War Camp in India 1902 –** rare printed postcard sent from Dagshai Camp to Berlin Germany. A drawing by a prisoner at the Umballa (Ambala) Prisoner of War Camp used to print this postcard. This is the second such postcard that we have seen and the impression in the other postcard was faded. Perhaps the rarest showpiece of Indian Boer War POW mail. And in superb condition.

₹27,000

333. **Younghusband Correspondence Mourning Cover 1908 –** sent from Lahore to Lady Younghusband in Srinagar, Kashmir. Srinagar delivery cds on reverse. Scarce.

₹1,000

334. **WWI Indian Expeditionary Force C. S. Office postmark on Alexandria Port postcard –** with superb IEF Censor 89 handstamp. The C. S. Office was at P. Tewfik in Egypt. Scarce and in exceptional condition.

335. **WWI Indian Forces in Africa FPO 302 –** which was in Mzima at that time. With double line IEF postmark. Some ageing marks do not detract from this very scarce postcard.

₹9,000

336. **WWI Indian Expeditionary Force in Africa 1916 –** superb 3 reigns cover to Bombay tied by 2 postmarks of FPO 347 which was then in Beria, Mozambique. Gum marks and mounting remnant on reverse does not detract. Significant military mail with exceptional franking. Initialled by Jal Cooper.

₹14,000

337. **IEF in Africa Field Post Office 343 –** two values of IEF used on cover from 1917. With boxed Dar-es-salaam censor marking and 2 delivery postmarks on reverse. Very fine.

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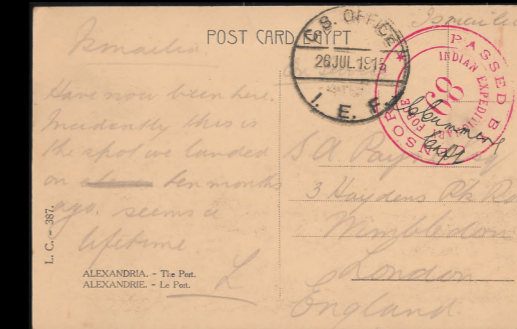
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338. **Waziristan Field Force FPO 88 cover to Nathaigali 1917** – sent on 14 September 1917 which was the last day this FPO was at Sardar Garni with the Waziristan Field Force. With couple of Muree cds and Nathiagali delivery cds. Front postmarked by boxed 'N. W. Frontier Postage Free'. Superb and Very Scarce.

₹18,000

339. **Waziristan Field Force Postage Due cover to Baarlo Holland 1920** – marked D. R. L. S. which means Despatch Rider Letter Service which was in used in some sectors of the Waziristan campaign. Clear FPO 166 postmark along with scarcely seen Tank cds. Also, rare destination for Indian campaign mail. On Active Service mail was free but not to Holland and hence 3 Dutch postage due stamps were applied on arrival in Baarlo. Ageing marks do not detract from this remarkable cover.

₹30,000

340. **Indian FPO 189 Shanghai Defence Force 1 May 1927** – from a little known Indian military campaign. The FPO was based in Shanghai only for about 6 months. In two decades, we have seen only 3 cards or covers and hence minor corner defect does not detract. Extremely Rare.

₹65,000

341. **Bangalore to Goa Censored KGVI Postal Stationery 1940** – interesting as mail from India to Goa during WWII is uncommon.

₹1,000

342. **WWII Official Certified Mail sent from FPO 21 in Basra-Margil Iraq** – to Poona. At Karachi, it was marked for Airmail in red and received three lined boxed postal marking 'Fully Prepaid Not To Be Taxed Post Master Karachi'. Somewhat reduced on right and delivery cds on reverse. Scarce.

₹2,000

343. **WWII Calcutta Prepaid marking on WWII postcard 1942** – Tezpur to UK. Rare three lined postal marking 'Treat As Prepaid and Deliver Free. Calcutta G. P. O.' Double censored On Active Service postcard. With bends and creases but that does not detract from making this an exhibit quality postcard.

₹4,000

344. **WWII Three Annas rated Service cover 1943** – marked Secret and addressed to AHQ, Bengal. The stamps cancelled by FPO 96 cds which was located in Calcutta. Advance Base Post Office cds on reverse. Interestingly that RAF Post Reg. No. 5 marking as well, RAF 5 was also in Calcutta.

