

## Pakistan Philately

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Pakistan appeared on the map of the world on 14th August, 1947 but the history of Pakistan Postage Stamps starts with the first postage stamp of Indo-Pak known as Scinde Dawk Stamp. It was the first Asian stamp issued by the province of Sindh now forming a part of Pakistan. Sir Bartle Frere then Governor authorized the introduction of Scinde Dawk Stamp. He claimed that these stamps were printed by De La Rue Printers but no reference to them has ever been found in the record.

The stamps were circular in shape and embossed on white blue and red paper. The red stamps were produced separately, like the small wafers used to seal the letters. Stamps inscribed Scinde District Dawk in the belt surrounding the emblem of East India Company along with the value 1/2 Anna.



These stamps were used in the province until October, 1854 when they were superseded by the first stamp issued by the British India in April 1854. Many stamps were issued by the Indian Post Office till creation of Pakistan on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 1947.

The feasibility of introducing Pakistan Postage Stamps on "Independence Day" was explored but due to shortage of time and limited resources it was impossible. Initially Pakistan continued to use Indian stamps and on 1st October, 1947 Indian stamps, both ordinary and service, overprinted "PAKISTAN" were introduced by the Pakistan Post Office. The overprint was applied by the Security Printing Press Nasik as well as by the Government presses in the country. On 31st October, 1949 all the Indian stamps overprinted "PAKISTAN" were demonetized and Government also issued orders that any overprinted stamps in Government offices were to be written off and destroyed by

burning under the departmental arrangements. Rubber stamping or hand stamping was never allowed, postage stamps bearing rubber overprints are therefore, unauthorized.

The detailed study of these stamps has been made by Mr. U. A. G. Isani, which is under print. The following stamps were overprinted "PAKISTAN" by the Security Printing Press "Nasik" as well as by the Government printing presses.

Pakistan Post Office issued 1380 beautiful stamps on different National & International topics. The Post Office issued stamps on Wild Life Series (like Birds, Animals, Fishes), Pioneer of Freedom, Sports, Industrial & Economic Developments and on many topics. We are Giving the details of stamps issued on some important occasions.

**1947 Indian Stamps Overprinted ' PAKISTAN 'at Indian Security Press Nasik**



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The denominations of these stamps were 3 Pies, ½ Anna, 9 Pies, 1 a, 1 ½ a, 2 a, 3 a, 3 ½ a, 4a, 6a, 8a, 12a, 14 a, Rs. 1/, Rs. 2/- , Rs. 5/- , Rs 10/- Rs.15/-, Rs. 25/- .

### Independence Commemoration



The first set of postage stamps was issued on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1948. The denominations of these stamps were 1½ a, 2½ a 3 a and Rs.1/-. The 1½ a stamp depicts Constituent Assembly Building , Karachi, 2½ a stamp depicts Karachi Airport , 3 a stamp depicts Gate Way to Lahore Fort and Rs.1/- stamp representing the motif of Crescent & Star with leaf pattern in the Saracenic style . These stamps were designed by Rashid uddin, Muhammad Latif and Abdul Rehman Chughtai. These stamps were printed at De-La-Rue London.

### First Regular Series Crescent & Star Facing North East



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The First regular set was issued on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1948. This set consist of 20 stamps. The denominations of these stamps were 3 Pies, 6 pies, 9 Pies, 1 a, 1½ a, 2 a, 2½ a, 3 a, 3½ a, 4a, 6a, 8a, 10a, 12a, Rs. 1/, Rs. 2/- , Rs. 5/- , Rs 10/- Rs.15/-, Rs. 25/- .These stamps were designed by A. R. Chughtai and Mian Muhammad Alam and printed at De. La. Rue Press London. Later on these stamps were printed by Pakistan Security Printing Corporation.

### Crescent & Star Facing North West



The Post Office changed the face of Crescent & Star from North East to North West in 1949.

