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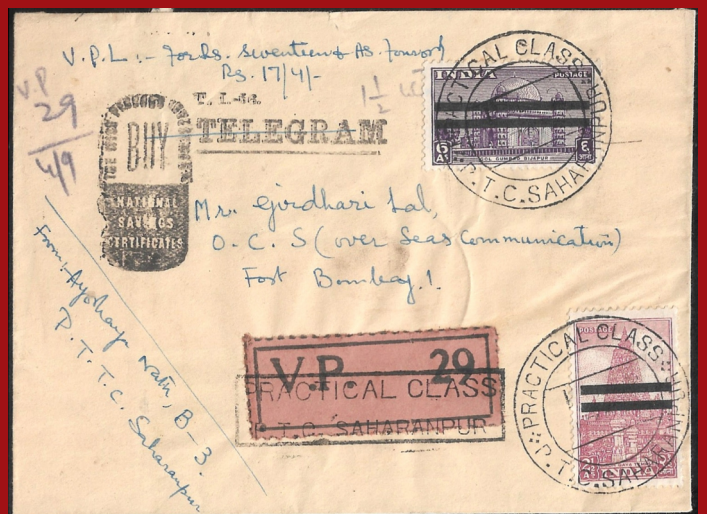
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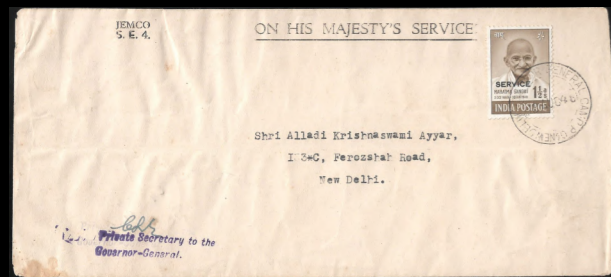


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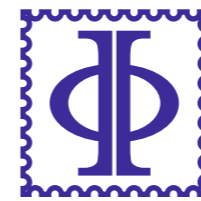
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**HANDSTRUCK POSTAGE STAMPS OF INDIA**

(Also see Lots 54, 60, 380 & 381)

1. **Agra Service 1852 Soldier's mail to Ireland** – part entire signed by commanding officer. Clear strike of Agra Giles#15 in Black, Giles only records this strike in Red.

₹5,000

2. **Bengal GPO Post Paid 1806 to London** – lovely early example of Giles#SD2. Red London arrival cds. Superb.

₹10,000

3. **INDI strike on entire from Calcutta to London** – Calcutta GPO Giles#G18 clear mark along with London arrival postmark. A of India Missing variety in Superb and Scarce entire that displays beautifully.

₹10,000

4. **Calcutta Paid and Receiving House on entire** – Giles#24 on native cover with what appears to be an official seal. Worm holes on entire that surprising do not mar the appearance. Additionally struck by Calcutta Giles#X14 with error of inverted 'u' in the word House. Scarcely seen.

₹5,000

5. **Calcutta General Post Office and India Letter Portsmouth strikes** – Giles#SD8b on 1826 entire to England. Superb.

₹2,500

6. **Calcutta Ship Letter Redirected Entire 1837** – Receipt Giles#42a single weight clear strike that was struck out by hand and Calcutta Paid 6 annas was applied. Addressed to an employee of the Bengal Engineers with Dwarkanath Tagore's Carr Tagore & Co. Redirected to Hazareebaug. Scarce and Very desirable.

₹15,000

7. **Cawnpore to Lucknow 1843 entire** – superb strike of Cawnpore Giles#9 and additional strike of what is most likely Lucknow Giles#10.

₹3,000

8. **Delhie Receiving House 2 entires** - bearing 2 annas and 4 annas. Ageing marks and faults as found on native entires.

₹3,000

9. **Dera Ismail Khan 1852 to London** – not recorded by Giles. 15 annas paid cover to London. Giles records the post office but did not have an example. Ageing marks and other blemishes do not detract from this rarity. Possibly Unique.

₹24,000

10. **Dinapore Paid 1849 to England** – very fine entire with clear strike of Dinapore Giles#9 and blue Beford delivery cds. Oval India strike on front.

₹5,000



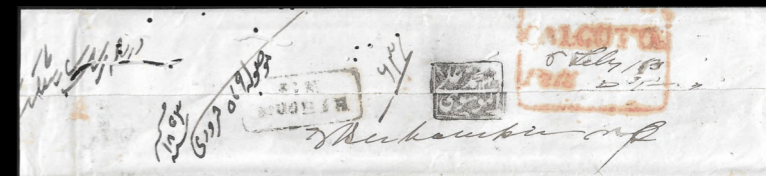
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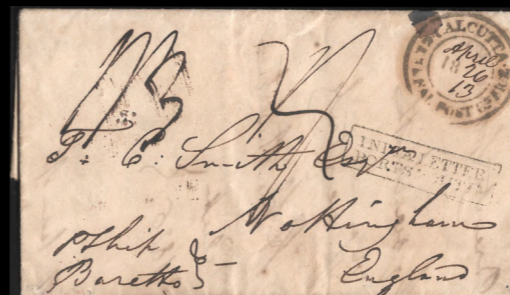
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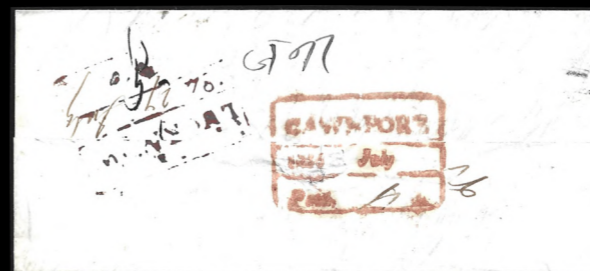
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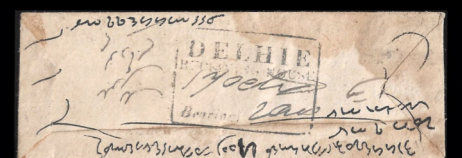
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11. **Elichpoor Post Paid on entire to Jaulnah** – the Elichpoor strike recorded by Giles in his supplement. The stamp tied by Type 4/79/Elichpoor Camp. Additionally franked by 1856 Jaulnah Giles#5. Very Scarce.

₹10,000

12. **Gujranwala Bearing to Simla via Lahore 1852** – Gujranwala Giles#1 with fine strike of Lahore Giles#7 which according to Giles was a military handover to civil P.O. mark. On arrival at Simla struck by Giles#8 in red.

₹9,000

13. **Hingolee Bearing to Madras 1843** – Not recorded by Giles. Written from Sunkerumpetta on 1 January and posted in Hingolee on 23 January, the distance between these places is about 900 kilometres! On arrival struck by superb example of Madras Giles#MX5. Rarity.

₹20,000

14. **Jansi Paid 1850 entire** – not recorded by Giles. 1.5 annas paid along with manuscript Agent Gov General Camp. Historically significant as in the years leading to the First War of Independence in 1857, the kingdom of Jansi (Jhansi) was in a constant state of tension with the East India Company.

₹30,000

15. **Jubbulpore Paid to Saugor 1838** – from the personal collection of Giles and illustrated in his book on Page 109. Fine strike of Giles#3 and with original contents that have been typed out.

₹6,000

16. **Jhujjer Bearing 1853 cover** – fantastic discovery of a Punjab Circle post office and postmark not far from Delhi. Giles does not record this post office and hence had no example to show. Major Discovery.

₹40,000

17. **Khamgaum Paid unrecorded by Giles on entire** – half anna 1854 cancelled by very scarce Type4a/71/Khamgaum, additionally struck with Jaulnah Giles#5. Crease and other faults do not detract from this new discovery.

₹30,000

18. **Kotah Two line Handstruck postage stamp** – on part entire. The two line type similar to other postmarks from the early 1850s but Kotah not recorded by Giles.

₹8,000

19. **Kussowlee Post Paid 1844 on entire to Ireland** – Giles#1 used in 1844 which is earlier than the postmark recorded by Giles. Very Scarce.

₹12,000

20. **Lucknow Bearing Unrecorded Type 1853** – addressed to Cawnpore. The Lucknow strike with crude, uneven and mishappen alphabets creating a new unrecorded handstruck postage stamp that is not recorded by Giles. With partial Cawnpore strike. Ageing marks and other faults do not detract from this rare discovery.

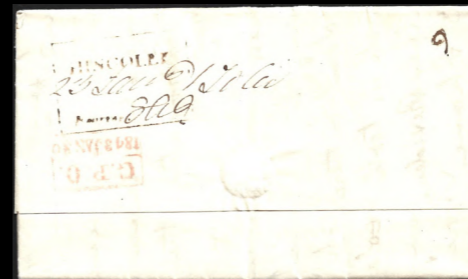
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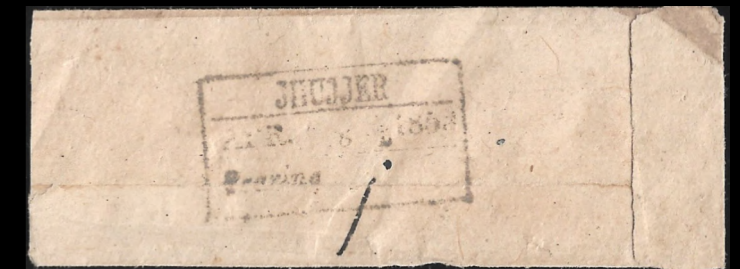
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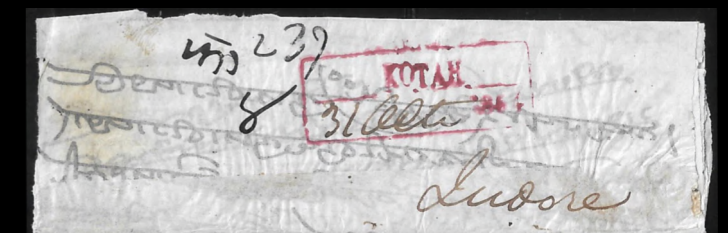
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21. **Madras Ship Letter and India Letter Portsmouth strikes** – Giles#SD13 on 1830 entire to London along with red delivery cds. Superb.

₹3,000

22. **Madras 1845 entire in combination with GB Red Penny** – superb strike of Madras Giles#SD21 on entire diverted from Strand to Hyde Park. Fascinating combination with a GB Stamp on an Indian origin entire from 1844 when postage stamps were still not issued in India. Very low start as such early combination entires have sold for record prices.

₹30,000

23. **Rare entire via Calcutta and Madras to Madeira** – letter originates from Molamyne (most likely Moulmein in Burma). Variety of postmarks including Madras Giles#15 Post Not Paid, Madras Ship Letter Giles#SD11 and Giles#13 and Madras Giles#MX4. Redirected from Madeira to London. Transit strikes including India Letter Plymouth. Fascinatingly routed cover. Exhibit Showpiece.

₹20,000

24. **Meerut to Madeira via Calcutta 1844** – strike of Meerut Paid in Red. In Calcutta various strikes were added: Calcutta Ship Letter, boxed GPO and AM strikes. Ship Letter Plymouth applied in England along with the very scarce Detained for Postage marking that is rarely found on mail originating from India.

₹15,000

25. **Calcutta to Muttra Bearing Giles#5** – redirected to Meerut and struck by Giles#11a, from there redirected to Simla. Handwritten correction to bearing amount from 2annas to 8annas. Interesting and Scarce.

₹7,000

26. **Mhow Paid 1838 entire to Kanhpoo** – which is fact closer to the original medieval name of the city, Kanhapur, which was then spelt Cawnpore and is now spelt Kanpur. Superb strike of Mhow Giles#5.

₹7,000

27. **Mungelpore Bearing Not recorded by Giles** – rare strike on entire to Calcutta. This post office is recorded as being part of the Bengal circle and is in Balasore, Odisha. Rare discovery from the Bengal circle.

₹35,000

28. **Nyneetal Paid May 1854 to London** – superb strike of Giles#1. An interesting Type that has double line below the name of the station. Scarce.

₹8,000

29. **Pashawar Bearing 1851 on entire** – superb strike of Giles#5. Scarce.

₹7,000

30. **Meerut to Roorkee April 1854 entire** – addressed to a military officer at Camp Roorkee. Clear strike of Meerut Giles#15 along with a Roorkee paid two line strike that is not recorded by Giles. Rare discovery.

₹15,000



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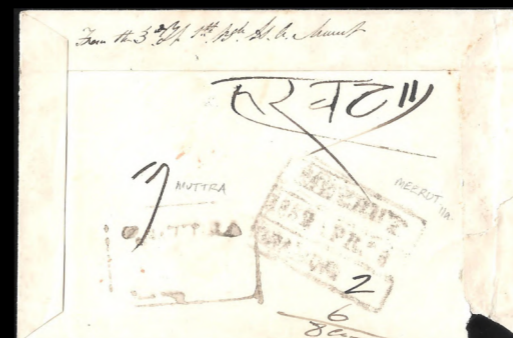
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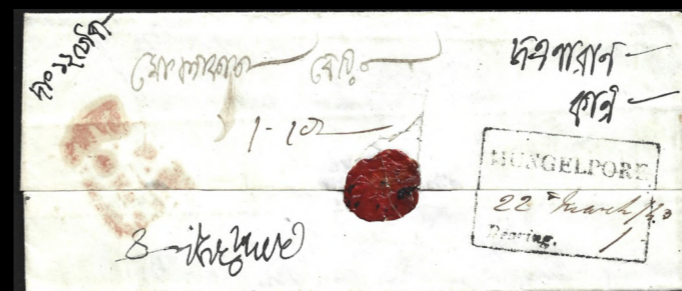
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31. **Rajpootana Bearing from Calcutta to Beaur Mhairwara 1834** – struck by Calcutta Giles#16 and Giles#G9. And Rajpootana Bearing Giles#5. Addressed to Lt. Colonel Henry Hall, who led the Mhair Military Campaign in the Ajmere-Mhairwarrah region. Hall went on to administer the region and raise a corps of Mhairs for the East India Company.

₹25,000

32. **Sadras Paid to Madras** – fine strike of the very scarce Sadras Giles#2 alongwith Madras GPO and AM postmarks.

₹7,000

33. **Simla Paid 1845 to England** – clear strike of Giles#3 with transit and delivery cds in Red and Green. Intact seal that reads 'Never Repine!' Exhibit quality.

₹6,000

34. **Surat Bearing 1844 on entire** – mounting marks on reverse with complete entire. Surat Giles#4 dated 31-7-44 bearing 4 annas.

₹4,000

35. **Wuzeerabad Bearing 1850 to Loodianah** – superb strike of Giles#3 in Black. Scarce Punjab circle post office.

₹6,000

**SCINDE DAWK AND 1854 ISSUES**

(Also see Lots 11 & 17)

36. **Blue Scinde Dawk SG#S2 very fine used** – cut round with clear margins on all sides. Closed minor 3.5mm tear does not

detract as the stamp is in lovely blue colour. Lightly cancelled and with Sismondo 2009 Certificate. Very Desirable as most examples are soiled and toned.

₹3,00,000

37. **Half Anna Showpiece Die I Block of 12 marginal** – with Corner Ornaments. Stamps with toned reverse and creases as are to be expected in such a large block. Positions 5, 6, 7, 8/13, 14, 15, 16/21, 22, 23, 24. Bottom part of the margin below the stamps has been reattached and reinforced with taping. None of the faults detract from the exhibit quality of this block. Such multiples of Die I are rarely seen or offered.

₹90,000

38. **Half Anna Die I Pale Blue Mint** – displaying part of the watermark and hence can be used for sheet reconstruction. Fine margins.

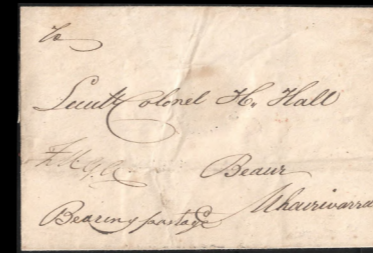
₹6,000

39. **Half Anna Die I Blue Mint** – fine margins but toned slightly toned condition.

₹6,000

40. **Die I Lot of 7 very fine used** – each stamp with good to excellent margins. In all shades of this Die.

