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FOR SALE: Tibet 1984 "25 Years of Struggle and Reconstruction" issue. A few sets are available @ \$30. each, post paid (cash with order please). S.L. Shrestha, G.P.O. Box 72, Kathmandu, Nepal. [Ed. See article in this issue.]

NEPAL: WANTED - information and photocopies of Pashupati stamps on covers tied by unusual cancels (i.e. Classic cancels, seal cancels, manuscript cancels, etc.) for an article - will reimburse for expense. Also, unusual Pashupati covers of all periods for purchase or trade. Also wanted: 1 anna recut frame positions 24 and 64 - stamps and covers. Leo Martyn, P.O. Box 49263, Los Angeles, Ca. 90049-0263, U.S.A.

EDITORIAL

This issue of Postal Himal has as its front cover illustration (slightly reduced) a letter sent at one of the new postal rates which went into effect on July 17 of this year. Mr. Surrendra Lal Shrestha, our representative in Nepal, sent the schedule which I have reproduced in its entirety for future reference. If any one has older postal rate schedules please send me a copy for publication.

* * * * *

I just received Dr. Hellrigl's excellent new book; Nepal Postal History, The British-Indian Post Office in Nepal, and it is certainly well worth the asking price. It is loaded with facts and illustrations presented in a format that is uncrowded and easy to read and use.

If interested, don't wait too long to obtain a copy as it will appeal to more than the Nepal philatelist. Wolfgang knows how to dig out the facts and present them in a logical yet easily understood manner. We are fortunate that his philatelic interests are the same as ours. The next Postal Himal will contain an in-depth review by Dr. Singer.

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Mr. Ramesh Shrestha writes: "I would like to introduce myself as a collector and student of Nepalese philately since the last decade. Presently I am initiating a detailed study on Postal Stationery, Revenues, and Cinderella areas of Nepalese philately. Thus, I want to establish a study group among the members interested in these areas". Interested members can write him at: G.P.O. Box 2060, Kathmandu, Nepal.

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Having recently visited Hawaii to view a Total Solar Eclipse I returned home looking forward to similar future happenings. Upon checking my references I discovered that there will be a Total Solar Eclipse in 2009 (July 22) that will occur in Kathmandu, Bhutan, parts of India, and can even be viewed on Mount Everest. By the next century there may even be some convenience service (helicopter, hot air balloon, escalator, etc.) to the top of the mountain. It will be a great theme for the issue of commemorative stamps by the appropriate Himalayan countries.

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Christie's Robson Lowe auction of October 17 offered 4 lots of Nepalese die proofs as follows. I have indicated the hammer prices (not including the buyer's commission).

Nepal

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|------|---|-------|
| 1867 | 1886-1961 range including ☒ (6) with a small selection of native issues (mixed condition), the mint including 1930 5r. block of four, 1935 8p. scarlet block of four, 1941 local printing 2p. yellow-green (error of colour) complete sheet of forty (4×10), other "Siva Mahadeva" values including imperforate plate proofs, 1949 to 1r. (with a block of four), 1956 Coronation 1r. (3), 1958 Air 10p. imperforate horizontally between; interesting ☒ bearing Indian and native adhesives. (202) | |
| 1868 | Ⓟ 1907 "Siva Mahadeva" 4p. die proof on thin wove paper (79×54mm.) in issued colour, staple holes (clear of design). Fine. Photo | ₹ 300 |
| 1869 | Ⓟ — 16p. die proof on thick unsurfaced card (62×45mm.) in issued colour reverse with ms. inscription "16 pice colour for sixteen pice stamps"; fine. Photo | ₹ 350 |
| 1870 | Ⓟ 1930 "Siva Mahadeva" (redrawn) 24p. die proof on wove paper (70×50mm.) in issued colour, showing ms. "24 pice" and printed "15. APR. 1930", both on face clear of design. Fine. Photo | ₹ 220 |
| 1871 | Ⓟ — 5r. die proof on wove paper (71×45mm.) in issued colours, showing guide lines on all sides. Fine. Photo | ₹ 280 |

A NEW ISSUE OF PHILATELY - THE NEPAL PHILATELY HALF-YEARLY JOURNAL
 --Lester A. Michel, USA Representative

The recently issued Volume No. XVI, 90 Jan/91 Jan (Whole No. 29) is of interest to any Nepal collector, as the Table of Contents (on page 3) will indicate. The Editorial (page 4) explains the reasons for the delay in publishing this issue. Despite the delays in issuing PHILATELY in recent years, material of interest for beginners through advanced collectors is found through out. -- Note page 5 which gives important information, including names and addresses of the representatives in the Western world. The membership fees are reasonable, so send your cheque to your representative today.