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### 1st Anniversary of the Death of Quaid-i-Azam



The Post Office issued first time a set to commemorate the death Anniversary of Quaid-i-Azam. The denomination of these stamps were 1½ a, 3 a and 10 a. These stamps true to the Islamic traditions do not bear the portrait of Quaid-i-Azam; they are floral in design and bear the name of Quaid-i-Azam; the date of his birth & death; and his memorable maxim: "Faith, Discipline, Unity".

### Centenary of Sindh Dawk



On 14<sup>th</sup> August 1952, 2 stamps of 3a & 12a denominations were issued to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Scinde Dawk stamps. The stamps bears the original Scinde Dawk Stamps, camels & aero plane to symbolize progress in mail transport.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Day



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On 14<sup>th</sup> August 1955 the Pakistan Post Office issued 5 stamps denominations 2½ a, 2½ a, 6a, 8a and 12 a. The 2 ½ at stamp bear Karnaphuli paper Mills, 6 a Stamp bears Textile Mill, 8a stamp bears Jute Mill and 12 a stamp depicts main Sui Gas Plant.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of United Nations



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The first event covered by Pakistan Post was the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of United Nations. To commemorate this occasion Pakistan Post Office overprinted 2 stamps denominations 1½ a (14th August 1954) and 12 a (14 August 1955).

### Unification of West Pakistan



Map of W. Pakistan

To commemorate the Unification of West Pakistan the First time stamps set of Pakistan was issued with the map of West Pakistan on 7<sup>th</sup> December 1955. The set consist of three stamps denominations 1½ a, 2 a and 12 a.

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### Ist Session of National Assembly Dacca



To commemorate the First session of National Assembly at Dacca three stamps of denomination 1½ a, 2 a and 12 a. with East Pakistan map were issued.

### Centenary for struggle for Independence 1857



On 14<sup>th</sup> August 1957 in connection with the centenary of the 1857 Struggle for Independence Pakistan Post Office issued a set of 2 stamps denominations 1½ a and 12 a. First time the stamps bear the Flag of Pakistan.

### 20<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of Allama Iqbal



To commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Allama Muhammad Iqbal , the poet philosopher who gave the ideology of Pakistan, Struggle for Independence Pakistan Post Office issued a set of 2 stamps denominations 1½ a and 12 a. First time the stamps bear the Flag of Pakistan.

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## Lahore Stamp Exhibition



To commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> Lahore Stamps Exhibition at Lahore an overprint on the 8 a Jammu & Kashmir Design was brought out on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1961. This was the first stamp to celebrate any philatelic event.

## Pakistan Sports Series 14.8.1962



To highlight Pakistan Sports , a set of four postage stamps of 7 p, 13p, 25p and 40 p denominations was released on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1962. The 7 paisa stamp bears a football with goal post. The 13 paisa stamp shows two hockey sticks, goal post, net a ball & the Olympic Gold Medal win by Pakistan . The 25 paisa stamp depicts two crossed squash rackets a ball and a squash court and British Squash championship cup. The 40 paisa stamp shows a cricket bat, wickets ball and cricket pitch. This was the first set to commemorate the sports event issued by Pakistan Post Office.

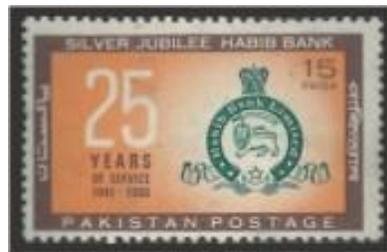
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### Pakistan Armed Forces



The September 1965 undeclared war by India, against Pakistan is a significant chapter in the history of Pakistan. To salute to our valiant Armed Forces for their heroic defence of Pakistan during the 17 days aggression, three stamps of 7p, 15p and 50 paise were issued on 25<sup>th</sup> December, 1965. 7 p stamp depicts Soldier & Tanks; 15p stamp shows Naval Officer and Destroyer and 50p stamp represent pilot and Fighter planes. First time in the history of Postage stamps of Pakistan human figures were reproduced on stamps. This set opened up the way for reproducing portrait of other important personalities.

### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Habib Bank Ltd.