₹5,000



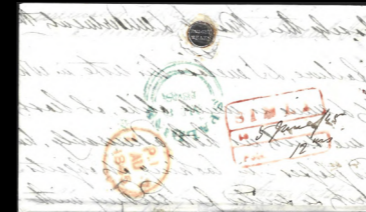
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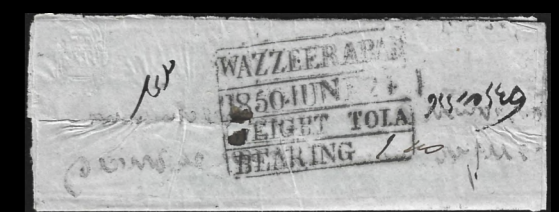
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Pale Blue

Blue

Deep Blue

Indigo

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41. **Half Anna block of 6 Die II Stone C Mint** – positions 25, 26, 27/33, 34, 35 displaying large part of the central watermark. Exhibit quality multiple. Rare especially in this condition.

₹50,000

42. **Half Anna Die II Lot of 4 very fine used** – each stamp with good to excellent margins. In Blue and Indigo shades.

₹2,500

43. **Die III Half Anna Lot of 7 stamps** – each with good to excellent margins. In Pale Blue, Blue, Deep Blue and Indigo shades.

₹5,000

44. **One Anna Lot of 8 stamps all Dies very fine used** – mostly choice examples of these stamps. Very low start.

₹6,000

45. **Two Annas Mint stamp** – in distinct shade with part of the central watermark. Some toning does not detract.

₹5,000

46. **Two Annas very fine used pair** – with clear margins and cancelled by Type 4/17Surat. Stamps display some part of the watermark.

₹9,000

47. **Two Anna Full Framelines very fine used** – shallow thin does not detract as such examples are rarely seen or offered.

₹2,000

48. **Five examples of Two Annas very fine used and in various shades** – almost all are choice examples. Very low start.

₹4,000

49. **Two Annas 5 very fine used examples** – mounted on sheet from the 1969 auction of A. K. Sen Gupta, a respected dealer from Kolkata. With the auctioneer's handstamp. Interesting.

₹2,500

50. **Four Annas First Printing Reconstructed Sheet** – lot of 12 positional cut-to-shapes in each respective position. From an old awarding winning collection. The stamps themselves display interesting varieties including head shifting and in one a major pre-printing fold resulting major 'gap' in stamp design (shown in second image). Very low start for this exhibit-worthy reconstruction.

₹28,000

51. **Four Annas Second Printing used** – fine example of the Second Printing. Very low start.

₹8,000

52. **Four Annas Second Printing very fine used** – with clear margins on all sides.

₹14,000



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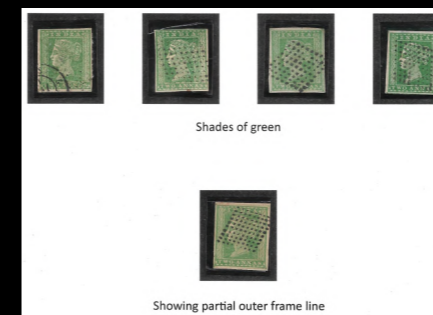
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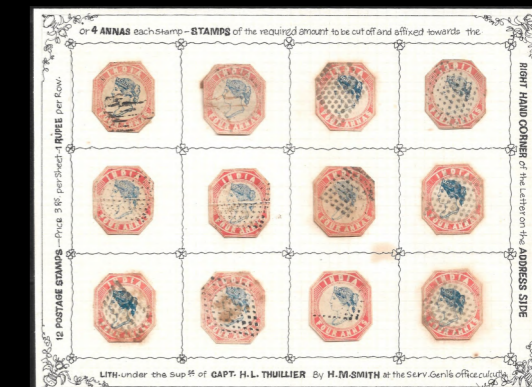
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53. **Four Annas Third Printing Pre-Printing Fold Error** – Head Die II and Frame I used cut to shape with large margins. Very Scarce.

₹19,000

54. **Half Anna Group 6 Retouch on entire** – rare and majorly retouched stamp on entire to Russelkonda in Ganjam district of Bengal circle. Madras Paid and Nowgaum Paid handstruck stamps on reverse. Nicks and minor faults on entire do not detract from this magnificent early November 1854 usage.

₹15,000

55. **Half Anna on cover from Murree to Rawalpindi** – roughly opened from reverse. Murree transit and Rawalpindi delivery cds. Retouch in hair band.

₹3,000

56. **Half Anna Die I used on cover from Calcutta to Bombay** – Calcutta Zuber and Co. forwarding agents chop on reverse along with Calcutta transit and Bombay GPO postmarks.

₹5,000

57. **Half Anna Die I cover from Nagpore to Calcutta** – superb pair of Die I tied by Type 4/75/Nagpore along with Giles#3. Slightly reduced on one side but that does not detract from this superbly franked cover.

₹15,000

58. **8.5 annas rate to Prussia** – 4 Two annas and 1 Half Anna each cancelled by

Diamond of Dots cancellation on piece to Prussia. On cut out, certified as genuine by BPA in 2024. Very Desirable.

₹9,000

59. **One Anna Die I cover from Agra to Calcutta** – stamp tied by Type 5 Numeral 1 of Agra. Calcutta delivery postmark on reverse. Couple of pinholes and other faults do not detract. Scarce.

₹7,500

60. **1 anna Die I cover from Mominabad to London 1855** – some paper loss on upper right side. Additionally struck by Mominabad Giles#1 in purple, Bombay transit and London receiving postmarks.

₹5,000

61. **Four Annas used on cover from Bolarum via Madras to England** – Madras transit cds on reverse and London delivery cds plus India Paid on front. Scarce and very fine.

₹30,000

62. **Four Annas Second Printing Pair on entire** – to Bordeaux France. Struck by chop of Graf & Banzinger Calcutta and other transit and delivery postmarks. The pair itself has been identified by the collector as Position 9-10. Minor paper loss and blemishes do not detract from this Showpiece. Rare and Very Desirable.

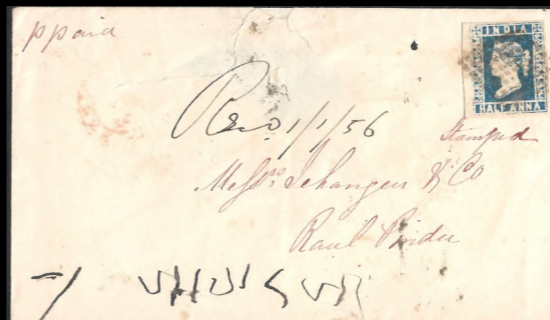
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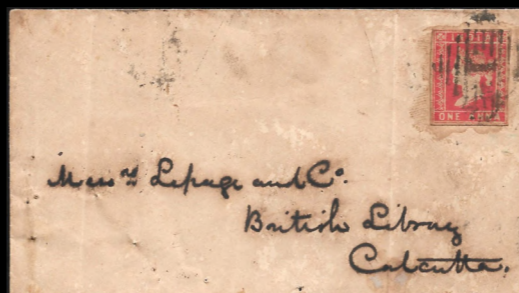
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**ESSAYS, PROOFS AND REPRINTS OF 1854  
ISSUES OF INDIA**

63. **Lion and Palm Tree Essay Reprint 1922**  
– half anna black on stout white card.  
Spence#38 in very fine condition.

₹10,000

64. **Half Anna Essay with Crosses in Upper  
Corners Complete Strip of 8** – with  
Specimen underprint, one alphabet on the  
reverse of each stamp. Bottom Marginal  
Strip of Spence#99. Magnificent.

₹10,000

65. **Half Anna Reddish Brown Spence#129**  
– with Specimen underprint, one alphabet  
on the reverse of each stamp. Bottom  
Marginal Strip in Magnificent condition.

₹10,000

66. **One Anna Proof of the issued Stamp** –  
1855 lithographic impression taken from  
the plate (State C) in a single row of 8. On  
yellowish wove paper, position 5. Small  
tear and crease at lower right corner do not  
detract as these are clear of the stamp. Ex-  
Stanley Gibbons and an excellent  
example of Spence 48. Spence states that  
examples of this proof are extremely  
scarce.

₹15,000

67. **Two Annas Sage Green Die 1** – superb  
example of Spence#22.

₹2,000

68. **Two Annas Yellow Green Die 2** – wide  
margins and choice example of  
Spence#23.

₹2,000

69. **Two Annas 1883 Impression from the  
plate** – used for the issued stamps. Fine  
example of Spence#79.

₹2,000

70. **Four Annas Reprint 1891 Superb Pair** –  
on yellowish wove paper with no  
watermark. Spence#19 in Magnificent  
condition.

₹7,500

71. **Eight Annas Pale Blue and Orange  
Brown 1890** – superb example of  
Spence#2. Scarce and Very Desirable.

₹10,000

72. **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. One of the finest surviving examples  
of this publication.

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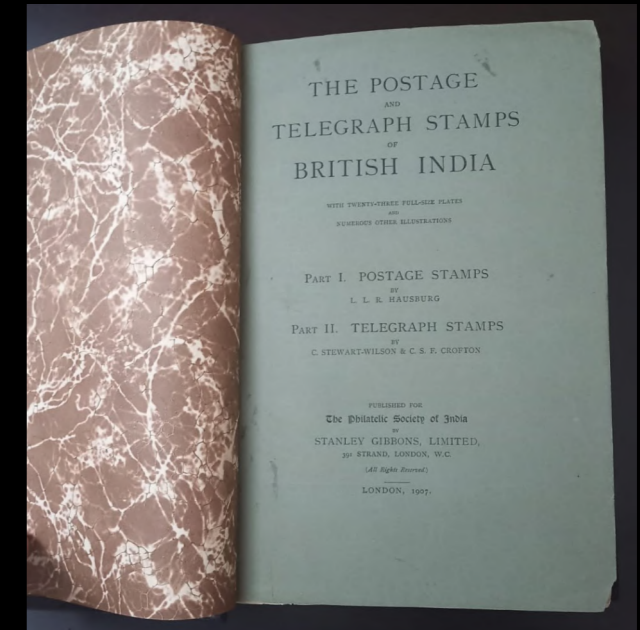
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**INDIA USED ABROAD**

73. **India Used in Bassein One Anna 1854** – tied by Type 7/B/12/Bassein, Bassein and Rangoon cds on reverse. The B/12 cancel of Bassein is extremely rare and Davis states that 'only single figures known' on covers. One of the rarest India Used Abroad cancellations.

₹50,000

74. **India Used in Singapore** – 1854 One Anna Die I used by Singapore B/172. Clear margins on all sides. Scarce example of SG#Z61.

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75. **India Used in Penang** – Four Annas Head Die III, Frame Die II cut to shape cancelled by Type 7/B/147/Penang. RPSL certificate states that the stamp has repaired margins and outer frame line painted in. It also clearly states that the B/147 cancel is genuine. Very low start for a SG#Z25.

₹25,000

76. **KEVII Rs. 15 used from Portuguese India** – superb strike of Nova Goa. Very low start.

₹2,000

77. **India Used in Tibet** – KGV Half Anna tied by Gyantse Tibet cds, Nepal transit and Kathmandu oval postmarks. Scarce usage from 1920.

₹3,000

78. **Port Blair 1932 registered cover** – from the Settlement Mess Stores to Ceylon. With blue handstamp and Port Blair registration label on front and Colombo delivery cds on reverse.

₹15,000

79. **India Used in Port Blair Andaman Islands** – 1937 cover to England with both values cancelled by Port Blair cds. Scarce.

₹12,000

80. **Chandernagore French India 12 annas used cover 1931** – to Paris. Roughly opened from bottom. Very Scarce with Registration Label.

₹2,500

81. **Karikal French India Airmail via Calcutta and Saigon** – 4 values of KGV issues tied by 4 strike of Karikal cds. Saigon and Cantho cds on reverse. Superb.

₹3,000

82. **Aden India Used Abroad** – collection of various covers including amap. Multifranked covers including postcards and a map. Each of the 15 items is in the images. Superb starter collection with specialist items at a very low start.

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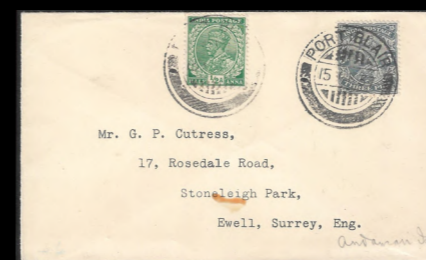
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**INDIA 1855 TO 1946**

83. **East India 2 annas Yellow Buff Mint SG#42** – mint with part original gum. Superb example of this 'difficult' stamp. Catalogues at above Rs. 1,20,000. Very low start for this rare stamp.  
**₹40,000**
84. **East India 8pies Marginal block of 4** – some ageing marks but large part original white gum. Very fine block of SG#52 that catalogues at around Rs. 40,000.  
**₹7,000**
85. **KGV 1922 Surcharge Variety Slanting Serif** – in horizontal pair with regular stamp. SG#195c in mounted mint condition with large part slightly toned gum. Very low start.  
**₹3,000**
86. **Airmail 3 annas Q variety** – the variety on the alphabet partially hidden behind the postmark's ornament. However, the variety is also established by the broken lines below the alphabet. Hence, a clear and very fine used example of SG#221a.  
**₹2,000**
87. **Airmail Three Annas Q variety on cover** – superb example of Airmail SG#221a on a flight cover that went from Calcutta to Singapore. Listed Stanley Gibbons varieties on cover are not only rare but very popular.  
**₹38,000**

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88. **Airmail 8 annas Tree Top Missing variety** – mounted mint, large part original toned gum. Very low start for a mint example of SG#224a.  
**₹7,000**
89. **Airmail Blob on Aircraft Variety in Two Annas** – on 1937 Tata first flight cover perfectly paying the 2 annas internal airmail rate. The blob is so large that it almost looks like one of the tree tops! Very Scarce and Very Desirable especially on cover.  
**₹5,000**
90. **Airmail Scratch on 8 variety** – superb variety on SG#225. Very fine used.  
**₹2,000**
91. **Airmail Tree Trunk Missing Variety in Eight Annas** – used vertical pair with variety in bottom stamp. Very fine used recorded variety that merits a listing. Very desirable especially in conjunction with a regular stamp.  
**₹5,000**
92. **KGV Booklet 1911-22 single star stamps SG#SB9** – black on pink and green. Superb with both blocks of one anna and three blocks of half anna stamps intact and attached. Very low start for this booklet that catalogues at above Rs. 40,000.  
**₹13,000**



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93. **KGV Rs. 2 Booklet 1928** – fine example of SB#17 with one pair of stamps intact inside. Fresh appearance.

₹3,000

94. **East India Small Service 4 annas Green Die I** – lightly cancelled and superb example of SG#O14. Very low start.

₹6,000

95. **KEVII No Stop After M Variety very fine used** – superb example of SG#O66a with cds clear of the variety.

₹2,500

96. **KEVII Highest value Rs. 25 Official** – SG#O72 in superb condition with large part original white gum. Very low start as this catalogues at almost Rs. 35,000.

₹6,000

97. **KGVI Official Rs. 10 block of 4 cancelled by Viceroy's Camp cds** – scarce cancellation especially on such high values. Exhibit piece.

₹9,000

98. **IEF Stop Missing 2 values** – fine examples of SG#E2a and SG#5a. Toned and other blemishes does not detract. Very low start as both together catalogue at above Rs. 22,000.

₹5,000

99. **Dot Variety on IEF 2 annas fine used** – Unrecorded Variety in the 2 annas IEF issue. This variety is recorded in regular stamps but unseen in IEF overprinted stamps. Some surface rubbing as to be expected in used stamps. Rare.