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Second Children's Day

On 1st. March 1961 (17th. Falguna 2017) the last of the locally printed stamps produced by the Gorkha Patra Press was issued. This was a 12 paisa stamp issued to celebrate Children's Day. The design was from a photograph taken by the King's photographer Pasupati Lall (Fig 1).

The design shows Prince Gyanhendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev cancelling First Day Covers of the 1960 Children's Day stamps.

Prince Gyanhendra, the second son of King Mahendra, appeared briefly in the history of Nepal when in November 1950, King Tribhuvana fled to Delhi. The Ranas chose the four year old Prince to replace Him. Prince Gyanhendra was "King of Nepal" for only a few weeks until King Tribhuvana returned to reclaim his throne on 18th. February 1951.

The inscription in the top margin reads "Bala Dibas Nepal Hulak Tikat" and in the bottom margin is the English translation "Children's Day Nepal Postage" and the value 12p. The Nepali and English dates "18/11/017" and "1/3/61" are shown in the left and right margins respectively.

The stamp is 35mm in height and 25mm in width. It was issued in sheets of 16 (4 x 4). It is reported that only 1,000 sheets were printed and that because of the stamps ugliness and unpopularity it was withdrawn from sale after only one day. Postally used copies are consequently scarce. Due to the low number issued the stamp even in mint condition is difficult to locate but several mint sheets are known to exist.

Only one printing was made on white unwatermarked paper with clear white gum. There are however various thicknesses of paper to be found. The colour of the stamp varies from bright-orange to dull pale-orange.

Sheets were perforated 10 to 11 and the perforations were usually good. A number of wholly imperforate sheets were discovered in Kathmandu some years ago. These were probably the remainders withdrawn by the Postal Authority. Several of these imperforate sheets are still available and wholly imperforate pairs and blocks from these can be found. No other varieties of this stamp have been recorded (Fig 2).

Very few First Day Covers were prepared and they are scarce. The hand-stamp used is a four line marking which has three lines of Nepali characters translating as "First Day of Issue", "Children's Day" and the date "18.11.017". The fourth line shows the English date "1.3.61" (Fig 3). The hand-stamp and the standard postmark were both struck in black.

Catalogue

- (i) 12 paisa orange
- (ii) Wholly imperforate
- (iii) First Day Cover
- (iv) Postally used on cover



Fig.1



Fig.2 Wholly Imperforate Marginal Pair

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बाल-दिवस

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Fig.3 Hand-Stamp

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[Ed. Also refer to Dr. Armand Singer's article "Errors, Para-errors, and Irregularities in the Postage Stamps of Nepal", American Philatelic Congress Book of 1971.]

Mainly, thanks must go to all the members of The Nepal and Tibet Study Circle whose answers to my many demands make up the majority of these observations.

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(Effective from 17th July 1991)

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2. (a) Post Card	5/-	6/-	7/-	9/-
(b) Printed Post Card	5/-	6/-	7/-	9/-
3. Aerogramme	5/50	6/50	7/50	9/50
4. Book-post, Printed paper :				
News paper :				
Each 20 gms or part	4/-	5/-	6/-	8/-
5. Small Packet:				
Each 50 gms or part (up to 1 kg)	15/-	16/-	17/-	20/-
6. Blind Literature :	Free (up to 7 kg)			