To commemorate the silver jubilee of Habib Bank Ltd., Pakistan Post Office issued a postage stamp of 15 paise denomination on August 25, 1966. This was the first stamp through which National progress in the private sector was highlighted. The stamp depicts Habib Bank emblem and words 25 Years of service 1941- 1966.

### New Capital of Pakistan – Islamabad



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To commemorate the " Islamabad " –the new Capital of Pakistan, Pakistan Post Office issued a set of 2 Postage stamps of 15p & 50 paisa denominations on 29<sup>th</sup> November 1966. The stamps depicts the portrait of president Mohammad Ayub Khan , Secretariat building in brick red colour against bluish sky back ground.

### 90<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Quaid-i-Azam



To commemorate the 90<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali the Pakistan post office issued a set of 2 Postage stamps of 15p & 50 paisa denominations on 25<sup>th</sup> December 1966. The stamps depict the portrait of Quaid-i-Azam. This was the first set issued by Pakistan Post Office with the Quid's Portrait.

### Death Anniversary of Dr. Muhammad Iqbal



To commemorate the Death Anniversary of Dr. Muhammad Iqbal the Pakistan post office issued a set of 2 Postage stamps of 15p & Rs. 1/- denominations on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1967. The stamps depict the portrait of Dr. Iqbal & his famous verses in Urdu. This was the first set issued by Pakistan Post Office with the Iqbal Portrait.

### Coronation of Shah & Queen of Iran



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The Coronation of his Imperial Majesty Muhammad Raza Shah Pehalvi Shahinshah of Iran and her imperial majesty Empress Farah Pahalvi took place on 26<sup>th</sup> October 1967. To commemorate this occasion Pakistan post office issued a stamp of 50p denominations. The stamps depict the portrait of their Majesties with the Gulistan Palace in the background superimposed with the Persian text. This was the first stamp shows the portrait of any International Personality.

### Qazi Nazar ul Islam ( Poet )



To highlight the role of the rebel poet and composer, Kazi Nazrul Islam in the fight for freedom a set of two stamps of 15p & 50 paisa denominations were issued on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1968. The stamps depict the portrait of Kazi Nazrul Islam. This was the first set issued by Pakistan Post Office with the Portrait of East Pakistan Poet.

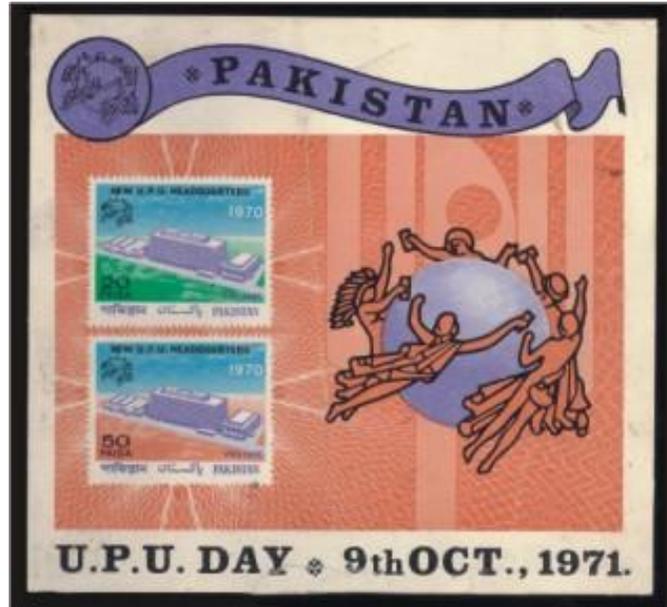
### Olympic Hockey Champion



To mark the achievement of Pakistan in winning back the coveted Hockey Crown in the Mexico Olympics a set of two stamps of 15p & Rs.1/- denominations were issued by the Pakistan Post Office on 30<sup>th</sup> January 1969. The stamps depict the hockey player in action partially superimposed on a large size facsimile of the Gold Medal.

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### Universal Postal Union ( Miniature Sheet )



To commemorate the UPU day Pakistan Post Office issued first miniature sheet on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 1971. The denomination of the sheet is Paise 70. The size of the sheet is 140 X 128 mm. The sheet depicts emblem of UPU and two Postage stamps showing UPU Building. This sheet played an important role to popularize Pakistan Philately.