₹3,000

345. **WWII Christmas Greetings and Taj Mahal 2 Airgraphs from India** – accompanied by the respective Airgraph envelope. Very fine pair.

₹4,000



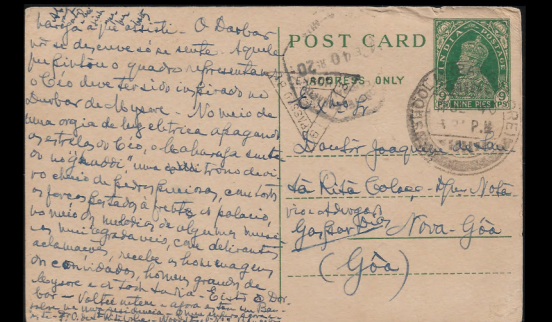
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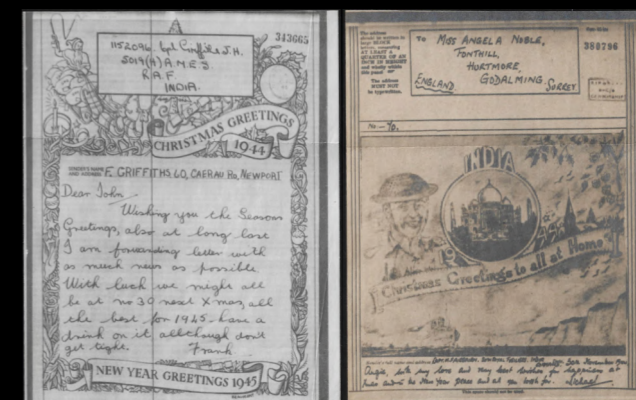
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346. **Six RAF postal markings on incoming Airgraph envelope 1944** – postmarks of RAF 12 located at Karachi, RAF 121 located at Bengal Air Command SEAC and RAF Redirection. Manuscript notations BHQ and Jodhpur Air on front. Scarce.

₹3,000

347. **Triple censored Formula Air Letter with 4 annas stamp cancelled by Camp cds** – part Air Letter sent on 30 September 1943 from Benares Cantonment to South Africa. At Karachi, the Air Letter was cancelled by boxed 'Cancelled Base Air Post Depot' and also blue boxed 'No air letter service to South Africa. Forwarded by surface route.'

₹2,000

348. **Collection of 35 Indian WWII Internal Censors** – mail to or from Eastern India. The best such accumulation we have seen in years. Various numerical Special Censorship and other handstamps. Very desirable for Censor collectors.

₹7,500

349. **WWII Two Internal Censors from 1940 and 1944** – the first from Simla to Rawalpindi and the other from Chaman on the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. Scarce pair.

₹1,500

350. **Postage Message Service Indian Red Cross Society 1944** – censored cover to Switzerland. Nick and crumpling on top does not detract. Censor tape on either side of the cover.

₹2,000

351. **India Peacekeeping Force in Korea entire set on cover to New Delhi** – each stamp tied by 18 January 1954 cds of FPO 740. Delivery cds on reverse. Couple of creases on left, clear of the stamps.

₹5,000

352. **Indian Contingent UN Peacekeeping Forces in Korea 1954** – franked with Korea Overprint and regular Indian stamps. All stamps tied by FPO 741 cds of India. Sent to Switzerland. Scarce usage.

₹7,000

ROYAL VISITS AND SPECIAL POSTMARKS

353. **Minto Fete special postmark** – creased cover with KEVII half anna tied by Minto Fete cancel. Delivery postmark on reverse.

₹1,000

354. **Coronation Durbar Folder 1911** – with 12 December Coronation Durbar main post office and Coronation Durbar delivery postmarks tying the same stamp. Very interesting and at a very low start.

₹2,500

355. **Prince of Wales Visit to Bangalore 1922** – small defects do not detract, stamp tied by special postmark. Bombay delivery cds in reverse.

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356. **Prince of Wales Visit to India 1922 Fifteen stamps on piece** – each tied by Prince of Wales Camp PO special postmark of 2 February 1922.