7. Registered News paper: each 20 gms 2/50 3/- 3/50 4/50
8. Insurance Fee (as per inland postage rates.)

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21 gms to 100 gms	15/-	12/-
101 gms to 250 gms	30/-	25/-
251 gms to 500 gms	50/-	40/-
501 gms to 1000 gms	90/-	75/-
1001 gms to 2000 gms	160/-	140/-
2. Post Card	4/-	3/50
3. Book-Post Printed paper Newspaper.		
up to 20 gms	4/-	3/50
21 gms to 100 gms	8/-	7/-
101 gms to 250 gms	10/-	9/-
251 gms to 500 gms	20/-	18/-
501 gms to 1000 gms	40/-	36/-
1001 gms to 2000 gms	60/-	55/-
above 2000 gms per additional step of 1000 gms	16/-	14/-
4. Small Packet:		
Up to 100 gms	8/-	7/-
101 gms to 250 gms	12/-	10/-
251 gms to 500 gms	24/-	20/-
501 gms to 1000 gms	36/-	30/-
1001 gms to 2000 gms	55/-	40/-
5. Blind Literature	Free.	
6. Registered Newspaper per 50 gms.	3/-	2/50
7. Insurance Fee -	(as per inland postage rates.)	

N.B: Maximum weight:-
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(For Books and Pamphlet 5 KG)

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| 4. Registration fee per article | 8/- |
| 5. International reply coupon per coupon. | 10/- |
| 6. Acknowledgement fee | 5/- |
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| 8. Repacking charge: | |
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| (b) parcel with duty up to Rs. 50/- | 6/- |
| (c) parcel with duty up to Rs. 100/- | 9/- |
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4. Book-post, printed paper,		
sample packet	up to 20 gms	-/50
	Each additional	
	10 gms or part.	-/30
5. Registered Newspaper		
a) for single copy	up to 25 gms.	-/10
	up to 50 gms.	-/15
	Each additional	
	25 gms or part.	-/10
b) In case of more than one copy of the same issue of the same bundle of the same address.	Up to 50 gms	-/15
	Each additional	
	50 gms or part	-/10
6. Blind Literature.	Free	

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Certificate of posting	For 2 articles	-/50
2. Registration Fee-	Per article	4/-
3. Late Registration fee:	per article	-/50
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b) Rs. 10/- per card		-/10
c) Rs. 20/- per card		-/20
12. Postal Identity card per copy:		
a) one fiscal year		3/-
b) 3 fiscal years		6/-
13. Demurrage charge:		
a) First 7 days from the date of intimation delivered		Free
b) Thereafter for 15 days per day		3/-
c) Thereafter for 15 days per day		5/-
d) Thereafter the parcels will be disposed off as per legislation.		
e) No import licence is required for the article other than prohibited ones valuing up to Rs. 600/-.		
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Many thanks to Mr. S.L. Shrestha, the Study Circle's Representative in Nepal, for sending the new postal rate schedule.

Lalitpur Post Office Seal On Cover

Ramesh Shrestha



The post offices of Nepal are usually supplied with an official seal in addition to postmarks which are used for their documents. The postmarks, as everyone knows, are used for cancelling the stamps or applying on KAJSAKARIA [Official Govt.] covers, but the use of official seals are very rare on mailed covers.

Recently, I came across a redirected cover with Pashupati stamps of 1941-46 8p local print SG no. 59. This registered cover mailed from Lyanglyang on 17 Aswin 2001, i.e. 30 September 1944, to Kathmandu reached Lalitpur mistakenly on 22 Aswin, i.e. October 5. The Lalitpur Post office detected the mistake and redirected it to Kathmandu P.O. with the details of the error by attaching a small note and applying the official seal of the Lalitpur P.O. This seal contains the words "Shree Lalitpur Chhoti Hulak Adda 1993". The cover reached its correct destination on 24 Aswin, i.e. October 7. All three postmarks, in addition to the official seal, can be seen on the cover plus a small seal usually called "Puchhre Chhap" which belonged to the writer of the attached note and was applied at the end. The Puchhre reads "Shree Hari Prasad 2001".

Translation of the attached note:

"This registered letter No. 348 with 3 Tolas (35 gms.) addressed to Major General Basant Shumsher Jung Bahadur Rana, Dilli Bazar Durbar, Kathmandu, was mistakenly named Lieutenant General Shanker Shumsher Jung Bahadur Rana, Pulchowk, Lalitpur, in the accompanying registration record sheet by Lyanglyang Post Office. The Lalitpur Post Office detected the error and is forwarding this letter to Nepal Goswara Hulak for correct delivery 2001/6/24/2".