₹15,000

### INDIA OVERPRINTS AND INDIAN STATES

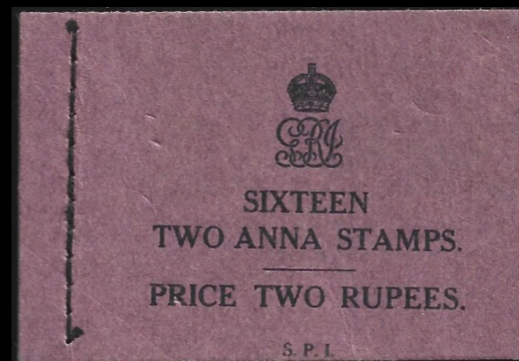
(Also see Lots 201, 205 & 206)

100. **Japanese Occupation of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Slash Variety 3 sen** – on KGV Half Anna overprinted stamp. Featured in Morikawa Tamaki's articles as Figure 7 and from his collection. This stamp is considered to originate from the first overprinting which was done as /3 but later the '/' was removed. Magnificent condition with large part original gum and hinge remnant. Major Rarity with Variety and impeccable provenance.

₹70,000

101. **5 sen on KGV One Anna Japanese Occupation of Andaman and Nicobar Islands** – featured in Morikawa's article as Figure 9 and ex-Hashimoto. Unused with marginal stains as is usually the case. Major Rarity with impeccable provenance.

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102. **10 sen on KGVI 1a3p Service Japanese Occupation of Andaman and Nicobar Islands** – featured in Morikawa's article as Figure 13 and ex-Hashimoto. Unused with marginal stains as is usually the case. Certified as Genuine by RPSL. Major Rarity with impeccable provenance.

₹70,000

103. **Bahrain 18 values used on cover to the United States 1944** – censored registered multi-franked cover. Nicks on the left side but clear of the stamps. Each stamp cancelled by Bahrain cds, transit and delivery cds on reverse. Very Scarce.

₹3,500

104. **Chamba State Half Anna Double Overprint Mint** – superb example of SG#1c with some part original gum. Superb.

₹9,000

105. **Gwalior Service Double Overprint Mint** – fine example of SG#O53ab with some part original toned gum. Scarce.

₹2,000

106. **Patiala Rupee Variety in Pair with regular stamp** – KGV 9 pies single star displaying the R variety. Minor bend, stamps look unmounted. Very low start for a variety that catalogues at more than Rs. 8,000.

₹1,500

107. **Bhopal Quarter Anna Service Postcard** – odd pinhole does not detract from this superb locally used postcard.

₹1,500

**INDEPENDENT INDIA STAMPS AND ERRORS (Also see Lot 199 & 200)**

108. **Masks of India and UPU Miniature Sheets** – both in superb white gum. Very low start.

₹2,000

109. **Air India International 1948 Broken Tail variety** – in unmounted marginal block of four with somewhat toned gum but interestingly, the reverse shows some offsetting. Scarce and Very Popular.

₹3,000

110. **Dr.Sampurnanand Diagonal Band or Orange Omitted Error 1994** – rare error in mint never hinged stamp. The second such example that we have ever handled.

₹9,000

111. **Indo Iran Joint Issue complete sheetlet 2004** – extra vertical perforations cutting into the Hafiz stamps. Minor blemishes do not detract from this superb error.

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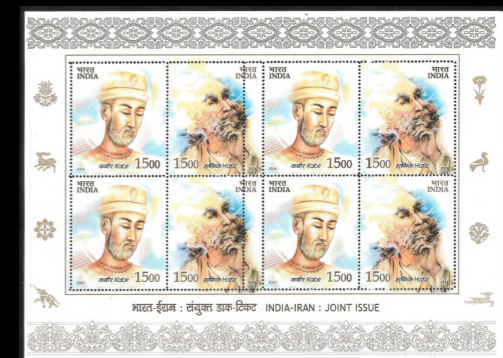
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112. **UN Peacekeeping Forces 2004 Top of Stamp Imperf** – very scarce in this Miniature Sheet. Superb condition.

₹5,000

113. **Breeds of Dogs 2005 Error Sheetlet** – major shifting of vertical perforations to the right resulting in part imperf and misperf stamps. Odd ageing mark does not detract from this superb error in complete sheetlet.

₹3,000

114. **Cooperative Movement Reddish Brown Omitted 2005** – magnificent error resulting in omission of value, year and entire text. Very low start.

₹3,500

115. **Dheeran Chinnamalai Misperf and Imperf block of 14** – magnificent error resulting in complete change in format of all stamps. Very Desirable and Rare.

₹3,000

116. **State Bank of India major shifting of Pink Colour Double impression** – traffic light strip of five stamps. Almost entire design of the stamp gives a double impression.

₹2,000

117. **President's Fleet Review Black Omitted Error** – complete omission of year and change in colouring of the vessels. With regular stamp, also displaying variety of

size difference. Diagonal bend does not detract. Superb.

₹2,500

118. **Lala Deen Dayal Imperf between stamps and left margin** – block of 6 with the stamps on the left Imperf on the marginal side.

₹2,000

119. **Sandalwood Elephant downward shifting in horizontal perfs** – resulting in upper portion of the stamp merging into the miniature sheet. Superb.

₹2,000

120. **Fairs of India 2007 Major Misperf Error** – the MS was miscut as is evident from the white band on the left. This change led to a mismatch between the stamps and the perforation. Superb for understanding the process of printing miniature sheets, cutting and then perforating them.

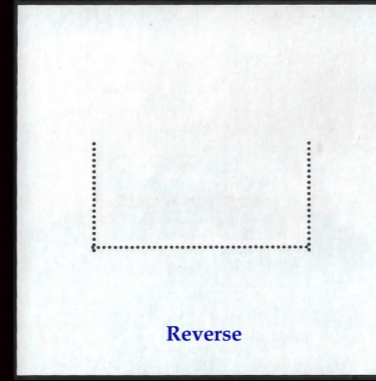
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121. **Landmark Bridges of India 2007 Major Shifting of Black** – creating double impression of stamp text as well as part of the design.

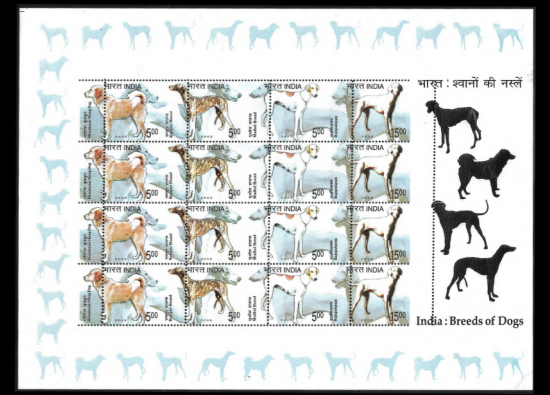
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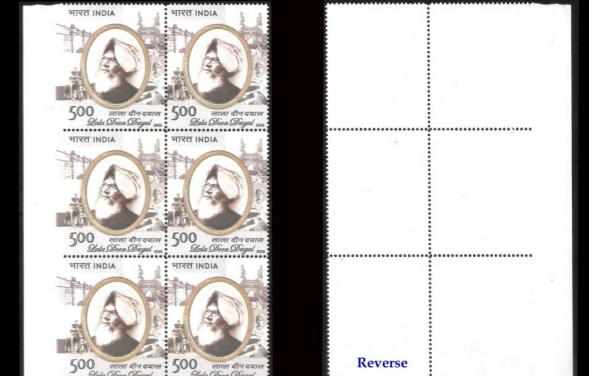
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122. **Military Games major leftward shifting of Pink Colour Double impression** – complete sheet of 12 stamps. The error resulting in some remarkable changes in the design of the stamps. Dramatic and Very Scarce.

₹2,500

123. **Happy New Year Se-tenant issue 2007 Imperf and Misperf** – second and third stamp imperf in between. Other values cut into by perforations. With regular stamps for comparison. Rare.

₹3,000

124. **Vibrant India 2016 Complete Imperf MS** – in superb unmounted condition.

₹5,000

125. **Children's Day 2019 Error MS** – perforated in reverse resulting in the pair of stamps completely Imperf. Very desirable.

₹3,000

126. **Trimurti 9 pies Offset Error in 7 stamps** – in mint block of 16 stamps. Rare Showpiece Block.

₹24,000

127. **Nataraja 2 annas Complete Offset Error** – Magnificent and Extremely Rare from the 1949 Archaeological Series issue.

₹20,000

128. **Nataraja Error Preprinting fold leading to Stamp being printed on both sides** – amazing Error created by paper fold before stamp could be printed. Unique.

₹10,000

129. **Victory Tower Rs. 1 Complete Offset Error** – block of 4 with complete offset. Superb Error.

₹7,000

130. **Konark 6 pies inverted watermark Error 1949** – stars watermark pointing to right when seen from the back of the stamp. Unmounted mint marginal block.

₹500

131. **Trimurti 9 pies inverted watermark Error SG#311w** – stars inverted watermark in unused stamp. Unused example not recorded by Stanley Gibbons.

₹9,000

132. **Gol Gumbad Bijapur 6 annas inverted watermark 1949 Error** – SG317w, mounted mint with large part original gum. Superb.

₹1,000

133. **Kandarya Mahadev 8 annas inverted watermark Error** – very fine used, catalogues at almost Rs. 35,000. Scarce example of Sg318w.

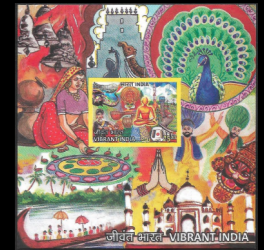
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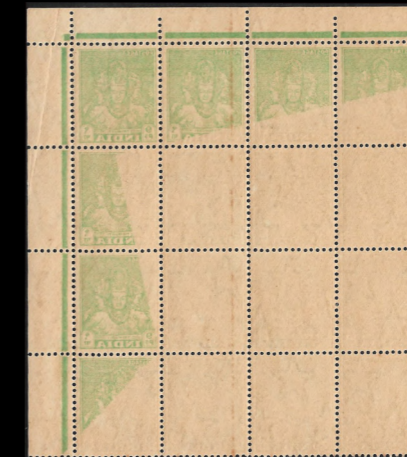
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134. **Victory Tower Rupee 1 inverted watermark Archaeological Series 1949 issue** – stars watermark pointing to left. Mounted mint toned example of Sg320w.

₹2,000

135. **Red Fort Rupees 2 inverted watermark 1949 SG#321w** – magnificent block of four. Very High Catalogue value. Unmounted mint with only minor blemishes.

₹30,000

136. **Qutb Minar Rupees 10 inverted watermark 1949 SG#323bw** – brilliant block of four. Very High Catalogue value. Pencil notation on margin, odd ageing marks. Rare.

₹35,000

137. **Satrunjaya Temple Palitana Rupees 15 inverted watermark SG#324** – unmounted mint, slightly toned gum. Very Scarce.

₹15,000

138. **Crane 50p definitive pre-printing paper fold error** – resulting in major misperf in 2 stamps. Toning does not detract from this unique error.

₹2,500

139. **Dairy Farming Complete Imperf Block of 40 stamps** – rare error with complete original gum. Exhibit showpiece.

₹12,000

140. **Dairy Farming part and complete omission of colour** – block of 15 with with partial omission in 5 and complete omission in 5 stamps. Superb.

₹3,000

141. **Veena Pair Miscut very fine used in 1976** – very hard to find such stamps commercially used. Some paper remnant on the reverse. Superb.

₹1,000

142. **Afforestation Maroon completely omitted from block of 4 stamps** – magnificent error with complete omission of the mountain as well as the text and value text and the hill omitted. With normal for comparison which too has a doctor blade error.

₹7,000

143. **Solar Energy pre-printing fold Error** – resulting in vertical elongation of all 4 stamps. Superb.

₹1,500

144. **Tiger High Value Diagonal Misprint** – resulting from a paper inclusion. Superb.

₹1,500



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145. **Refugee Relief block of 4 Inverted Overprint on Revenue stamp** –unmounted mint block of 4.

₹1,500

146. **Refugee Relief Inverted and Regular Overprint on Revenue stamp** – superb double overprint on unmounted mint block of eight. Only minor ageing marks on reverse. Rare example of regular along with inverted overprint.

₹3,000

**POSTAL STATIONERY**

(Also see Lot 195, 370, 372 & 386)

147. **KEVII Essay of Unissued of 2a6p Envelope** – 6 August 1903 dated strike on De La Rue watermarked wove paper, 'A RUE &' visible in watermark. KEVII envelope indicia were like the earlier QV ones save for reversal of the positions of 'India Postage' and postal rate. KEVII envelope with this rate was eventually not issued because stocks of QV 2a6p envelopes remained in abundance. Rare Essay.

₹1,50,000

148. **KGVI Nine pies Postcard Proof** – indicia handstamped cancelled. PC#42 partly printed on the left side. Abnormally long cut measuring 190mm. Unique Proof.

₹35,000

149. **KGVI 9 pies Postcard Essay** – stamped Proof but without address and hence an essay of PC#59. Superb condition. Rarity.

₹50,000

150. **KGVI Registered Envelope Proof 1912 two annas plus half anna** – dated 21 March 1921 mounted on Page 31 of the DLR record book (notation Page 31 on the reverse). Some spotting does not detract from this No. 1 punch of the original die. Rare Proof of the first registered envelope of KGV.

₹75,000

151. **East India 1857 Half Anna Blue envelope** – on Thin White Laid paper with Blue Seal on flap. Knife 2, Die II with Imprint II, on R Turner Kent Watermark paper. Pristine condition, Very Scarce.

₹12,000

152. **Lot of KGV Overprint envelopes** – two mint 2 annas overprint envelopes with different shades of indicia. Some visible faults and usages to various destinations including one 9pies overprint.

₹3,000

153. **KGVI 1a6p Albino envelope uprated by half anna stamp** – sent from Beadon Street to Sardarshahr. Roughly opened from right side and delivery cds on reverse. Commercially used albino envelopes are very scarce.

₹2,500



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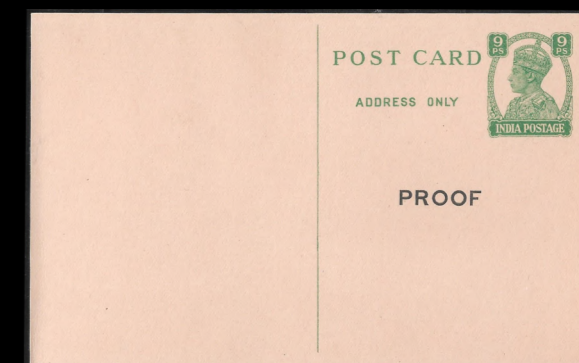
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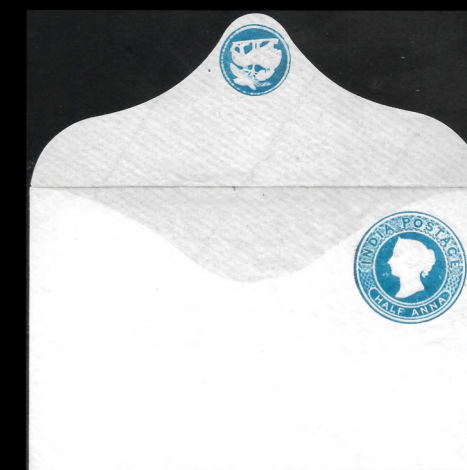
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154. **KGV Dal Lake Srinagar illustrated PC Very Fine Used** – mailed postcard from Lahore to Patiala. 3 odd pinholes and other blemishes do not detract as genuine used examples of PC#52 are hardly every seen. Rarity in very fine used condition.

₹17,000

155. **KGV Jhelum River illustrated PC fine used** – mailed postcard from Darjeeling. Four pinholes, crease on left and other faults do not detract as genuine used examples of PC#53 are hardly never seen. Rarity.

₹11,000

156. **KGV 8 annas Airmail envelope First Day Used 1 May 1930** – from Calcutta to London. With first day cachet and signed on the reverse by the sender, Stephen Smith. Also signed by the receiver, Hayman, who received it on 13 May 1930.

₹8,000

157. **KGVI Airmail Postcard Censored used to England 1942** – censored example of APC#3 used to England. Superb and Scarce.

₹7,000

158. **KGV Quarter Anna Official postcard** – OPC#10 used locally in Quetta. According to postal stationery catalogues this was issued in 1916 but this is used in 1915! An interesting discovery for postal stationery and/or postcard collectors.

₹4,000

159. **KGV and KGV Official Postcards Mint** – printed and handstamped by Veterinary Department for use but remained unused. Fine examples of OPC#16 and OPC#18. Very high catalogue value.