### Fishes



The Post Office issued first time a set to commemorate the Fishes of Pakistan on 24<sup>th</sup> September 1973. The denomination of these stamps were 10p, 20p, 60p and Rs.1/-. The 10 Paise stamp depicts Wallago attu Fish. The 20 Paise Stamp bears Labeo rohita Fish. The 60 Paise stamp depicts Tilapia Mossambico fish and Rs. 1/- stamp depicts Catla catla Fish. The stamps were printed in se-tenant strip and designed by Adil Salahuddin.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Islamic Summit – Pakistan



Pakistan had the rare distinction of organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Islamic Summit which was held at Lahore in February 1974. To commemorate this important occasion the Pakistan Post Office issued a souvenir sheet and two beautiful stamps on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1974. The denomination of the stamps is 20p, 65p and sheet for 85 p. This was the first event covered by Pakistan Post Office on any Islamic countries activities.

## National Day for Tree Plantation



The Government decided to observe 9<sup>th</sup> August 1974 as National Day for tree plantation. First time in the history Pakistan Post Office issued a commemorative stamp of 20p denomination to cover tree plantation. The stamp depicts hands protecting sapling & trees.

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### Ist Anniversary of Second Islamic Summit



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Islamic summit held in Lahore in February 1974 was an epoch making event in the history of Islamic countries. To commemorate the first anniversary of this important event the Pakistan Post Office issued 2 postage stamps of 20p & Rs. 1/-on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1975. These beautiful stamps depicts Flags of the Islamic Countries and portrait of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

### Black Partridge ( Wild Life Series)



Pakistan had a rich variety of animals due to wide range of topography and climate, but due to hunting for pleasure and trade the rate of decline in wildlife in Pakistan is increasing rapidly. The Government of Pakistan took a number of steps including creation of special areas like Parks to protect the wildlife. Pakistan post office issued many stamps on wildlife conservation, the first set of the series was issued on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1975. The denomination of the stamps were 20p and Rs. 2.25 showing Black Partridge in beautiful background.

### International Seerat Congress



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The first international congress on seerat was held in Pakistan from 3<sup>rd</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> March 1976. The theme selected for this congress was the message of Muhammad ( Peace be upon him) for the modern man. To celebrate this auspicious occasion Pakistan Post Office issued a set of two stamps denomination 20 p & Rs. 3/- on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 1976. The stamps shows Masjid-i-Nabvi, Madina in a beautiful Eastern design.

### Quaid-i-Azam Birth Centenary



To commemorate the 100th birth Anniversary of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Pakistan Post Office issued a postage stamp denomination Rs. 10/- with the effigy of Quaid-i-Azam in real gold powder on 25<sup>th</sup> December 1976. Each stamp contains 25 mg of 23/24 carat gold. The stamp printed by De Cartor S.A. Paris, France by serigraphor process. This was the first stamp issued by Pakistan Post Office with gold powder.

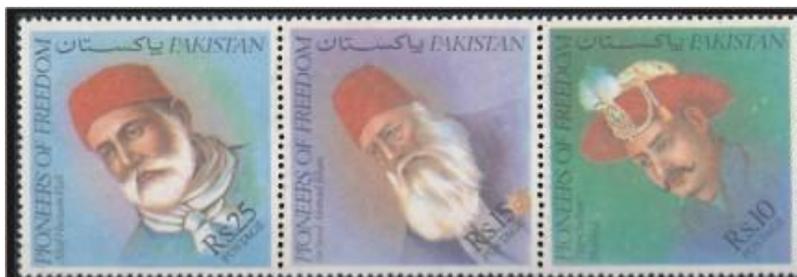
### Centenary of St. Patrick's Cathedral , Karachi



To commemorate the Centenary of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Karachi, Pakistan Post Office issued 2 postage stamp of denominations Rs. 1/- & Rs. 2/- on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1978. The Rs. 1/- stamp shows Main gate of the Cathedral & Rs. 2/- Stamp depicts the stained glass window. These were the first stamps to represent the minorities in Pakistan.