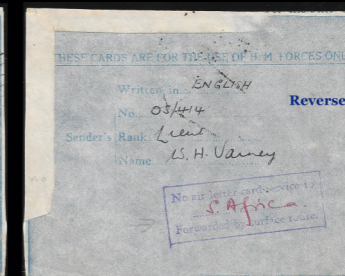
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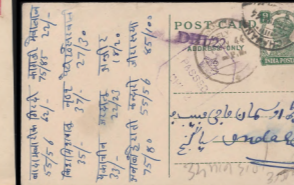


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Collection of Internal Censors
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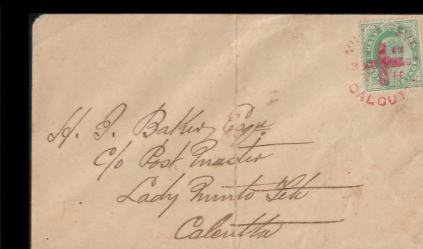
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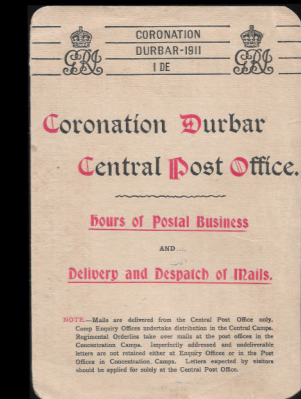
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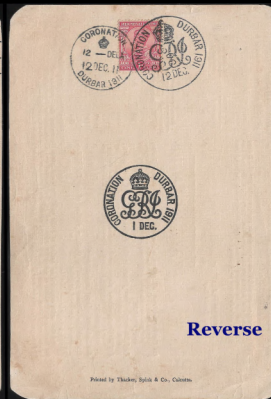
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357. **Princes of Wales Special Postmark on cover** – stamp tied by special postmark dated 17 March 1922 and sent within the camp. The Prince was in Karachi on that date.

₹1,500

358. **Royal Visit Prince of Wales Visit to India 1922** – two covers from two princely states, Hyderabad and Patiala. Both with gum marks and faults but very desirable especially at this very low start.

₹2,000

359. **Prince of Wales Visit Maharaja of Jodhpur Invitation Card 30 November 1921** – from the estate of Sir Percy Robbins who accompanied the Prince on his Indian visit. Minor ageing marks do not detract from this scarce and large card sized 125 X 75mm.

₹3,000

360. **Prince of Wales Royal Banquet Menu Card 30 November 1921** – interesting and flamboyantly designed card with images of the Prince and the Maharaja of Jodhpur. Inset has details of the Programme and the Menu. Size of 180 X 220mm. Very Scarce.

₹9,000

PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS AND CINDERELLAS

361. **Indian Tiger British Propaganda Leaflet WW2** – India Springs to Action in various languages and flags of United Kingdom, China, British India, USA and USSR. Measuring 60mm X 90mm and in superb condition.

₹9,000

362. **WW2 Hamara Hindustan Propaganda Airdropped Leaflet HH/35 dated 1 September 1944** – with pencil notation by a RAF personnel that this was dropped by RAF Squadron 221 that flew Bristol Beaufighters. Staples and pinholes in one corner. This is a rare survivor that was airdropped by Allied air forces over Eastern and North Eastern India. Published by British GHQ, its primary purpose was to counter the threat of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and his Azad Hind Fauj. Rare survivor from a turning point in Indian military and political history.

₹40,000

363. **WW2 Hamara Hindustan Propaganda Airdropped Leaflet HH/42 dated 27 October 1944** – with images of Commander-in-Chief with Indians and Indian troops. This is a rare survivor that was airdropped by Allied air forces over Eastern and North Eastern India. Published by British GHQ, its primary purpose was to counter the threat of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Azad Hind Fauj. Filing hole and with its typed archival synopsis. From the estate of a British pilot who airdropped these leaflets. Rare survivor from a turning point in Indian military and political history.