₹1,000

**AZAD HIND AND JAI HIND PHILATELY**

160. **Azad Hind Sikh Soldier issue printed in Germany** – in block of 25. MNH Superb condition.

₹2,000

161. **Azad Hind Plough and Farming issue printed in Germany** – in block of 25. MNH Superb condition.

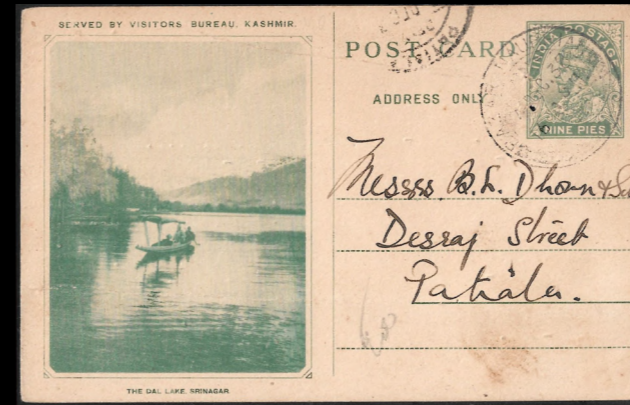
₹2,000

162. **Azad Hind Nurse and Patient issue printed in Germany** – in block of 25 MNH Superb condition.

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163. **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose 1964 set along with Azad Hind 2 values FDC** – all 4 stamps tied by Netaji Bhawan Calcutta cds. Usual ageing marks. Scarce usage of Azad Hind issues on FDC.

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164. **Congress Flag with Vande Mataram 1946** – Bharatiya Mandir Sholapur handstamp on postcard to Chomu.

₹1,500

165. **Jai Hind New Delhi 15 August 1947 postmark** – superb strike on locally mailed cover.

₹1,500

166. **Jai Hind Poona 15 August 1947 postmark** – first postmark of Independent India from Poona. Very Scarce and in superb condition.

₹5,000

167. **Mandvi Bombay 15 August 1947 cover** – stamps tied by 15 August cds and Jai Hind postmark also struck on front. Small paper loss in upper left corner and ageing marks. Dealer's advert on reverse.

₹2,000

168. **Jai Hind multiple stamps and posted Coimbatore cover** – Jai Hind 15 August 1947 special postmark along with Jai Hind stamps complete set of 3 tied by 15 December 1947 postmark. Additionally cancelled by 3 values of Gandhiji tied by Coimbatore day of issue cds and Archaeological Series stamps on reverse tied by 15 August 1949 cds. Further cancelled by Republic Inauguration 26 January 1950 cds. Multiple posted cover

that celebrates Indian stamps and postmarks issued on 15 August 1947, 1948 and 1949. Superb.

₹15,000

169. **Large Nathan Jai Hind 15 August 1947 cover** – block of 4 stamps tied by Madras GPO Independence Day Jai Hind postmark. Usual ageing marks and flap faults do not detract. Very low start.

₹3,000

170. **Jai Hind Shillong postmark** – dated 29 August 1947 on postal stationery sent to Sylhet, delivery cds on reverse.

₹2,000

171. **Jai Hind New Delhi GHQ postmark** – dated September 1947 and sent to England. Opening faults do not detract.

₹1,500

172. **National Flag ISP Private FDC** – stamp tied by Bombay RMS day of issue cds. Sent by M. M. Mukhi to Dhirubhai Mehta. Boxed delivery postmark on reverse. Ageing marks do not detract from this FDC sent by one eminent philatelist to another.

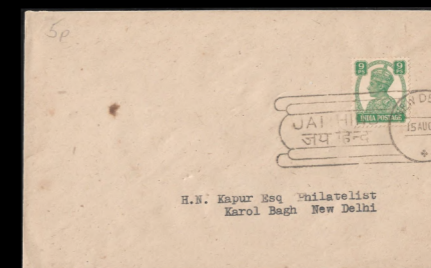
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173. **National Flag Registered FDC** – with KGVI tete-beche and Independence Day label. Boxed Bombay delivery cds on reverse. Superb condition.

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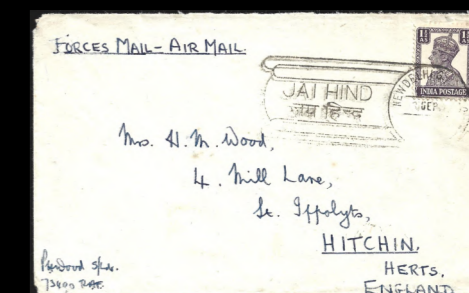
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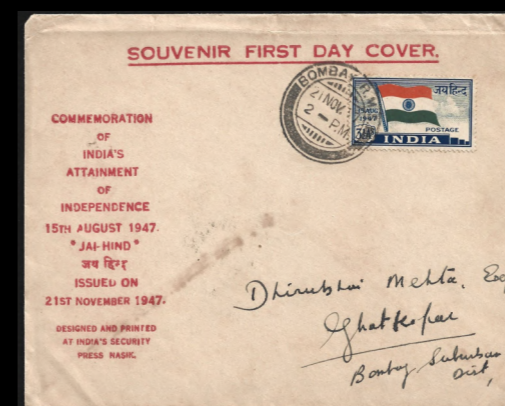
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174. **National Flag 3.5annas FDC** – stamp tied by Dehra Dun day of issue cds. Roughly opened and reverse with delivery postmark of Clement Town Dehra Dun.

₹2,500

175. **Jai Hind Private FDC National Emblem issue with KGV stamp** – both stamps tied by Dharamtala Calcutta day of issue cds. Flap damage, ageing marks and cover reduced at left. The only such cover we have seen with this combination of stamps.

₹1,500

176. **Jai Hind Basavangudi Bangalore 15 December 1947 Set FDC** – both values issued on that day tied by day of issue cds of Basavangudi post office. Posted locally, delivery cds on reverse. Scarce.

₹2,500

**MAHATMA GANDHI PHILATELY AND COLLECTIBLES**

177. **Lord Kartikeyan and Mahatma Gandhi images handstamped cover 1940** – sent from Tiruchendur to Karaikudi. Aging marks and other faults do not detract as Gandhiji handstamped covers from British India are rarely seen.

₹2,500

178. **Mahatma Gandhi Mourning 1948** – printed postcard notice of Kaleeswarar Mills Ltd, Coimbatore. The notice states

that the AGM of the company was held on 12 February 1948 but was adjourned to 24 February after passing a condolence resolution on the death of Mahatma Gandhi. Staining and crease do not detract from this superb example of corporate reverence for the Mahatma.

₹1,000

179. **Mahatma Gandhi Rs. 10 top value block of 10** – superb white gum with only minor blemishes. Such blocks with margins on both sides are Very Scarce. Magnificent Showpiece at very low start.

₹1,70,000

180. **Gandhiji 3 values in blocks of 4** – mint with disturbed gum or paper adhesion but that does not detract because each block is marginal. Very low start.

₹6,000

181. **Mahatma Gandhi Official used on cover** – brilliant example of SG150a tied by Governor General's Camp New Delhi cds dated 18 August 1947. Sent by the Private Secretary of the Governor General. Reverse has delivery cds of 19 August 1947. Minor gum marks on lower left corner. Rare and Certified as Genuine by RPSL in 2023. Five years ago, a similar rated 1.5annas service cover fetched more than Rs. 6 lakhs.

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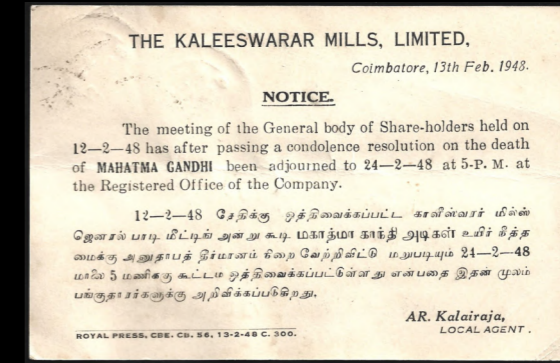
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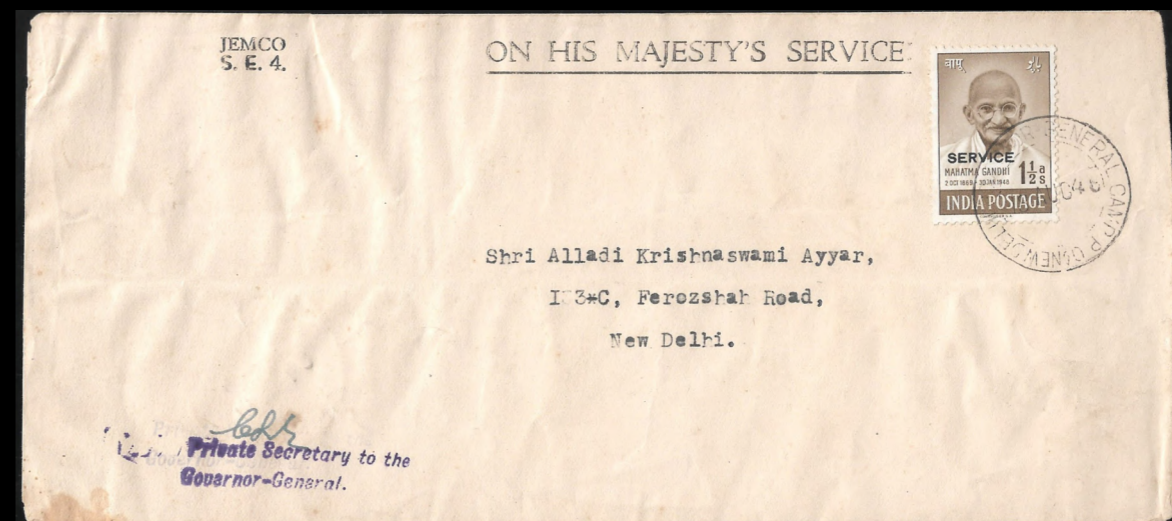
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182. **Mahatma Gandhi Service Stamp cut out** – used in conjunction with KGV1 half anna service issue. Very low start.

₹3,000

183. **Father of Nation Large Private FDC** – one of the rarest private cachets, 1.5 annas stamp tied by Bombay first day postmark.

₹2,000

184. **Gandhiji and Tricolour Private FDC** – registered Bharmal FDC. Registration Label and delivery cds on reverse.

₹6,000

185. **Gandhiji and Tricolour Flag Long Private FDC** – the longer and rarer version of the preceding FDC. Ageing marks and other blemishes do not detract. 3 values tied by 3 first day postmarks of Bombay.

₹8,000

186. **Gandhiji 3 values used on cover to Wales** – stamps tied by 11 September 1948 Bombay RMS cds.

₹2,000

187. **Three values on Black Mourning Airmail cover** – stamps tied by 7 January 1949? Bombay GPO cds. The address

was most likely on a sticker that has since fallen off. Interestingly, the envelope has all the aspects of the famous Mourning FDC except the legend on the upper left that gave the name of the dealer, Advani. Superb usage on an interesting and attractive cover.

₹3,000

188. **Gandhinagar Jaipur 16 December 1948 Registered 3 values cover** – with Gandhinagar Camp PO registration label.

₹5,000

189. **Gandhinagar Jaipur all 4 postmarks issued to commemorate the 55th Congress Session** – some ageing marks do not detract from this rare cover.

₹2,000

190. **Gandhiji First Death Anniversary 30 January 1949** – Delhi cover with the Sabko Sanmati De Bhagwan wavy slogan cancelling the stamps and boxed blue slogan on reverse. Superb.

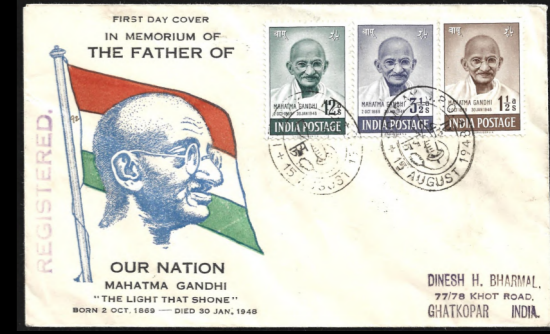
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191. **Sabko Sanmati De Bhagwan 30 January 1949 Bombay cover** – typed in commemoration of All India Congress 55th Session and interesting franking of Gandhiji 1.5 annas surrounded by 2 pairs of KGV1 3 pies stamps. Visible faults and ageing marks. Delivery cds on reverse. Interesting and Very Desirable.

₹3,500

192. **England Official Incoming Cover with Sabko Sanmati De Bhagwan slogan** – applied in Delhi as the cover was delivered on 30 January 1949. Delivery cds on reverse.

₹1,000

193. **Gandhi Jayanti 2 October 1952 Commemorative Private Cover** – Kabir and Tulsidas stamps tied by Pondicherry 2 October 1952 cds. Superb multicoloured cover. Very Scarce creation as Pondicherry was still part of French India.

₹3,000

194. **Gandhiji Centenary Jai Hind Jai Babu FDC** – 3 values tied by the special roller first day postmark only issued by the 56 Army Post Office.

₹1,000

195. **Mahatma Gandhi 1969 Miscut Postcard** – superb error changing the format of the postcard.

₹1,000

196. **Gandhiji Centenary 2 Badges issued from Rajasthan in 1969** – in attractive colour combination and in very fine condition. Both with holes to pin the badge. The first such badges we have handled in years.

₹3,000

197. **Mali 1969 Mahatma Gandhi FDC** – in fine clean condition. Scarce.

₹2,500

198. **Mauritius 1969 Mahatma Gandhi Complete set of 6 FDC** – in very fine clean condition. Scarce.

₹2,000

199. **Gandhiji 50p value Two pre-printing fold Error** – superb, minor toning does not detract.

₹2,000

200. **Gandhiji Rs. 1 Misperf Error** – dramatic.

₹1,000



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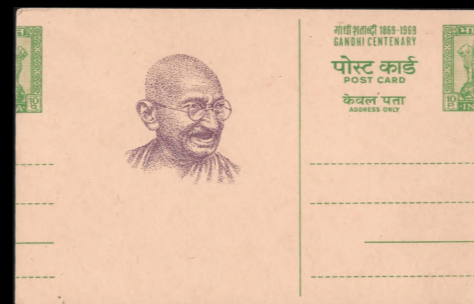
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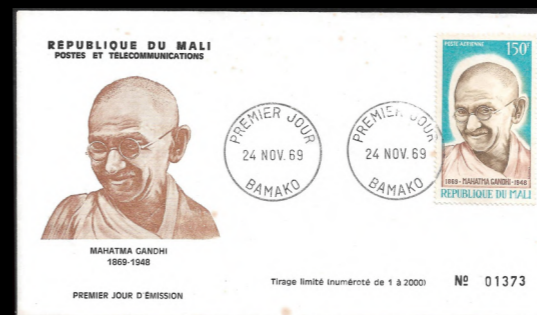
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**FIRST DAY COVERS AND FOLDERS**

(Also see Lots 299 to 305)

201. **Burma on India Overprint Golden Pagoda High Value FDCs** – two FDCs with registration labels and delivery cds on reverse. With 15 values of the set tied by day of issue 1 April 1937 cds. Odd pinhole does not detract. Magnificent and important covers that mark the administrative and postal separation between India and Burma.

₹7,500

202. **KGVI Private FDC 1937** – with both values issued on that date and hence a complete set FDC. Superb.

₹7,000

203. **KGVI First Issues 23 August 1937** – both values issued on that date, hence a complete set FDC. Stamps tied by Hyderabad Deccan cds and delivery cds on reverse. The first such FDC we have seen from this Feudatory State.

₹2,000

204. **Victory Bombay Stamp Company 2 FDCs** – both registered, one with additional value on the reverse. Mounting marks on reverse. Superb Duo.

₹4,000

205. **India Pakistan Overprint 3 FDCs** – with 9 distinct values each tied by day of issue postmark of Rajshahi what was then East Pakistan and is now Bangladesh. Superb trio.

₹3,000

206. **India Pakistan Overprint High Values Parcel Post** – cut outs from the large packages on which these were used. Each of the five stamps tied by Rajshahi day of issue cds. Very Scarce.