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### Pioneers of Freedom



In order to pay homage to those who worked and died for the emancipation of the Muslims in the South Asian Sub Continent Pakistan Post Office issued a series of stamps called "Pioneer of Freedom" series. The first three stamps in this series in the denomination of Rs. 10, Rs. 15 and Rs. 25 were issued on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1979. These stamps were devoted to the memory of Tipu Sultan Shaheed, Sir Syed Ahmed Khan and Altaf Hussain Hali. The contribution of the three men who are being commemorated through the first three stamps in this series are of the highest order in their respective field. These stamps were designed by Abdul Rauf.

### Pakphilex-83 National Stamps Exhibition A view of Lahore City 13.11.1983



National stamp Exhibition "Pakphilex 83" was held from 13<sup>th</sup> November to 18<sup>th</sup> November 1983, to celebrate "World Communication Year- 1983". The exhibition was organized by Pakistan Post Office with the assistance of Lahore Museum, Pakistan Philatelic Association, Lahore and Stamp Society of Pakistan, Karachi. To commemorate occasion the Pakistan Post Office Issued six stamps in se-tenant, each stamp of 60 paisa denomination depict a view of the historic city of Lahore.

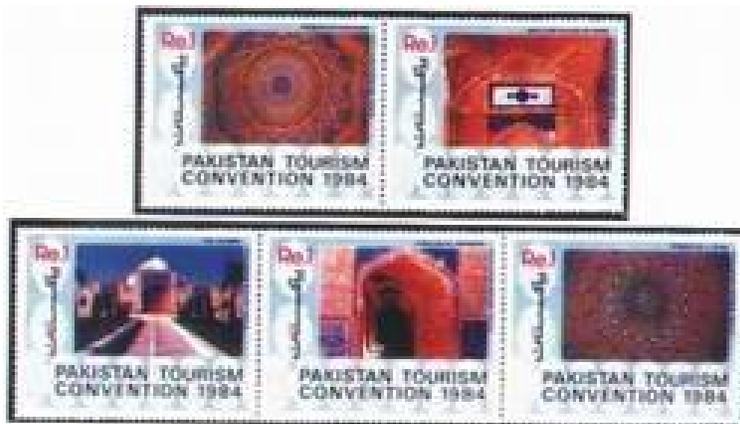
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### Los Angeles Olympics



The Los Angeles Olympics were held from 28<sup>th</sup> July to 12<sup>th</sup> August 1984. Pakistan participates in following games in 1984 Olympics. Hockey, Wrestling, Yachting, Boxing & Athletics  
To commemorate this occasion Pakistan Post Office issued a set of 5 stamps of Rs. 3/- denomination each on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1984. These stamps depict the games in which Pakistan Participated.

### Pakistan Tourism Convention 1984 Shah Jahan Mosque Thatta



The fourth Pakistan Tourism Convention was held in Karachi from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November 1984. To commemorate this occasion Pakistan Post Office issued a set 5 postage stamps of Rs. 1/- denomination each in se-tenant position. These stamps shows different views of the Shah Jahan Mosque, which is located 100 km from Karachi, past the humble dwellings of Thatta. These stamps were designed by Adil Salahuddin.

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### DRESSES OF PAKISTAN



First time in the history, the Pakistan Post office represent the Dresses of Pakistan. In this connection a set of 4 stamps denomination Rs. 6/- each was issued by Pakistan Post Office showing the Punjabi dress, Northern Area dress, Sindhi and Baluchi dresses on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1992.

### FIRST CONFERENCE OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM MUSLIM COUNTRIES AT ISLAMABAD



The parliament of Pakistan has organized a three days conference of women parliamentarians from Muslim countries at Islamabad from August 1-3, 1995. To commemorate the occasion Pakistan Post Office issued 2 postage stamps of Rs. 5/- denomination each on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1995. These stamps show the portrait of Dr. Tansu Ciller Prime Minister of Turkey and Mohtarama Banazir Bhutto, Prime Minister of Pakistan. First time on Pakistan stamps portraits of 2 women prime ministers were given.