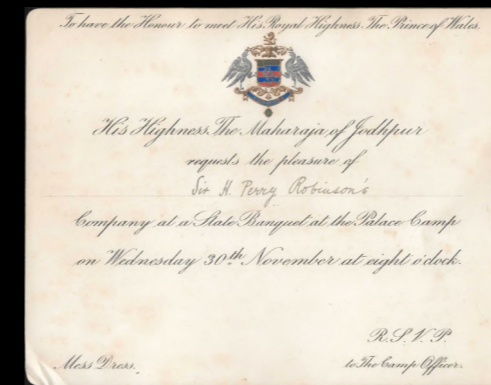
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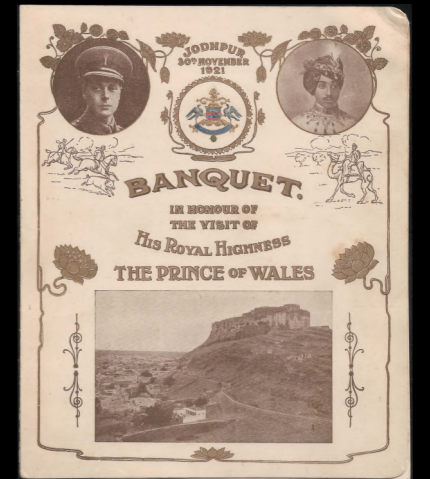
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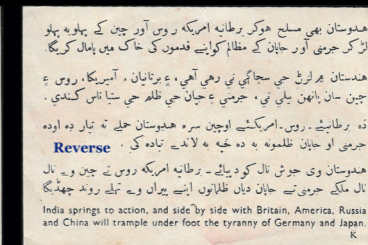
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364. **Etah Our Day Label on cover from Bombay to London** – registered cover roughly opened from the top. With original Stamp Dealer's Letter which in itself is an interesting read. Very Scarce Label.

₹3,000

365. **Bombay Presidency War Fund Label tied by Manila cds** – 1917 censored cover from Bombay to Philippines. One of the stamps damaged but the label in fine condition and tied by Manila delivery cds.

₹4,000

366. **St. John's Ambulance tied to censored cover** – sent from Karachi to Chittagong. Roughly opened from the top but the label is superbly tied by boxed slogan postmark.

₹3,000

367. **V for Victory printed High Value Airmail cover 1943** – General Motors cover with clear censor strike.

₹1,000

368. **Healthy Label 26 January 1952 tied to cover** – 4 annas label cancelled by Third Republic Day cds aptly on Republic FDC.

₹1,000

HANDSTRUCK POSTAGE STAMPS OF INDIA

369. **Calcutta to United States of America 3 October 1853 entire** – with complete original contents. Indian postmarks and also Boston arrival postmark. With detailed write-up and route from an exhibit included in images accompanying this lot. Superb condition.

₹10,000

370. **1844 Entire to Agra via Bombay redirected to Dum Dum** – English despatch strike in red with Bombay Bearing Giles#20 and Agra Bearing Giles#5 on reverse. Redirected to Dum Dum Bengal. Scarce entire written up on Exhibit Page.

₹7,000

371. **Calcutta 1844 to France** – Fine strike of SD#13 along with three French markings. Very low start.

₹3,000

372. **Calcutta to Mauritius 1848 entire** – Mauritius Post Office cds on reverse. Very low start.

₹2,500

373. **Entire to Lady Amherst wife of the then Governor General of India William Amherst** – sent from London bearing red Post Paid Shipletter London. On arrival it was struck on reverse with Giles#G8. With red arrow attached to entire pointing to the scarce London Ship Letter marking. Correspondence from and to a serving Governor General's family is rarely seen or offered. Ex Giles and ex P. Gupta.

₹20,000

374. **Calcutta GPO Unrecorded Handstruck Postage Stamp** – wine letter sent from Calcutta to Bordeaux bearing postmark similar to Giles#G14 but with dimensions of 24 X 14 mm.