₹3,000

207. **UPU Blue Globe Delhi Private FDC** – complete set of 4 stamps tied by New Delhi first day postmark. Superb and Rare.

₹3,000

208. **Republic of India 2 sizes Official FDCs** – the long and broad variety of the envelopes. Minor crease on both and nick on one. Scarce pair with complete set of 4, the broad one first day mailed from Bombay and the longer one from Calcutta.

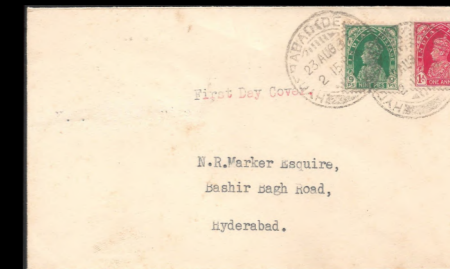
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209. **Republic Inauguration 1950 with KEVII FDC** – 2 annas stamp and picture tied by Madras first day postmark. Some ageing and mounting marks on reverse. Seems to be a unique creation.

₹1,500

210. **Republic Inauguration 3 FDCs from scarce post offices** – Cumballa Hills, Patan and Sholapur. Staining does not detract as FDCs from such non-bureau post offices are very scarce.

₹1,000

211. **Republic 1950 Four FDCs with complete sets** – from non-bureau post offices and cancelled by day of issue cds. One with official FDC cancelled from Sunav a small town in Gujarat and sent to Tanzania. Another on reverse of KGV1 postcard and cancelled by Bangalore Sorting cds. Two on regular envelopes and cancelled by Ellappatti and Oorgaum cds. Rare quartet.

₹4,500

212. **Geological Survey of India Large Private FDC** – superb and scarce.

₹2,500

213. **World Forestry Congress complete set of 3 Venue FDCs** – each with block of four

cancelled by all 3 post offices (Window I, II and III) set up at the venue of the Congress at the Forestry Research Institute, Dehradun. Superb.

₹4,500

214. **Stamp Centenary Indipex 1954 Exhibition** – visitors' brochure in English. In fine condition and only minor faults. Scarce.

₹2,000

215. **United Nations Day Green Building Private FDC** – minor ageing marks do not detract as this is the scarcest colour of the design.

₹2,000

216. **United Nations Day Reddish Brown Building Private FDC** – minor ageing marks. Scarce.

₹2,000

217. **United Nations Day Black Building Private FDC** – superb condition.

₹2,000

218. **UN Day Brown Lotus, UN Emblem and Building Private FDC** – very fine condition.

₹1,500



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219. **UN Day Blue Lotus, UN Emblem and Building Private FDC** – very fine condition.

₹1,500

220. **Buddha Jayanti 1956 Official FDC** – set of 2 tied by New Delhi first day postmark. Slogan postmark of Buddha Jayanti on reverse. Minor soiling does not detract. Scarce.

₹1,500

221. **Buddha Jayanti Private FDC from Punalur Kerala** – delivery cds on reverse. Stamp cancelled by day of issue cds. Rare.

₹2,500

222. **Buddha Jayanti Orange and Black Private FDC** – minor ageing marks. Complete set tied by Bombay GPO first day postmark.

₹1,500

223. **Buddha Jayanti Private FDC Red and Black** – beautiful image of the Buddha. Superb.

₹2,000

224. **Lokmanya Tilak Green and Brown Private FDC** – paper creases in cover. Stamp tied by Ratnagiri first day postmark. Scarce cachet and colour combination.

₹2,000

225. **Jhansi Ki Rani First War of Independence Private FDC** – one value tied by scarce 16 August 1957 first day postmark. This issue is the only one found with 2 different dates of first day postmark.

₹1,500

226. **First War of Independence Battle Scene 2 FDCs** – scarce cachet in different colours. Both with Bombay first day postmark.

₹3,500

227. **First War of Independence 1957 Private FDC** – rare cachet that features the leaders of the War of 1857. Complete set of 2 tied by Madras GPO first day postmark. Magnificent and Rare.

₹15,000

228. **Red Cross Private FDC** – superb.

₹1,000

229. **Children's Day 1957 Swing Private FDC** – one value of the issue with Jai Hind National Emblem stamp tied by first day postmark. Nick on bottom does not detract. Very Scarce.

₹1,000



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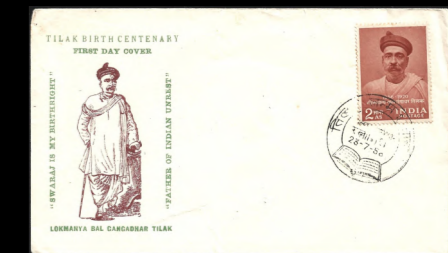
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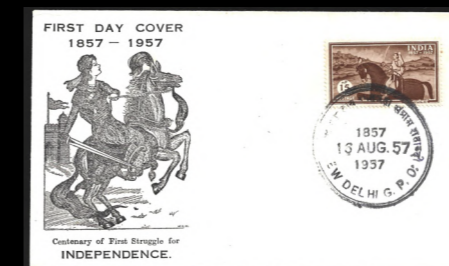
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230. **Children's Day 1957 Long Private Combination FDC** – 3 stamps from 1957, 1958 and 1959 tied by their respective first day postmark. Minor ageing marks. Very Scarce.  
₹1,500
231. **Jamshedji Tata Blue Private FDC** – mailed cover sent to Hubli with delivery cds on reverse. Minor nick on top.  
₹500
232. **Jamshedji Tata Green Private FDC** – superb.  
₹500
233. **Dr. Karve Private FDC** – pair of stamps tied by Bombay first day postmark and addressed to Denmark. One shortish corner does not detract. Very low start.  
₹500
234. **India 1958 Exhibition 2 Private FDCs** – superb pair.  
₹2,000
235. **Children's Day Mother and Child Private FDC** – superb mailed cover. Scarce cachet.  
₹2,000
236. **Thiruvalluvar 1960 Ink and Quill Private FDC** – very fine.  
₹500
237. **Children's Day 1960 Private FDC** – creased creation of International Stamps Club New Delhi.  
₹500
238. **Kalidasa Overprint 1963 FDC** – stamp tied by day of issue Jaipur cds.  
₹2,000
239. **Kalidasa Overprint 1963 Patna FDC** – minor ageing marks, stamp tied by day of issue Patna GPO cds.  
₹2,000
240. **Abraham Lincoln hand-sketched FDC** – with multiple stamps on front and reverse. Mailed to USA. Some crumpling on right side as is to expected from long mailed covers. Superb.  
₹1,500
241. **Archaeological Series Complete set of 16 on 2 FDCs** – Poona first day postmark tying each stamp. Some additional values of the set on front and reverse of the cover. The covers are sealed but one of the covers has an insert of Castellino's Bakery and Dairy and is addressed to Little Christopher Castellino in Poona. Desirable especially since Poona origin FDCs of the issues are very scarce.  
₹14,000



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242. **Bombay Archaeological Series FDC – 7 values to Rs. 1 tied by Bombay GPO first day postmark. Excellent condition and very low start.**

₹2,000

243. **Taj Mahal and other values tied by Taj Mahal Bombay FDC – superb fdc with each stamp tied by Taj Mahal Bombay day of issue cds. Rare high value stamps on FDC.**

₹3,000

244. **Bhuvaneshwar Temple 4 annas issue 1949 Private FDC – the stamp tied by Ahemdabad first day postmark. Odd ink mark does not detract.**

₹1,000

245. **Five Year Plan 16 values FDC – upto Rs. 2. Each stamp tied to the cover by Bombay first day postmark.**

₹3,000

246. **5 Year Plan Collector's Delight Private FDC – 6 values tied by New Delhi first day postmark. Superb.**

₹1,500

247. **Five Year Plan Worker and Development Private FDC – 7 values of the set tied by Bombay first day postmark. Superb.**

₹1,500

248. **Map Series 1957 complete set of 11 values on Private FDC – each value tied by Calcutta first day postmark. Superb and Very Scarce.**

₹7,000

249. **Map Series 1957 Orange Private FDC complete set – of 11 stamps tied by Bombay first day postmark. Superb.**

₹4,000

250. **Maps New Coinage Private FDC – four values tied by Lucknow first day postmark. Minor paper scraping on right side does not detract from this rare private FDC.**

₹1,500

251. **Map Coins and Banknotes Private 4 FDCs – in 4 different colours, size about 165X96mm. The Red and Blood Red colour varieties are particular noteworthy. Minor visible blemishes do not detract. Due to their size such smaller FDCs are almost always found with lower values. All FDCs bear Bombay first day postmarks. Scarce Quartet.**

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252. **Map Coins and Banknotes Different Size and Colour Private FDC** – 5 values of the set tied by Rampur State day of issue postmark. 2 labels on reverse, one of which was one the flap and split when cover was opened. The Orangish Red colour and size are distinctly different from the preceding lot. Size of the cover is 153X102mm and the printed cachet is slightly larger. Also, the Rampur origin signifies that philatelists all over India were sharing designs especially as no official FDC was issued for the Map series.

₹1,000

253. **Map Decimal Coinage Large Private FDC** – with 7 values of the set tied by Bombay first day postmark.

₹1,000

254. **Map 10 Annas 192 Pies 4 Private FDCs** – in 4 different colour combinations. 2 covers bear Bombay first day postmark while 2 have day of issue cds. Minor visible faults. Due to their size such smaller FDCs are almost always found with lower values. Scarce Quartet.

₹3,000

255. **Old Conservation 1995 Rs. 1 Definitive FDC** – superb.

₹2,000

256. **Army Postal Service Indo China 1957 complete set** – of all 5 overprinted values bearing Saigon, Hanoi, Phonm Penh and Vientiane first day postmarks. Very Desirable.

₹3,000

**AEROPHILATELY OF BRITISH INDIA**  
(Also see Lots 87, 89, 156 & 413)

257. **The Punjabee Newspaper Cutting from 21 February 1911** – the World's First Aerial Post highlighted by one E. S. Holland in a Letter to the Letter. Some splitting on top of the cutting, mounted on a paper with tabulation of stamps.

₹1,000

258. **The Jewel Stamp Co. Morvi Sale Sheet Aerial Post 1911 Registered Cover Cut out** – with 3 stamps each tied by the Aerial Post special postmark. Mounted on sale sheet from 1913 and then priced at 1 pound and 6 shillings. Pinholes and minor blemishes do not detract. The sale sheet gives an insight into not just the prevailing stamp market but also the worldwide importance attached to the world's first airmail flight. Rare survivor.

₹4,000



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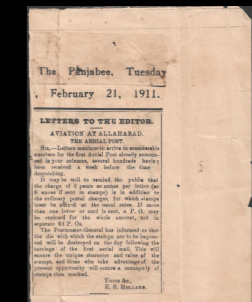
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259. **The Jewel Stamp Co. Morvi Sale Sheet Aerial Post 1911 QV Pair Cover Cut out** – tied by the Aerial Post special postmark along with delivery postmark. Mounted on sale sheet from 1913 and then priced at 1 pound and 12 shillings. Pinholes and minor blemishes do not detract. Along with a 1913 bill of stamps. The sale sheet gives an insight into not just the prevailing stamp market but also the worldwide importance attached to the world's first airmail flight. Rare survivor.

₹4,000

260. **World's First Aerial Post 1911** – torn cover with ageing marks and paper loss on front and reverse but clear of the stamps and postmark. Sent to England with Bombay 20 February 1911 transit cds.

₹4,000

261. **Anglo Indian Survey 1925 Stephen Smith Postcard** – from Karachi to Calcutta with tied pink etiquette and signed by the engineer. Stephen Smith real picture printed on reverse along with triangular cachet. Very Scarce.

₹10,000

262. **Anglo Indian Survey complete sheet of**

**10 Green labels and block of 4 Pink labels** – some perf separation and hinges on reverse. Scarcely seen or offered labels of this pioneer flight.

₹2,500

263. **Anglo Indian Survey complete sheet of 10 Blue labels** – the rarest colour of this label. Very Scarce.

₹2,500

264. **Captain Leon Challe Calcutta to Paris FFC** – the stamp postmarked 3 November 1927 with red cachet and Consul handstamp. Signed on the reverse by Stephen Smith. Only 67 flown covers and this one is in superb condition.

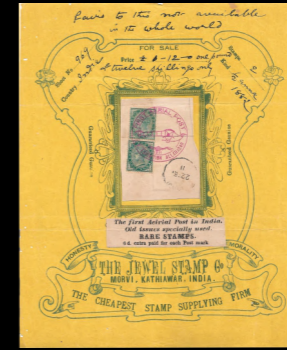
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265. **Gaza to Karachi stage of first airmail through to India** – originates from Jerusalem. Cairo transit and Karachi delivery cds on reverse. Superb.

₹2,000

266. **India to GB First Flight by Imperial Airways** – very fine private cover with Stephen Smith imprint on flap. Signed by Hayman on the reverse. Fine Stephen Smith creation.

₹3,000



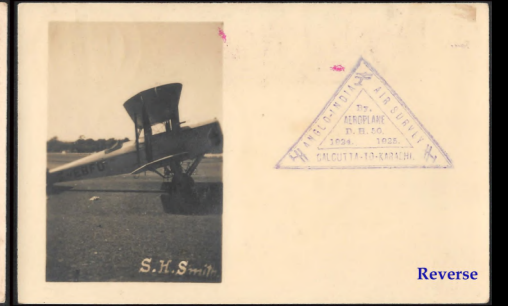
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267. **Imperial Airways First Flight Karachi to Croydon 1929** – with letter that states that this cover is being sent by the first flight to UK. Very fine.

₹3,000

268. **Karachi to Croydon Calcutta Philatelic Mart Private FFC** – registered cover that originates from Calcutta. Minor crumpling on top as is to be expected from large covers and with superb illustration of KGV head missing large block.

₹1,000

269. **Delhi to Jodhpur and Return 2 FFCs 1929** – private covers with delivery cds on reverse. Both covers with minor ageing marks and bear the Airmail Delhi-Jodhpur First Flight boxed cachet. Superb.

₹3,000

270. **Karachi to Jodhpur and Return 2 FFCs 1929** – private covers with delivery cds on reverse. Both covers with minor ageing marks and bear the Airmail Karachi-Delhi First Flight boxed cachet. Superb.

₹3,000

271. **Viceroy's Cup Air Race 1932 flight cover from Delhi to Calcutta** – autographed by the pilots Chawla and Goenka and

authenticated on the reverse by Stephen Smith. Flown from Delhi to Calcutta. Superb condition as this cover is usually found in heavily toned and stained condition. Scarce.

₹10,000

272. **Tata Sons Karachi to Madras FFC 1932** – Union Jack cachet. Delivery cds on reverse. Superb.

₹6,000

273. **Tata Sons Madras to Karachi 1932 FFC** – Yellow and Blue cachet sans Union Jack. Boxed delivery cds on reverse. Superb.

₹6,000

274. **Tata Sons Madras to Bombay stage FFC** – Union Jack cachet. Very popular and Very desirable.

₹6,000

275. **Tata Sons Bellary to Croydon FFC** – 1932 cover carried on the Madras to Karachi first flight the main purpose of which was connect to the Imperial Airways flight that flew from Karachi to Croydon. Hence, the cover was carried all through by air. Very Scarce.

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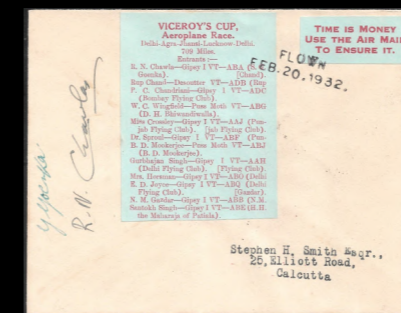
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276. **Tata Sons Bombay to Croydon 1932 FFC** – carried on the Madras to Karachi first flight the main purpose of which was connect to the Imperial Airways flight that flew from Karachi to Croydon. Hence, the cover was carried all through by air. Authenticated by Stephen Smith on the reverse. Very Scarce.

₹6,000

277. **Tata Sons Ahmedabad to Croydon FFC** – 1932 cover carried on the Madras to Karachi first flight the main purpose of which was connect to the Imperial Airways flight that flew from Karachi to Croydon. Hence, the cover was carried all through by air. Very Scarce.