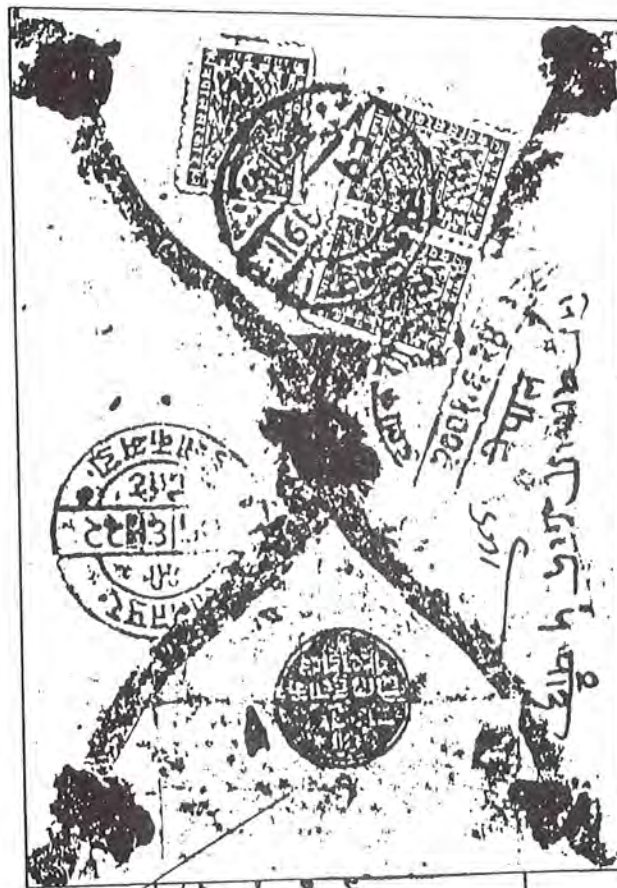
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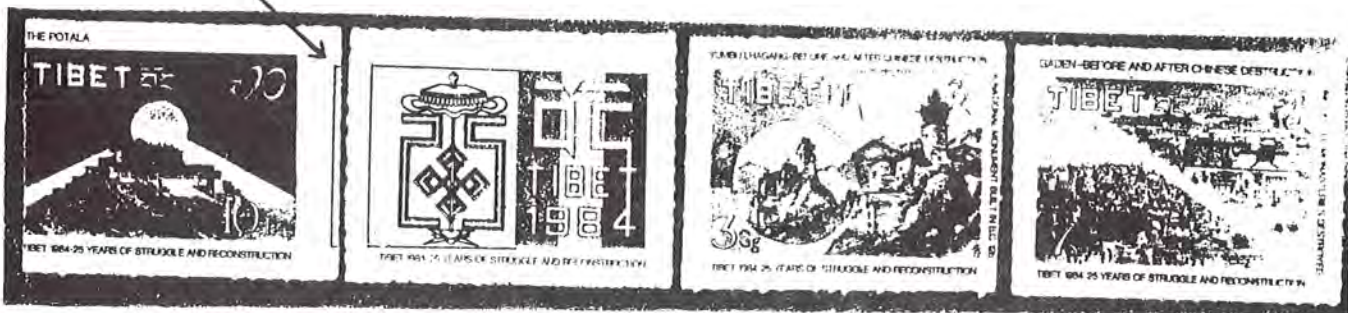
Official seal of Lalitpur Post Office. (24 mm)

Note attached on cover

Puchhre seal

Tibet 1984 - 25 Years of Struggle and Reconstruction Issue

Recently I saw new "Cinderella" "Tibet" stamps in sets of 4 different denominations. They are multi-colour on ungummed paper, rouleted Perce en Lignes. They show four different pictures of Tibetan places and motifs. These stamps could have been printed in se-tenant blocks of four [Ed. see arrow indicating possible frame of adjacent stamp.]



No one seems to know when or where they were issued but they could have been produced in Dharmasala in 1984 by the Tibetan Government in exile to be used on mail from the colony. I have seen one 10Tm value stamp bearing a cancel which contains a Hindi inscription reading "Tibetan Colony" but no covers.