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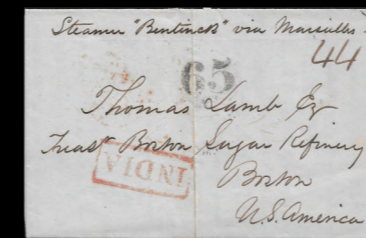
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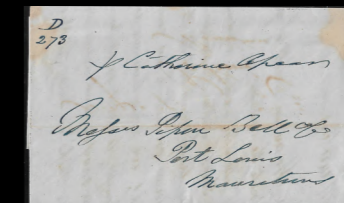
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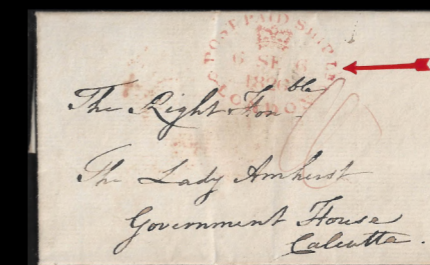
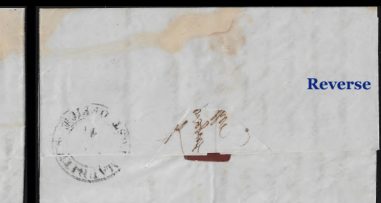
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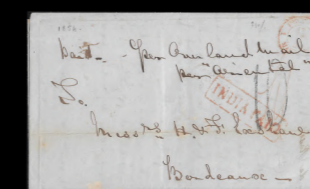
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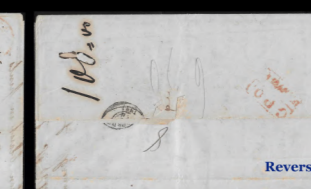
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375. **Calcutta Bearing HG#28 1848 cover** – sent to Joradah, presently in Bangladesh. Some surface abrasion does not detract as the writing in the entire is clear and includes a merchant letter within the entire. This strike is usually found indistinct or faint.

₹12,000

376. **Madras Ship Letter 1822 entire** – India Letter Plymouth boxed postmark along with superb strike of Oval Madras Ship Letter. Superb and hence very desirable.

₹4,000

377. **Patna Post Paid to Calcutta 1823 Entire** – with original contents. Superb strike of Patna Giles#6 and in Calcutta struck by Giles#G7 and 'P.M.' marking hitherto unseen by us. Very Scarce and in Exhibit quality.

₹40,000

378. **Saharunpoor Bearing on cover from 1846** – Giles#3 on opened out native cover. Very Scarce.

₹8,000

379. **Trichinopoly to Madras Native Cover 1852** – gum marks do not detract from this clear strike of Trichinopoly Giles#11.

₹4,000

POSTAL HISTORY AND MISCELLANEOUS

380. **England to Calcutta 1812 Carried by Hand** – long multiple paged letter to a soldier in the Fourth Native Infantry, Bengal. Scarce early letter merits a detailed read.

₹7,000

381. **Calcutta delivery postmark 1567 instead of 1867** – scarce unpaid insurance report from Nyneetull to Calcutta. Red Nyneetull despatch, Renouf 101 Travelling postmark but the most interesting cancel is the blue Calcutta delivery postmark. In a clear case of wrong plug in, it is marked 1567 instead of 1867. Possibly the rarest and most desirable Calcutta delivery postmark.

₹10,000

382. **Dinapore to Simla 3 annas rated cover 1867** – 1 anna strip of 3 tied by Type 10 duplex of Dinapore. Reverse with cancellation of Travelling PO of Bengal/No. 3, blue Travelling PO and Simla delivery cds. Interesting route with scarce TPO postmarks.

₹9,000

383. **Various Scarce Railway cancels on 1871 cover** – somewhat tattered and with visible opening faults. Bears Renouf 121c, 129, 129b and Type 11.

384. **Aberdeen to Segowlee Champaran Missent and Redirected multiple times** – multiple postmarks on reverse including London, Sea Post Office, Segowlee, Moteeharee, Tirhoot, Calcutta, Mirzapore, Chupra and finally a marking we have seen for the first time – boxed Missent to Calcutta. Rare Exhibit Showpiece.

