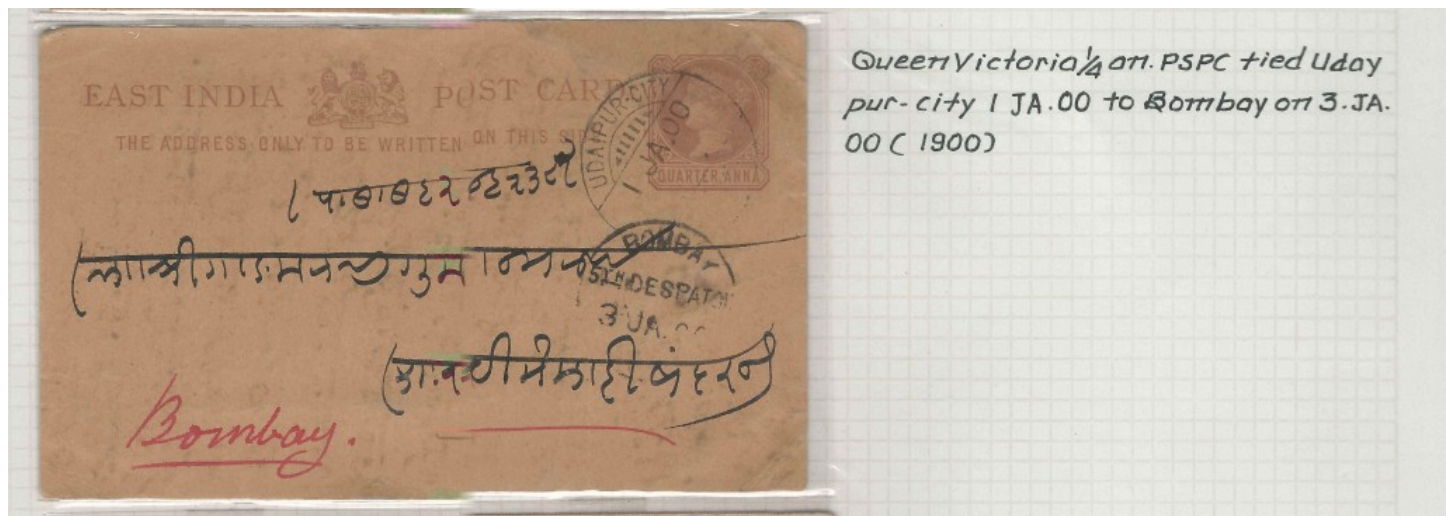


Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation celebrated World Post Day by documenting the postal services in Mewar



New Delhi, Oct 17, 2020 (Issuewire.com) - Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation celebrated World Post Day on 9th October by documenting the postal services in Mewar State

Originally, The Imperial Postal Service of the East India Company was used for the official communication and for the private purpose also. The State had also a local postal system of its own, called Brahmani Dak. It was started in the reign of Maharana Swarup Singh (r. 1842 - 1861 CE). This system was managed by a contractor to whom the Maharana had granted a monopoly. The official correspondence was carried free, but public service was chargeable half an Anna in the local currency. Brahmani Dak was a well organized postal system, it was not stamp based but worked on the basis of the official seal, for which the user had to pay a small amount. In 1868 CE, during the reign of Maharana Shambhu Singh (r. 1861 - 1874 CE) five Imperial Post offices were established in Mewar. Head Post office situated in Udaipur other sub-offices (Bhilwara, Chittorgarh, Kherwara, Nathdwara and Udaipur City office) connected the headquarters of each district with police and revenue station. In 1871 CE Maharana Shambhu Singh introduced hand stamps. Postmarks were not uniform in all post offices.

During the reign of Maharana Fateh Singh (r. 1884 – 1930 CE), the postal services have increased, 18 local post offices also called branch offices were established in Mewar. Telegraph services were started during the reign of Maharana Fateh Singh. In addition to telegraph offices at the 20 railway stations, there were 4 combined post and telegraph offices at Udaipur, Bhilwara, Chittorgarh and Nathdwara. There were 40 local post offices working in this system during the reign of Maharana Bhupal Singh (r. 1930 - 1955 CE). Maharana Bhupal Singh initiated the new hand stamps, which was portrayed by Maharana's pictures. The parcel post was introduced in 1931 CE and postal charged according to weight and distance carried. The Brahmani Dak system was continued till 1950 CE under the Patronage of Maharanas.

The City Palace, Udaipur Postal Extension Counter was opened for providing postal services to the public in 1998 under the patronage of Shriji Arvind Singh Mewar of Udaipur. It was provided that the Government of India would pay Rs.11 only per month as a token rent for the Palace Extension Counter of Post Office.



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