₹6,000

278. **Imperial Airways change of route to India FFC 1932** – from England to India via the Arabian Coast. Important cover that signifies the change of airmail route to India.

₹2,000

279. **Prince Ali Khan Penang to Bombay FFC** – Calcutta to Bombay and posted on arrival to Calcutta. With large white label signed by Stephen Smith on the reverse. Only 91 covers flown on this flight.

₹4,000

280. **Calcutta to Karachi onwards to Germany 1933 FFC** – Brindsi 15 July 1933 transit cds proving that it was carried from India to Europe by air. Important airmail cover.

₹2,000

281. **Cargo of Fish First Flight Edmonstone Island to Dum Dum** – 1933 flight cover with vignette tied by fish cachet. Excellent condition. Signed by the pilot, Moylan on front and Stephen Smith on reverse. Only 55 flown. Very Scarce and Very desirable multi-thematic cover.

₹17,000

282. **Bihar Earthquake Emergency Flight by RAF 1934** – Dum Dum to Darbhanga flight with pink vignette tied by Earthquake Emergency Flight cachet. Authenticated by Stephen Smith on the reverse. Only 66 flown. Superb condition.

₹14,000

283. **Lahore to Karachi and Karachi to Multan FFCs 1934** – superb pair, the first cover with signature of Stephen Smith on the reverse. Very low start.

₹1,500



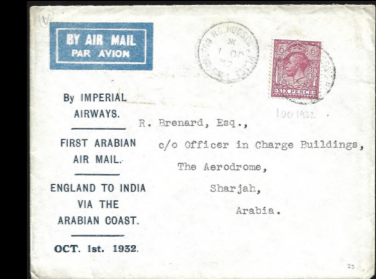
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284. **Indian National Airways official FFC Calcutta to Rangoon** – transit and delivery cds on reverse. Very low start.

₹1,500

285. **Dragon Route of Imperial Airways FFC Hong Kong to Calcutta stage 1936** – superb illustrated cover, Calcutta DBN and Park Street cds on reverse.

₹2,000

286. **India Ceylon 3 FFCs from 1936** – Saharanpur to Madras to Colombo, Colombo to Madras and scarce Trichinopoly to Madras covers. Two of the covers are blue official Tata issues. Superb.

₹4,000

287. **Delhi to Bombay and Return various stages' FFCs 1937** – superb 9 covers, all but one are official Tata covers. Various stages between Delhi to Bombay and Return. Some scarce stages. Very low start.

₹6,000

288. **Bombay to Gwalior Pilot Signed Official Tata cover 1937** – scarce cover signed by pilot, H. S. Mayes. Scarce.

₹1,500

289. **Bombay to Porbandar and Return 2 FFCs signed by Pilot** – illustrated official covers of Air Services of India Ltd. Both covers signed by the pilot, D. N. Bunsha. Pilot signed covers are Very Scarce.

₹3,500

290. **Trichinopoly to Madras Stage of the First All UP Flight** – delivery cds on reverse. Scarce.

₹2,000

291. **Tata Airlines Extension Trichinopoly to Trivandrum and Return 2 FFCs 1938** – delivery cds on reverse of both covers. One in superb condition and the other with ageing mark.

₹2,000

292. **Empire Airmail Scheme Indian and Malayan Introductory Services booklet 1938** – important for airmail collectors. Superb condition save for minor blemishes.

₹2,000

293. **Tata Airlines First Commercial Flight between Bombay and Calcutta** – that went via Nagpur. Complete Set of 6 covers from Bombay to Nagpur and Return; Bombay to Calcutta and Return; Nagpur to Calcutta and Return. Minor ageing marks do not detract from these 6 covers, reverse of 1 cover shown as an example. Official Tata covers.

₹7,000



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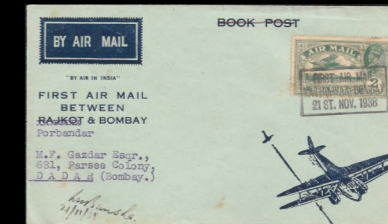
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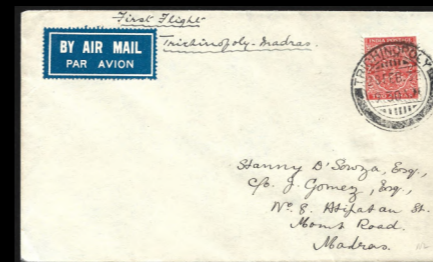
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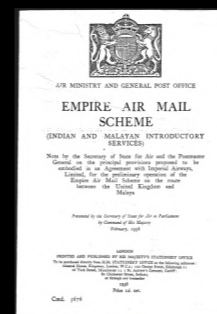
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294. **Chabua to Calcutta First Flight Cover 1946** – with aerodrome cachet and posted on arrival. Flight by Lt. Gladstine and signed by him. Authenticated by Stephen Smith on the reverse. Number 2 of only 6 covers flown on this flight. Rarity.

₹65,000

295. **Delhi to Bikaner via Lahore FFC 1946** – further redirected to Karachi. Jeffrey Brown records only 2 covers flown on this flight. In superb condition save for gum marks only on reverse. One of the Rarest covers of British Indian Aerophilately.

₹1,60,000

296. **Cygnus Crash 1937** – cover sent from Rawalpindi to England with Damaged by Sea Water in Airplane Accident handstamp. Very fine cover at very low start.

₹4,000

297. **Scipio Crash with 2 cachets India to England cover** – stamps washed off hence with additional cachet in French and English. British sealing tapes on reverse.

₹3,000

298. **Centurion Crash at Calcutta Salvaged Crash Unrecorded Handwritten notation 1939** – Nierinck does not

recorded this notation. Enroute from Australia to UK, the Centurion crashed in the Hooghly River but most of its mail was intended for UK and not India. Hence, Indian destination mail is scarce. Byculla Bombay delivery cds on reverse. Scarce Unrecorded Crash Mail notation.

₹15,000

### AEROPHILATELY OF INDEPENDENT INDIA

Air India International 1948

299. **Air India 29 May 1948 First Day Cover** – both stamps tied by 29 May 1948 Bombay cds. The Air India International stamp was issued on 29 May 1948 but was only to be cancelled by the 8 June 1948 special postmark. In this case the stamp was erroneously cancelled on the first day of issue. With Bombay GPO registered label and first day notation on front. Rarity.

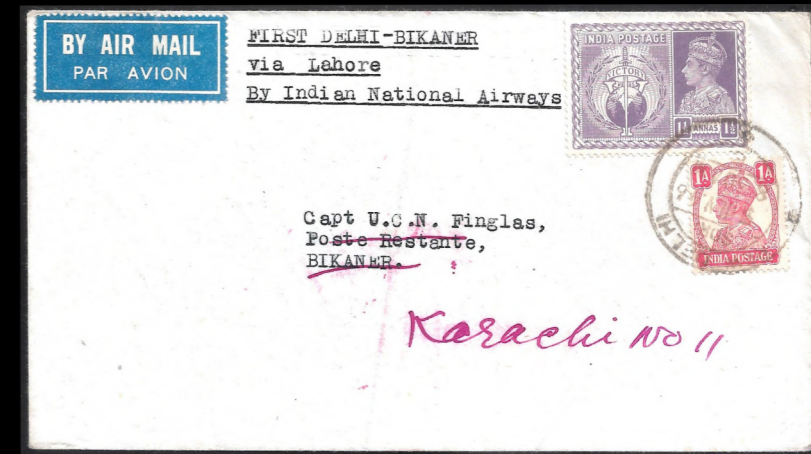
₹35,000

300. **Air India International First Flight/First Day Covers complete set of 3 on National Flag Souvenir Cover** – from India to Cairo, Geneva and London. Fine condition, one of the covers is not from the usual Bombay origin but from Calcutta. Very low start.

₹2,500



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301. **Air India 1948 Bangalore to USA FFC/FDC** – both KGV and Air India stamp tied by special postmark. 18 annas rated cover. Uncommon destination and Rare origin.

₹4,000

302. **Madras origin Air India International FFC/FDC** – superb address printed Nathan cover from Madras. Geneva cds on reverse.

₹1,500

303. **Air India Private Hansen cachet on National Flag Souvenir cover** – Hansen handstamp applied on reverse which is only found on covers addressed to Hansen in Croydon.

₹1,500

304. **Air India Hansen cachet Tata cover with block of 4** – superb cover with Hansen handstamp applied on reverse which is only found on covers addressed to Hansen in Croydon. Scarce block FFC/FDC.

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305. **KGV Silver Jubilee stamp in combination with National Flag 1947 and Air India 1948 issues** – on FFC/FDC, registration label on reverse.

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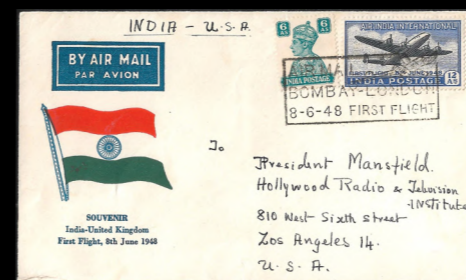
306. **Geneva to Bombay Air India Rare FFC** – one of the most coveted Air India covers. Geneva to Bombay inscribed return flight cover Swiss stamps cancelled by 12 June 1948 cds. Minor blemishes do not detract as the cover is overall in superb condition.

Delivery cds on reverse. Rare long Tata official Return cover.

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307. **Air India stamp on cover to Singapore sent after the Flight had departed** – cancelled on 8 June 1948 by Salisbury Park Pune cds. To be carried on the 8 June flight, it was imperative that all covers had to reach Bombay by 6 June. But in this case the cover was posted on 8 June and that too in Pune and on a cover to a Singapore, in the opposite direction of the flight! The reverse has 14 June 1948 delivery cds. Rare and Strange usage of a stamp that was only meant to be used on the first flight.

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**AIR INDIA**

308. **Air India Dusseldorf and Return 1953**  
**First Flight Airletter** – Dusseldorf was introduced as a halt of the Bombay to London service. Air letter posted on the first flight from Dusseldorf to Bombay and reposted from Bombay to Dusseldorf. Interesting item carried on the first flights in both directions.

₹12,000

309. **Air India Bombay to Bangkok enroute to Hong Kong 1954** – ageing marks do not detract from this rare stage of this flight. Bangkok delivery cds on reverse. Rarity.

₹18,000

310. **Madras Stage of the Bombay to Sydney FFC 1956** – superb and scarce.

₹3,000

311. **Air India Sydney to London 1956 FFC** – interestingly illustrated and scarce first flight cover.

₹5,000

312. **Air India Moscow to New Delhi 1958 FFC** – addressed to Brazil. Minor blemishes do not detract from this interesting cover.

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313. **Air India Bombay to Nairobi Private FFC 1961** – scarce.

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314. **Bombay to Tokyo Air India Private FFC 1961** – Superb and Scarce.

₹2,000

315. **Air India Vienna to Bombay via Rome Private FFC** – scarce and superbly franked FFC.

₹1,500

316. **Air India Bombay to Sydney and Return Pilot Autographed FFCs 1962** – each signed by the pilot, Captain Pedder. Scarce pair with insert inside both covers.

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317. **Air India Pilot Autographed covers Bombay to Moscow and Return 1962** – each signed by the pilot, Captain Pedder. Scarce pair with insert inside both covers.

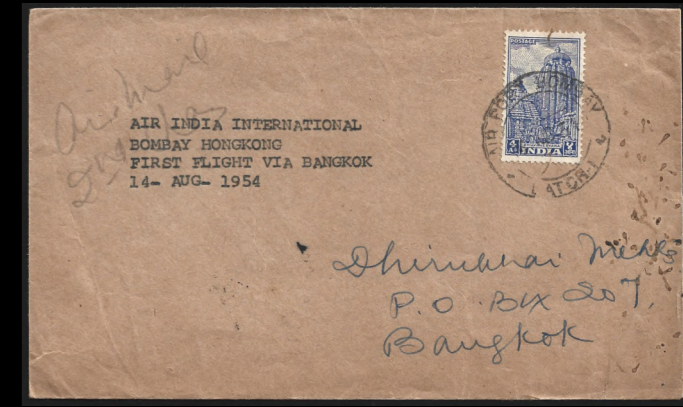
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318. **Air India Geneva to Sydney 1963 FFC** – superb registered cover sent on Switzerland to Australia leg of Air India flights.

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319. **Teheran to Zurich Air India 1969 FFC** – superbly illustrated cover.

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320. **Air India Geneva to Dubai 2 FFCs 1969** – both private FFCs with superb illustration of Oil Rig and Camel.

₹1,500

321. **Air India Dacca to London 1972 FFC** - rare cover, carried on Dacca-Delhi-Bombay-London route. 4 April 1972 Dacca cds on Bangladesh stamp. Very desirable.

₹25,000

322. **Air India Commemorative Swiss Card** – that celebrates the arrival of 3 Boeing 747 Jumbos on the same day. Air India flight was on the New York to Geneva to Bombay route. Superb.

₹2,500

323. **Air India Mumbai to Los Angeles via Frankfurt FFC 2004** – superb condition.

₹1,000

324. **Air India Olympic Flight 2006 FFC** – from Mumbai to Turin with delivery cds on reverse. This cover was carried on the Air India flight that carried the Indian Olympic team to Italy. Very Scarce.

₹8,000

325. **Beijing Olympics Air India 2007 FFC** – from Mumbai to Beijing with delivery cds on reverse. This cover was carried on the Air India flight that carried the Indian Olympic team to China. Very Scarce.

₹8,000

### INDIAN AIRLINES AND OTHER FLIGHTS

326. **Madras to Nagpur Inland Airmail Flight 30 January 1949** – the night airmail service began on the first death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Hence a cover multi-thematic cover. Addressed to Jal Cooper and with superb Inland Airmail handstamp.

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327. **Indian Airlines Official FFC Madras to Calcutta** – Caravelle Jet Flight 1966. On Indian Airlines Corporation stationary and addressed to the Traffic Office Incharge at Calcutta. Calcutta delivery cds on reverse. Scarce.

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328. **Nepal Indian Airlines Calcutta to Kathmandu FFC 1966** – on Indian Airlines stationary and addressed to the Station Manager Kathmandu. Minor blemishes and hinges on reverse do not detract from this Rare cover.

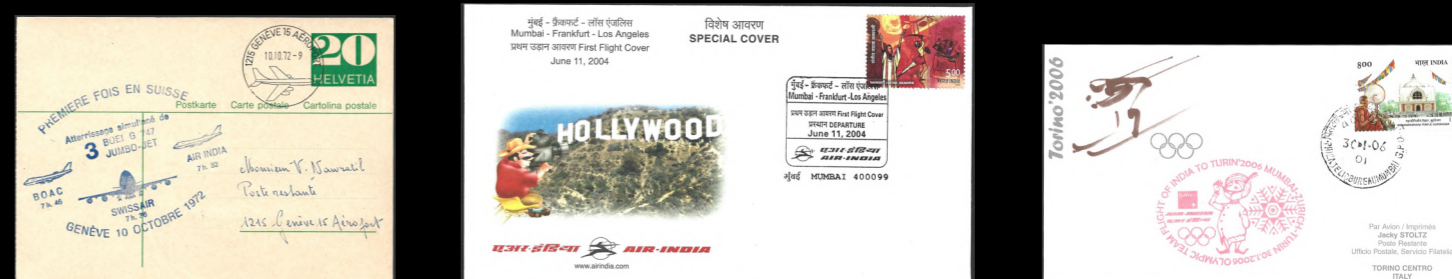
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329. **Kathmandu to Calcutta FFC 1966** – on Indian Airlines stationery and addressed to the Traffic Officer Incharge at Calcutta. Minor blemishes and hinges on reverse do not detract from this Rare cover.

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330. **Calcutta to Dacca and Return 2 FFCs** – the return cover especially scarce because of the usage of Bangladesh handstamp on a Pakistani stamp.

₹1,500

331. **Reintroduction of Night Airmail 1 April 1975 Bombay to Madras** – first flight cover with delivery cds on reverse.