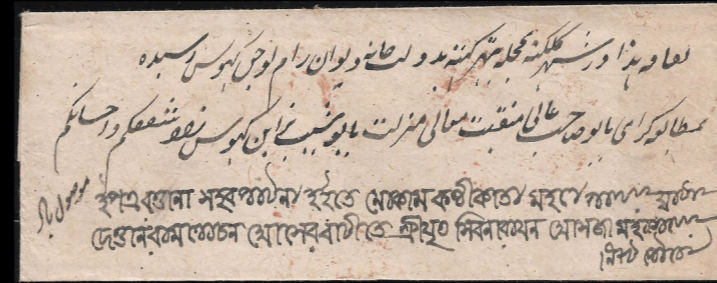
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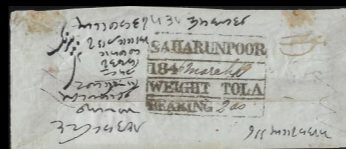
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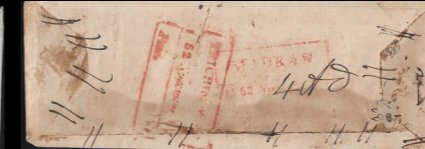
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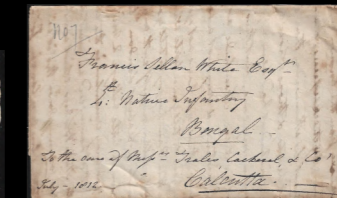
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385. **Calcutta Night Sorting 1891 postmark** – on East India Service postcard giving Daily Rainfall Report. Some paper adhesion on front.

₹1,000

386. **Anant Nag Jammu and Kashmir 1894 cover with 14 postmarks on reverse** – Anant Nag cds on reverse. QV half anna stamp cancelled in transit by Srinagar British Indian cds, multiple redirected cover initially sent to Sujampur Gurdaspur and then to Sujampur-Tira, Kangra and onwards to Ranikhet. With various DLO, transit and delivery cds of Kashmir State and British India. Minor faults along edges do not detract from this superb cover.

₹9,000

387. **Rajputana DLO One Anna Postage Due 1895** – scarce boxed DLO postmark with dozen odd cds. Very interesting cover, exhibit showpiece.

₹3,000

388. **QV Postcard 1897 sent from Poona to Foochow China** – minor faults. With transit postmark of Tuticorin, Colombo and Singapore plus Foochow delivery postmark. All postmarks on front and hence exhibits superbly.

₹2,500

389. **Sibpur Botanical Gardens Howrah OHMS cover to Germany** – 1898 cover sent by Cinchona Department of the Royal Botanical Gardens to the Head of the

Botany Department at Munich. Both stamps tied by this scarce postmark. Transit and Munich delivery cds on reverse.

₹4,000

390. **Cover from Calcutta to Kazimbazar addressed to Maharaja Manindra Chandra Nandy of Cossimbazar.** The cover is cancelled with Calcutta GPO and Kasimbazar cancels. The stamp bears E.I.R East India Railway perfin.

₹1,000

391. **Missent Yellow Label on reverse of QV postal stationery** – sent from Rutlam to Sironje. Red notation on label probably reads 'Dy... CI' (Central India).

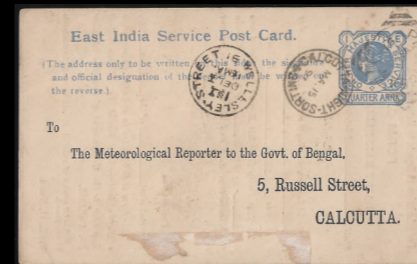
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392. **Yellow Label on Gwalior Postal Stationery envelope 1906** – RMS Post Label 'Please return cover to postmaster for transmission to Inspector Genl. RMS in India'. The label tied by railway transit postmark.

₹1,500

393. **Yellow Label on Indian Postal Notes** – very scarce label that advertises that IPN can be purchased from post offices. One Anna stamp cancelled by Calcutta duplex postmark. Reduced cover addressed to the Chief of Kuchaman, Marwar. Scarce.