The following slogans and inscriptions found on the stamps are notable and very important to the interested collectors of Tibetan philately:

- 4T Symbolic cross Bajra with "25 Tibet 1984".
- 3sg "Yumbu Lhagang-before and after Chinese destruction" and "A National Monument built in B.C. 128".
- 7sh "Gaden-before and after Chinese destruction" and "One of 7000 Monasteries destroyed".
- 10Tm Flag of Tibet and "The Potala".

All four values have the inscription "25 Years of Struggle and Reconstruction" at the bottom of the design.

Can any Study Circle member offer any additional information regarding these Cinderella items?

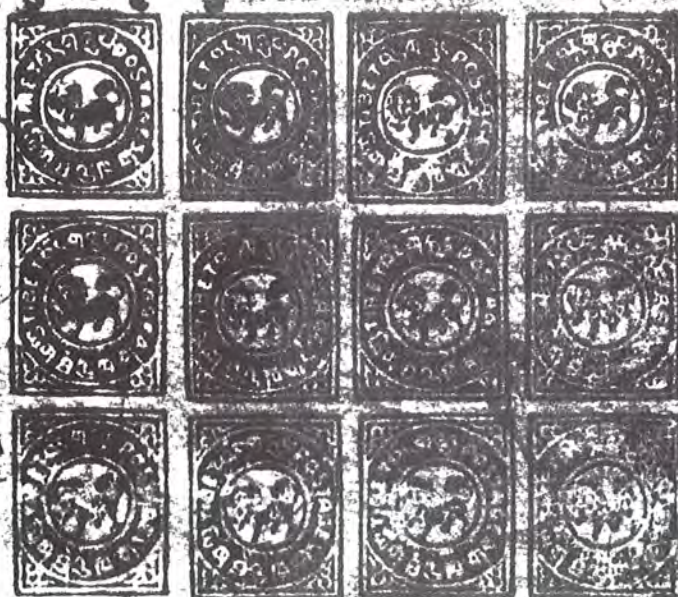
A RECENT FORGERY OF THE TIBET 1/6 TRANGKA

George Bourke

This forgery first appeared in 1990 and comes from India or Nepal. Printed on rough native Nepalese paper, it can be found in six colors: bright magenta, Indian red, blackish lilac, yellow, yellow green, and yellowish green (colors are based on Stanley Gibbon's "Stamp Color Key"). Because of the poor registry on part of the sheets, it has not been possible to determine the complete arrangement of the cliches. At least four cliches have been used and are arranged as follows:

1	2	3	2
4	3	1	X
X	X	4	X

Examples have been seen on cover canceled by a forged Lhasa Type VIII cancel. This is the same forged cancel found on covers bearing copies of the 8 trangka forgery of sets 5 and 6 (see Postal Himal no. 66). One interesting thing about the sheets of this forgery are the round marks at the top left corner of each sheet. These are similar to the round marks found at the top of sheets of the Telegraph stamps and may possibly be from some device used to lock the cliches (dies) in place.



A LISTING OF THE FORGERIES AND FACSIMILES OF TIBET'S 1912 ISSUE

The following is a chronological list of the forgeries and facsimiles of Tibet's 1912 issue. This listing correlates both the Waterfall listing on pages 146-154 of The Postal History of Tibet, second edition and Dahnke's listing on pages 193-206 of Tibet Handbuch und Katalog der Marken und Stempel and has been brought up to date to include all material not found in these earlier listings. For the sake of orderliness, I have listed forgeries and facsimiles together. I have found it more convenient to list the forgeries of the 1 sang separately. The first seven Waterfall and Dahnke sets correspond to one another.

WATERFALL SET:

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DAHNIKE SET: -

8. 1 sang, ca. 1955.

POST WATERFALL SETS

9. 1/6 tr. Australian facsimile, ca. 1960.

9. Aus. facsimile.

10. 1/6 tr. shiny ink, ca. 1979, see Postal Himal No. 30.

11. J. Crow facsimile sheets, ca. 1985.

12. 1912 forgery set, ca. 1989, see Postal Himal No. 60-61.

13. 1/6 tr. forgery in six colors, ca. 1990, see Postal Himal No. 67.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF THE FORGERIES OF THE 1 SANG

SET:

1. 1 sang forgery in seven colors, ca. 1955 (Dahnke set 8).

2. 1 sang forgery, ca. 1989, see Postal Himal No. 60.