₹2,000

332. **Delhi to Lahore Indian Airlines International Flight 21 July 1976** – ageing marks do not detract from this scarce cover with Lahore delivery cds on reverse.

₹4,000

333. **Indian Airlines 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

334. **Indian Airlines Madras to Bombay Newspaper advert flight cover** – an incredible creation made out from a newspaper advertisement. Minor faults as are to be expected from a makeshift envelope made out of newsprint. Unique.

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335. **Airbus Private Flight Cover Bombay to Calcutta and onwards to Tiruchy** – scarce private cachet.

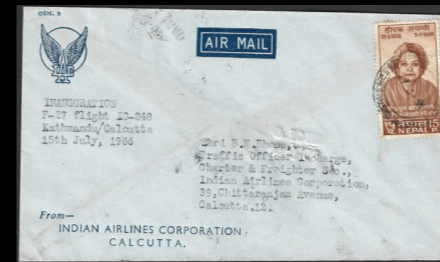
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336. **Port Blair Demonstration Flight 18 June 1977** – flight over the Islands and then landed back at Port Blair by air. Addressed to the Station Manager at Port Blair. On official Indian Airlines stationery, Port Blair delivery cds on reverse.

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

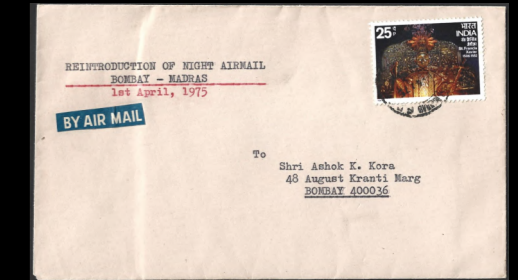
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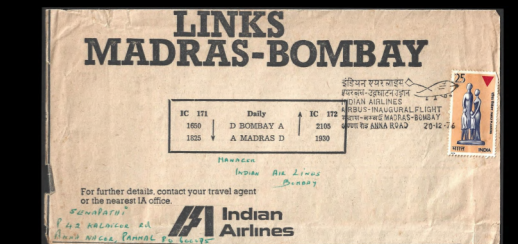
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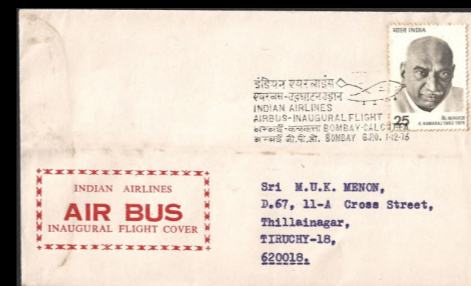
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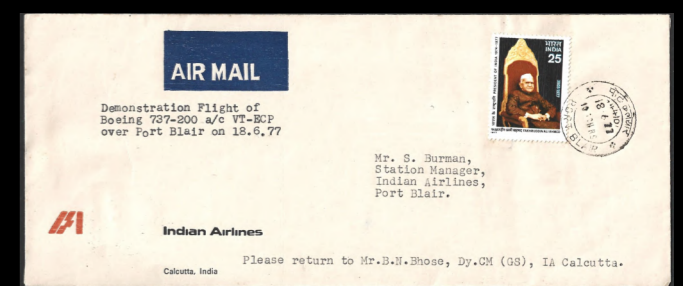
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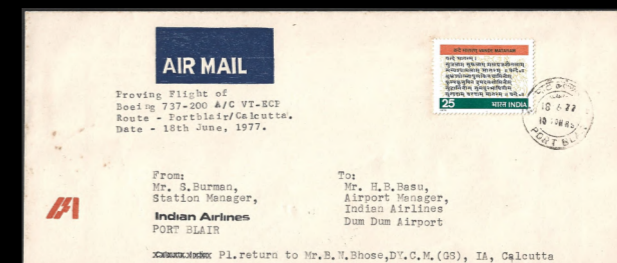
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338. **Leh to Srinagar Boeing 737 FFC** – unaddressed but with postmark of Leh. In our opinion this is a return flight cover as the special postmark reads 'Srinagar-Leh-Srinagar' and hence the additional Leh postmark signifies its mail acceptance and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

₹3,000

339. **Calcutta to Bombay and Return 2 FFCs 1964** – superb long Bhiwandiwalla Private FFCs.

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340. **Madras to Bombay Private FFC Caravelle Flight 1964** – scarce.

₹500

341. **Delhi to Calcutta and Return 2 Caravelle FFCs 1964** – superb long Bhiwandiwalla Private FFCs.

₹1,000

342. **Bombay to Hyderabad and Return Private FFCs 1964** – superb Srinivasan Private FFCs.

₹1,000

343. **Hyderabad to Madras and Return 2 Caravelle FFCs 1964** – ageing marks do not detract from these Private FFCs.

₹1,000

344. **BOAC four FFCs between London and Singapore** – various stages and most importantly an internal BOAC FFC from Calcutta to Delhi. Ageing marks do not detract from this value for money lot.

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345. **Queen Elizabeth Royal Visit to India 1961** – carried on the Queen's flight from Madras to Bangalore, signed by the pilot and on BOAC stationary. Slightly reduced on the right. Very Scarce.

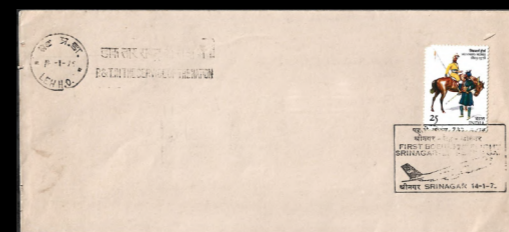
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346. **First National Space Day Special Cover** – numbered cover, one of only 200 issued covers produced by the Air Mail Society India Foundation (AMSI).

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347. **Last Flight as Air Vistara Kochi to Bengaluru 11 November 2024** – one of only 100 covers created by AMSI.

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348. **Air Vistara First Flight after merger with Air India 12 November 2024** – Delhi to Trivandrum flight. One of only 100 covers created by Air Mail Society India Foundation as a memento.

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**ROCKETMAIL**

349. **Lighthouse Saugor Island 1934 Rocketmail cover** – JC#6 Mary Shenton. Superb condition and very low start.

₹7,000

350. **Scouts Jamboree Equipment List and Lt. Governor's Message** – the List JC#18b has marks on the right and other faults. The Lt. Governor's message JC#18e is in pristine condition and only 200 were carried.

₹2,000

351. **Scouts Jamboree Loyalty Messages 1 February and 8 February** – superb condition except for tiny pinhole in one. JC#18f and JC#21b both signed by Stephen Smith. Very Desirable.

₹3,500

352. **Scouts 3 complete sheets of Labels** – 9 in each sheet. Superb condition.

₹2,000

353. **Rocketmail Labels lot of 6** – some signed by Stephen Smith on the reverse. Includes 4 from the Scouts Jamboree in Delhi, Coronation and Saturn Rocket label. Very low start.

₹1,500

**MILITARY AND CENSORED MAIL**

(Also see Lot 31, 157 & 407)

354. **India NWF Military Operations 1897 Field Post Office 14A cover** – with variety in postmark I on top splits to look like II. From military operations in North West Frontier Province. The FPO on 21 October 1897 was stationed at Fort Lockhart. Opening faults on top do not detract. Jersey delivery cds on reverse. Scarce.

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355. **CEF India and Japanese stamp combination tied by FPO 11 cds** – which was then situated at Sinho. On Punjab Pioneers stationary with Base Office and delivery cds. Very Scarce combination cover from a scarce FPO.

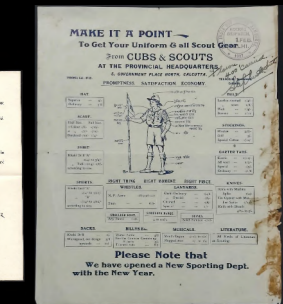
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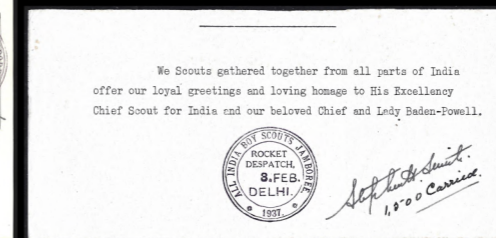
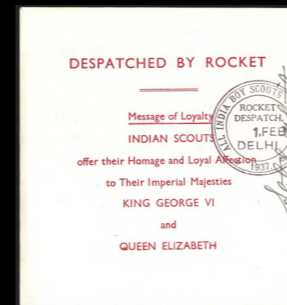
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356. **India, Germany and Japan combination CEF postcard 1902** – a magnificent combination pc sent within China. Stamps of each country tied by their respective CEF postmarks. The Indian CEF stamps is tied by FPO 4 cds. Certified as genuine by Peter Holcombe in 1999. Superb condition and Very Scarce.

₹32,000

357. **IEF Set of 10 values cancelled FPO 338 on 5 September 1917** – the FPO was situation in Kilosa Tanganyika. Each stamp struck by the FPO cds. Superb and Very Desirable.

₹10,000

358. **Lot of 20 censored WWII airletters** – brilliant lot with some air letters also censored by civil authorities.

₹3,000

359. **India usage WWII 2 Illustrated Air Letters** – used from the middle east. Ageing marks and some faults. Significantly, one of the air letters is hand-coloured.

₹1,000

360. **Internal Censors lot of 9 covers** – displaying interesting internal censorship marks.

₹1,500

361. **Simla 4 Internal Censored covers 1940** – to various destinations. Noteworthy case of very strict internal censorship by postal authorities in Simla. Very Scarce lot.

₹3,000

362. **Chaman origin 2 Internal Censors** – censored as Chaman was the exchange office as well as border town between Southern Afghanistan and British India.

₹1,500

363. **Jalapahar Parole Camp Censored incoming cover from Calcutta** – ageing marks do not detract as such parole camp mail from WWII period is rarely seen. Correctly delivered even as the sender had spelt Jalapahar as Katapahar!

₹2,000

364. **KGVI 1 anna Censored envelope sent to Belgium 1940** – Service Suspended and Returned to Sender. On the way back sent to Dacca and then diverted to Belgaum. Superb and Very Scarce routing.

₹1,500

365. **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. Has sold in auctions at twice the starting price.

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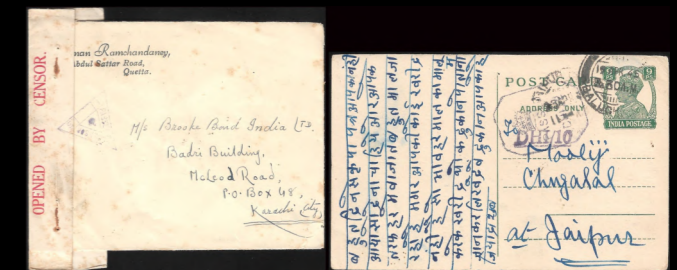
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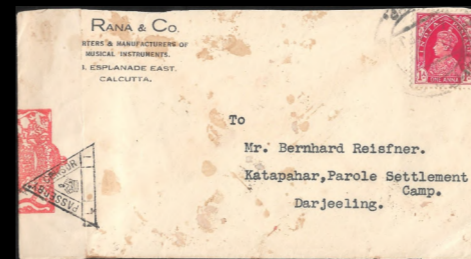
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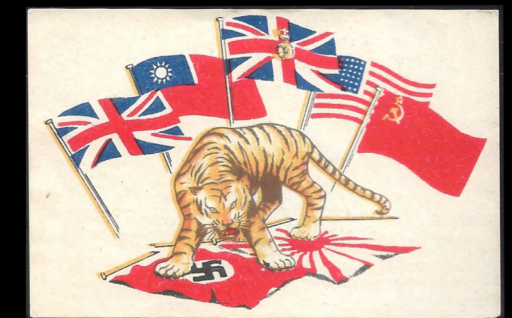
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366. **Victory WWII Great India Peninsula Label** – large part original gum, crease does not detract. Rare label.

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367. **UN Peacekeeping Force in Korea FPO 740 complete set of 12** – with delivery cds on reverse. Scarce cover sent to New Delhi.

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368. **Indian Forces in Korea FPO No. 741 Registered cover** – to Bareilly with transit and delivery cds. Ageing marks do not detract as registered covers with all 12 values are very scarce.

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**ROYAL VISITS AND SPECIAL POSTMARKS**

(Also see Lot 345)

369. **Minto Fete postmark on Calcutta Chitpore Road Tucks postcard** – Howrah 2 February 1907 delivery cds.

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370. **Coronation Durbar incoming reply postcard** – Rare Coronation Durbar delivery postmark with 15 November 1911 cds. The cds cancelling the indicia has time upside down and the date slugs

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reversed. Odd blemishes do not detract as early incoming mail before the start of the Durbar is extremely rare.

₹14,000

371. **Coronation Durbar 30 November 1911 Cover** – to Ghaziabad. Sent on the day before the commencement of the Durbar. Scarce.

₹5,000

372. **Coronation Durbar uprated KEVII registered postal stationery** – with Coronation Durbar registration label and Ballygunge delivery cds on reverse. Magnificent condition.

₹4,000

373. **Coronation Durbar Roller cancel cover sent to Bombay** – on official stationery of the Consul General of the Ottoman Empire in Bombay. Rare and the first such cover that we have seen.

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374. **Calcutta Exhibition Peacock December 1923 postmark** – struck on 8 November 1923. Roughly opened and other blemishes do not detract. Clear postmark on commercial mail to Waltair.



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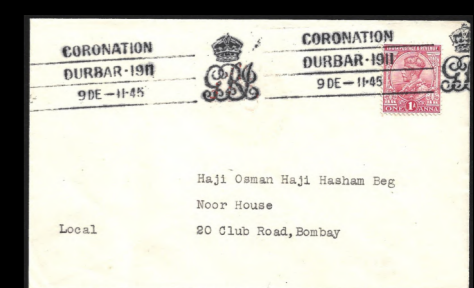
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375. **Prince of Wales India Visit 24 February 1922 Penny Postage Jubilee postcard** – Patiala State stamp tied by special postmark and sent to Bombay.

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376. **Prince of Wales India Visit 21 March 1922** – special postmark on cover from Jammu to Bombay.

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377. **Prince of Wales Tour Golden Press Pass** – issued to 'The Times' representative Sir H. P. Robinson. An all-access pass issued to an eminent journalist and signed by the Police Officer on the Staff of the Prince. Interestingly numbered 1, hence the first such pass issued for the tour. Magnificent.

₹12,000

378. **Prince of Wales State Dinner List of Attendees** – 5 pages with complete list includes list of those Indian royals and officers who will attend 'after dinner'! From the estate of journalist Sir Robinson. Rare.

₹8,000

**POSTAL HISTORY, EARLY INDIA CANCELLATIONS AND MISC.**

379. **England to Calcutta 1810 entire** – carried by hand and addressed to Francis S. White in the service of East India Company in

Bengal. Long letter with some paper separation but seems intact. Merits further research.

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380. **Madras to Bangalore 1856** – with clear strike of Madras Bearing trisected that is unrecorded by Giles along with Bangalore Giles#17 and boxed 2nd D postmark. Superb and Scarce.

381. **Bangalore Type 6/C/11 and Giles#14 on entire** – along with Receiving House 2 and Too Late postmarks. Tear on one corner does not detract from this Scarce 1859 entire.

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382. **GB and India Combination cover 1862** – from Aberdeen to Madras, redirected on arrival to Chittoor. 2 annas East India stamp applied and cancelled at Madras. Postage on Redirection was 2 annas upto 1 tola weight. Roughly opened and taped but still Very Desirable and Scarce.

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383. **Bath to Madras Combination cover 1864** – redirected to Chingleput. 2 annas East India stamp applied and cancelled at Madras. Scarce.