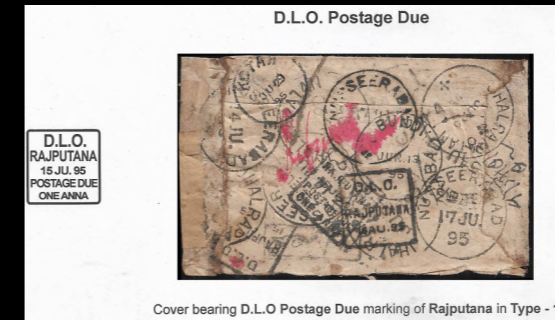
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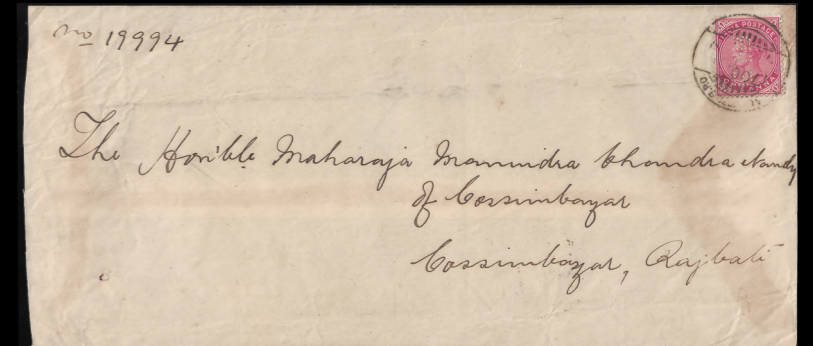
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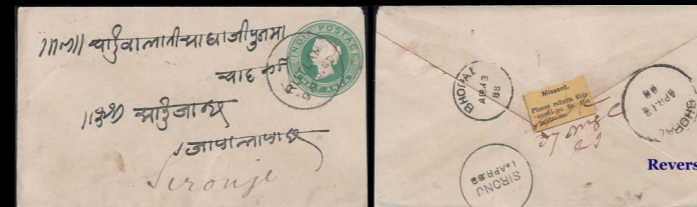
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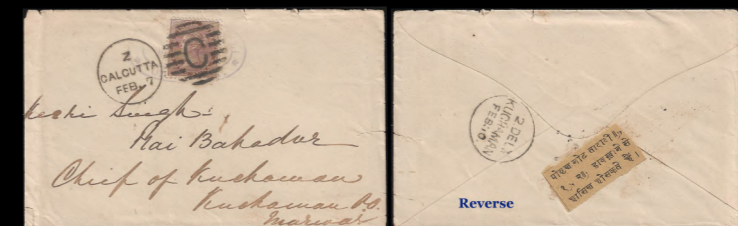
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394. **Peon Mark Hatras on QV postal stationery** – with Hatras delivery and very scarce Hatras peon marking on reverse.

₹3,000

395. **CESC Perfins on KGV stamps cover 1924** – Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation printed envelope with 4 KGV perfin stamps. Tears and faults as visible.

₹1,000

396. **1930 Wreck mail from the S. S. Comorin** – that was wrecked in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Sri Lanka and India. This cover was sent from Brisbane to London with label handstamped 'DAMAGED BY FIRE ON S. S. COMORIN'.

₹8,000

397. **Indian Salvaged Mail Ship Wreck 1941** – very large Censored Book Post cover sent from India to New York. With a recorded cachet 'Damaged by Immersion in Sea Water' cachet but from a wreck unrecorded by Hopkins.

₹5,000

398. **Ascent of Mount Kamet 1932 Highest Summit Reached till then** – Mount Kamet in Chamoli India, was the first Peak over 25,000 feet to be climbed. This commemorative cover was signed by Climber E. St. Bernie and was mailed from Bengal Governor's Camp and sent locally within Calcutta (delivery cds on reverse). Superb and the first such cover that we have handled.

₹3,000

399. **Jessore Pakistan to Calcutta incoming Postage Due 1950** – some ageing marks and struck with semi-circular Due Stamp of Temporary Post Office and Octagonal Calcutta GPO Unpaid marks.

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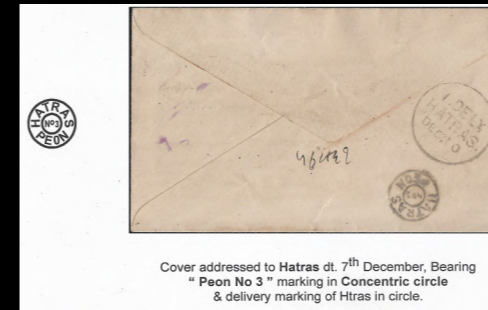
400. **OAT Cover Netherlands to India 1945** – roughly opened from top. Boxed O.A.T. marking on front and Bombay delivery cds on reverse. Very Desirable.

401. **HMIS Shivaji Experimental Post Office B-23** – Naval Base HMIS Shivaji was formed in 1945 upon Independence it was named INS Shivaji. Cover sent to South Africa, with staple hole and minor defects. Rarity and fantastic for collectors of Chhatarpati Shivaji Maharaj as well as Indian military.

₹5,000

402. **Chhatarpati Shivaji Maharaj Jyanti and Inauguration of Maharashtra State 1960** – Label of the Jayanti festival tied by Bombay RMS Inauguration of Maharashtra State Special Postmark. Reverse has Bombay Bada Dakhana Inauguration of Maharashtra State Delivery Postmark. Superb and Very Scarce.

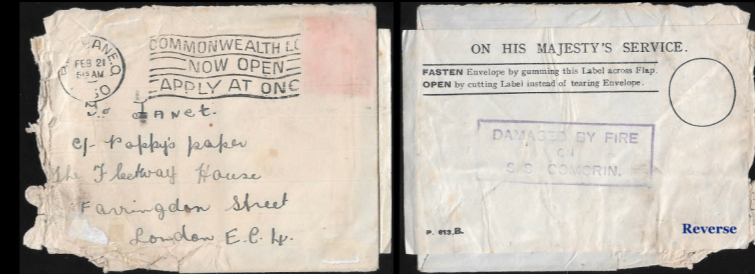
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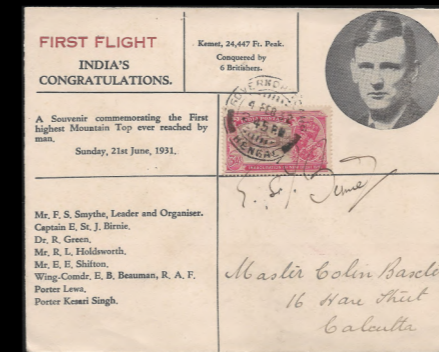
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403. **Republic Rhombus Special Postmark 1950** – very fine strike of this sought after postmark on KGV1 punched postcard. Only found on incoming mail to Gwalior stated for delivery around 26 January 1950. This particular postcard was delivered on 25 January 1950. Punch and other small filling hole does not detract. Rare.

₹25,000

404. **Gutter Pair 1989 special postmarked on cover** – Award Day India 89 P. O. postmark tying both stamps. Delivery postmark on reverse.

₹2,500

405. **Indian Air Force 21st Anniversary of Hawker Hunter Aircraft First Flight Cover** – superb and signed by the IAF pilot.

₹1,500

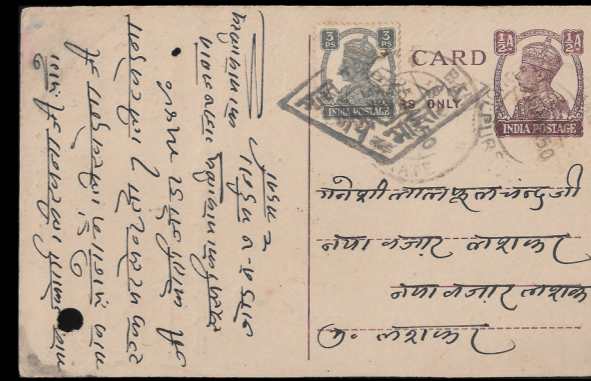
406. **Stamps of India by Jal Cooper First Edition 1942** – signed by Jal Cooper and by R. F. Shroff who owned this book. Some white scuffing on the front and reverse of the Green binding. In the best condition we have ever seen this scarce first edition.

₹15,000

407. **Survey of India Postage Stamps Greeting Card** – superb card from the 1990s that celebrates the fact that the first stamps of India were printed at the Office of the Surveyor General in Calcutta.

₹1,500

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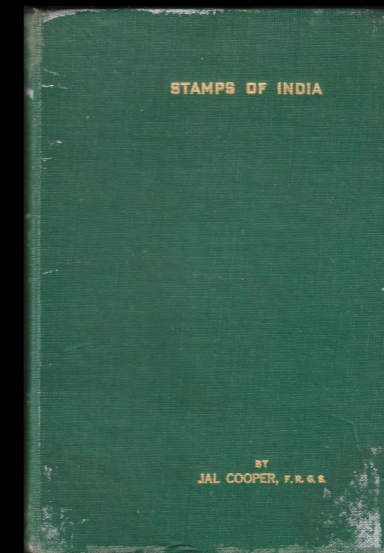
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