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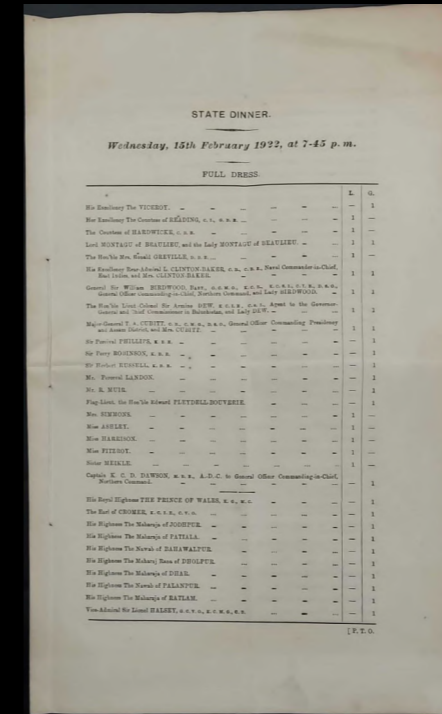
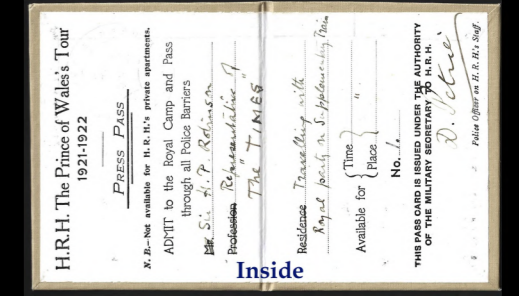
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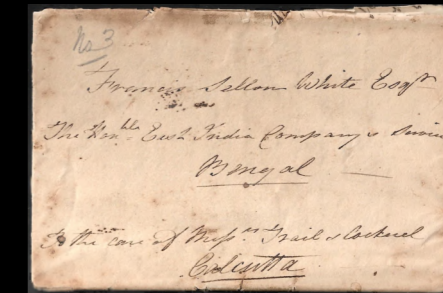
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384. **1866 6a8p rated cover from Secunderabad to England with very scarce Suburban No. 1 Secunderbad cds – 3 colour franking tied Type 12.** Reverse with various transit cds.

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385. **6a8p 1872 cover from Pullachy Coimbatore to Edinburgh – franked with all 4 stamps tied by superb strikes of Type 12/167/Pullachy.** With postmarks of Pullachy, Madras, Bombay and Edinburgh. Magnificent.

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386. **QV multi-franked uprated postal stationery Purneah to England – 8 annas rated with each stamp tied by Type 9/III/153/Purneah.** Odd fault does not detract from this 1872 cover. Superb.

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387. **India and GB Combination cover 1874 – sent from Madras to London via Brindsi.** Redirected to Fareham. GB 1 penny applied and cancelled at Charing Cross London. On Bank of Madras stationery. Scarce.

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388. **India to GB Redirected cover 1876 – from the same correspondence as the preceding cover but treated differently by the postal authorities.** Madras to London

redirected to Fareham without charge. But not taxed for redirection, this happened even though India did not join UPU until later that year. Interesting.

₹3,000

389. **6a8p cover sent via Marseilles to Scotland – Type 4/446 postmark of Benares? tying the stamp.** With TPO and 2 other transit postmarks.

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390. **Four covers with Type 4 postmarks – very fine lot.**

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391. **Four covers with variants of Type 4 postmarks – superb lot.**

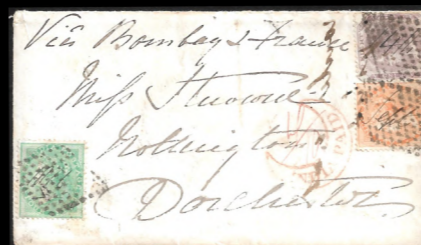
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392. **Mominabad to Bombay – cancelled by Type 6/C/48 in blue.** Coloured cancellations are particularly desirable and scarce.

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393. **Type 6c/C/84 on entire from Vizianagram to Bangalore – stamp split as stuck to seal entire but clear example of this cancel which Cooper termed as Extremely Scarce.** Exhibit quality.

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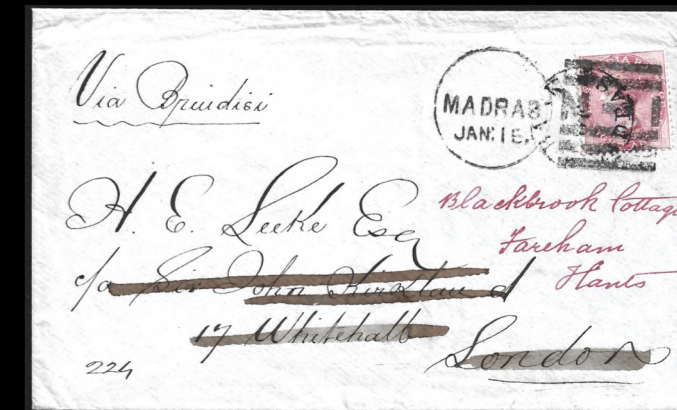
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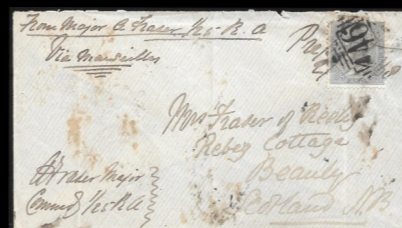
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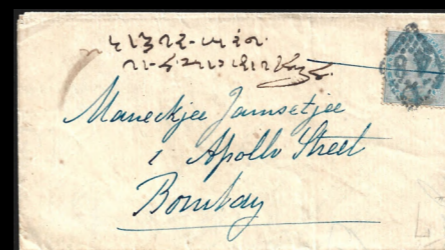
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394. **Bengal Circle Type 7 two postal items** – B/30 from Berhampore to Calcutta and B/74 part letter sheet from Titalyah to Nagpore. Superb duo.

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395. **Nowgong Three Annas rated cover to Bombay 1860** – Type 7/B/138 cancel tying all 3 stamps, Calcutta transit and Bombay delivery postmarks. The 2 annas stamp seems to be the elusive Dull pink shade.

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396. **Seetacond Chittagong 8 annas rated cover to London 1873** – superb strike of Type 7/B/238 in Blue. Clear Calcutta transit and delivery postmarks. Coloured cancels of Type 7 are scarcely seen or offered.

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397. **Rajahmundry Datestamp and Obliterator Reversed** – on complete letter sheet to Masulipatam.

₹2,000

398. **First Experimental Postmark lot of 11** – from various circles including a cover from the very scarce S – Assam circle. The postmark format was Circle Alphabet/Numeral/Date. Covers in good to mixed condition. Scarce lot.

₹3,500

399. **Triple Star Ornamental postmarks on 5 covers and cards** – lovely collection of such postmarks from Delhi, Kanpur, Allahabad, Ajmer and Cawnpore.

₹1,500

400. **Calcutta 2 interesting postmarks** – one on superb Kidderpore Dock postcard.

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401. **KEVII period Double Killer Band postmarks** – on 4 items from 4 different post offices. Superb lot.

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402. **QV Calcutta Security Handstamp on all 4 stamps** – each stamped tied by Calcutta Squared Circle cds with London cds. The handstamp on the stamps also applied on the reverse. Scarce.

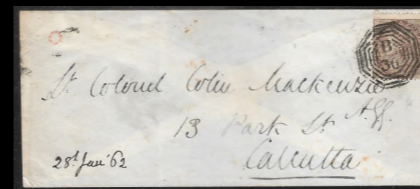
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403. **Queen's Image Bazar Card Postcard 1903** – superb blue card.

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404. **Yellow Label tied cover** – QV half anna postal stationery with yellow label that requests return of cover to the postman to be handed over to the RMS. Opened out for display and with original contents.

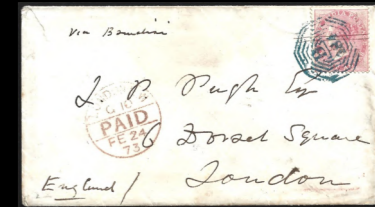
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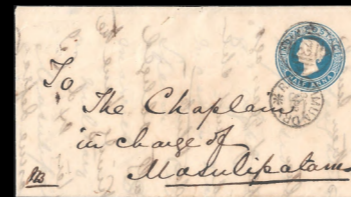


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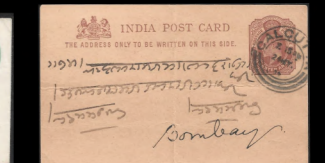
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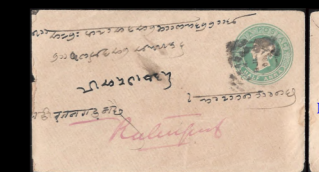
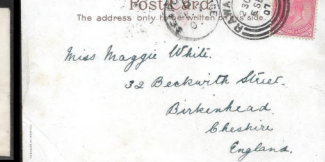
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405. **Younghusband Correspondence** – 1902 cover to passenger by P. & O. Victoria, Port Said, Egypt and 1908 cover from Jammu to Srinagar.

₹2,000

406. **KEVII 3 High Values Rs. 2, 3 and 5** – each struck by Calcutta GPO cds, registration mark on front, Dresden delivery cds on reverse. Magnificent usage of 3 high values on one cover. Stunning show piece that was internationally posted. Magnificent Rarity.

₹50,000

407. **KGV Printed two panelled card with FPO postmarks** – 2 stamps, one Indian and one British, tied by FPO 5 postmarks of 1917 and another tied by FPO 118 postmark of 1918. Seems to be printed in 1911 to coincide with the Coronation Durbar. The Hindi text of the card sings paeans in praise of the British Emperor. With flag printed on the front, it also bears printed signature of KGV. The FPO postmarks were struck subsequently during WWI period. Some spine splitting and to prevent further splitting the card should not be folded. The card serves as a historical illustration of the sycophantic behaviour exhibited by certain Indians towards British royalty. Unique Showpiece.

₹30,000

408. **Miranshah To be Delivered Free postmark** – on 1918 cover to Bombay. Delivery and transit cds on reverse.

₹1,500

409. **Mount Everest Expedition 1924 Illustrated Postcard** – with label tied by red Expedition cachet. Odd pinhole does not detract from this popular card.

₹2,000

410. **Quetta Earthquake Postage Free handstamp** – on cover to England. With Triangle I. S. handstamp. 11 June 1935 transit cds on reverse. Roughly opened from top but that does not detract from this fine example of Earthquake mail.

₹4,000

411. **Golden Temple Saving Bank post office postmark on airletter** – fine condition.

₹500

412. **Lucknow Certificate of Posting cds on 2 covers** – from 1937 and 1943. This type of postmark only recorded from Lucknow. And in both cases used on Under Postal Certificate covers. Scarce duo.

₹1,500



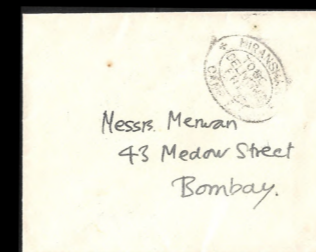
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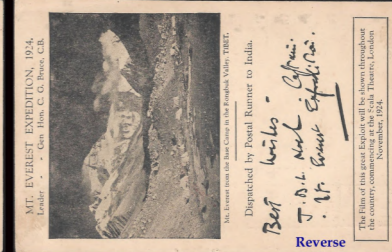
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413. **Airmail stamp used on Surface Mail 1940** – sent from Abbottabad to Iraq. Airmail stamps were only meant to be used on Airmails, this usage should not have been accepted but went unnoticed by Indian postal authorities. Opening faults on top. Rare usage of Airmail stamp on surface mail. Censored with delivery cds on reverse.

₹10,000

414. **Great Eastern Hotel Calcutta OAT cover to France** – on Indochina Theatres stationery. Opened roughly and other faults do not detract. Exhibits beautifully.

₹3,000

415. **India OAT cover to USA** – Two rupees 12 annas rated censored cover. All stamps tied by FPO 197 cds.

₹2,000

416. **OAT cover from Karachi to Switzerland** – fine condition.

₹2,000

417. **Connaught Place Telephone Bills cds on 2 covers** – this canceller was all in probability used as a receiving stamp for telephone bills which were deposited at the post office. Very Scarce postal usage from 1947.

₹1,000

418. **Indian Antarctic Expeditions 2 covers** – very fine covers from the Third and Sixth Expeditions. Very low start.

₹1,500

419. **French India Religious Sculptures 1948 Issue** – complete set of 18 Deluxe Imperf Die Cards. Mounted on thin black paper or hinge remnants on reverse. Brilliant and rare.

₹45,000

420. **Scouts Olave Baden Powell signed by special cover** – fine 1969 American cover signed by the leader of the Girl Scouts and Guides movement. Scarce. Very low start.

₹1,500

421. **Badrinath and Kedarnath Pilgrimage letter from the Deputy Commissioner Pauri Garhwal 1923** – appeal for funds to the 'Hindu Chiefs and Hindu communities' to make good the shortfall of funds required for sanitary and medical conveniences along the pilgrim route. Filling holes and notations.

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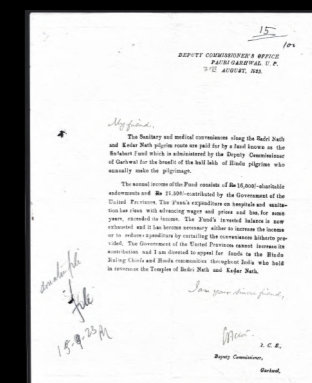
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422. **New Delhi Inauguration Postal Notice 1931** – informs about the release date and design of the stamps. And also their usage and availability. Superb condition.

₹15,000

423. **John Sidebottom's The Overland Mail to India First Edition** – important book that tells the story of Waghorn. Ageing marks do not detract, with dust jacket. Very low start.

₹2,500

424. **PTC Bar Cancelled 2 stamps on Cover 1951** – superb example of 2 barred stamps 2.5 annas and 6 annas used on cover. Stamps cancelled by Practical Class PTC Saharanpur. Delivery postmark on reverse. These stamps and covers were used at the Postal Training Centre, Saharanpur to train postal officials on how use and cancel stamps. One of the most popular and coveted items of Independent Indian philately. And in much better than usual condition.

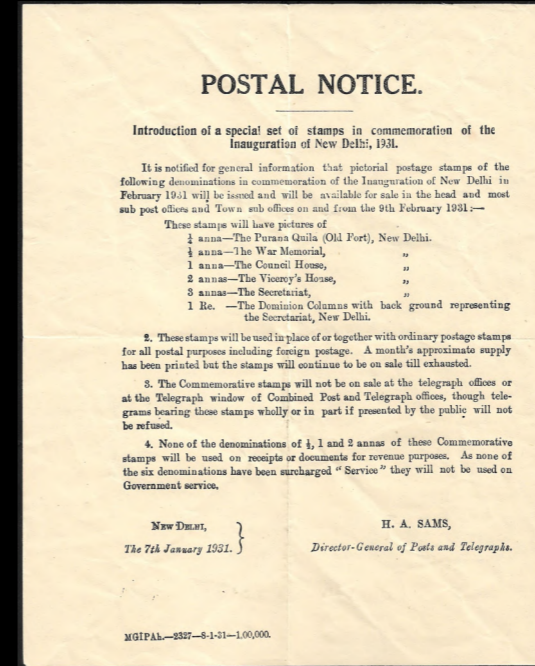
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425. **PTC Bar Cancelled 3 stamps on Cover 1952** – 3 barred stamps 6 pies, 1 anna and 8 annas used on roughly opened cover with usual tears and pinholes. Stamps

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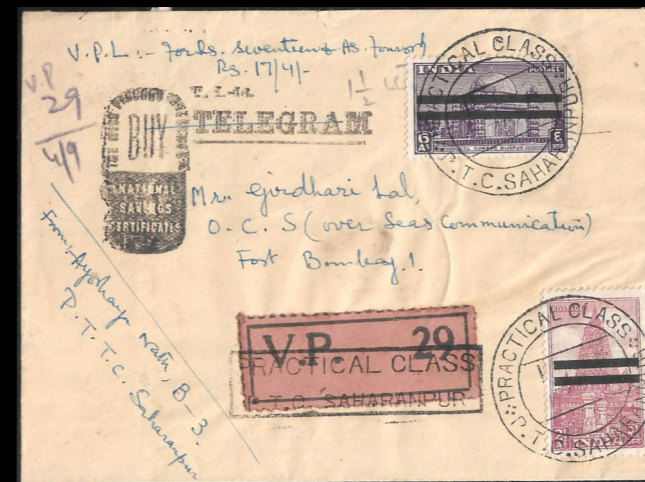
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