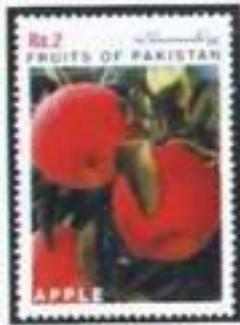
### DEFENCE DAY OF PAKISTAN (NISHAN-E-HAIDER- SERIES) MAJOR AZIZ BHATTI SHAHEED



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For the supreme sacrifices that Major Aziz Bhatti made for the honour of his country, he was awarded Nishan-e-Haider the highest Military award of Pakistan on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 1965. To commemorate this occasion first time Pakistan Post Office issued a postage stamp of Rs. 1.25 denomination on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 1995. The stamp depicts Nishan-e-Haider and portrait of Major Aziz Bhatti Shaheed.

### FRUITS OF PAKISTAN (SERIES) APPLE



Apple is a symbol of health, beauty and love. This fruit has universal cultivation and consumption. It may be called the king of the fruits. First time in the history to draw the public attention on cultivation of fruits in Pakistan, Pakistan Post Office issued a postage stamp of Rs. 2/- denomination on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1997.

### EID UL FITAR



Eid-ul-Fitar is the most important festival in the Islamic world. This festival is the culminating point of the holy month of Ramadan; during which Quran-ul-Hakeem and Laila-tul-Qadr were gifted to the Muslim Ummah.

Pakistan Post Office has issued beautiful designed Eid Cards at different times. Special Eid Greeting Envelope was also issued by Post Office in the past. To celebrate the Eid Day Pakistan Post Office first time issued two postage stamps of Rs.2/- & 15/- denomination on December 24,1999.

### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF PAK-CHINA FRIENDSHIP- 2001



Pakistan has an enduring multi-dimensional and deep-rooted relationship with China. The long standing ties of friendship between the two countries are underpinned by mutual trust and confidence. A close identity of views and mutuality of interest remain the hallmark of bilateral ties.

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Pak-China Friendship, Pakistan Post Office issued a set of three stamps of denomination of Rs. 4/- each on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2001.

### HELP EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS



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A powerful earthquake struck the India-Pakistan border with more than 140 aftershocks, causing extensive damage in Pakistan. Reports indicate more than 82,000 people have been killed and more than 3.3 million people have been left injured or homeless. With more than 1,000 hospitals destroyed, the looming threat of illness and the harsh Himalayan winters quickly approaching, the need for decisive action in the face of this emergency is tremendous. However, financial and material support is urgently needed to save lives and rebuild livelihoods.

In order to generate the funds to help earth quake victims, Pakistan Post Office issued a special Miniature sheet with eight stamps of Rs. 4/- denomination each on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2005. The value of the sheet is Rs.100/- from which Rs. 68/- donated to help earth quake victims.

### Rehabilitation of IDPs of SWAT



Fighting between Pakistani security forces and the extremist elements is creating major humanitarian, economic and security challenges to the country. Relief operations to bring aid and shelter to the massive population of refugees displaced by fighting in swat, Dir , Buner and adjacent locations, is a Herculean task for all the agencies involved in the relief operations.

In order to generate the funds for Sawat refugees, Pakistan Post Office issued a special Miniature sheet with eight stamps of Rs. 5/- denomination each on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009. The value of the sheet is Rs.100/- from which Rs. 60/- donated to Swat refugees.

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## 7th National Finance Commission Award



The 7th National Finance Commission (NFC) Award has been adopted with the consensus of all four provinces. It is a unique example in the history of the country. The credit must go to the democracy, the magnanimity of the federal government and the tolerance of the provinces. Whereas, the federal government has agreed to allocate additional resources to the provinces from the divisible pool, the provinces have shown flexibility to accommodate each other's point of view.

To commemorate the occasion the Pakistan Post Office issued a Postage stamp of Rs. 8/- denomination on 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010 . First time the stamp depicts the portrait of Benazir Bhutto with a group photo of Chief Ministers & Cabinet Members with Mr. Yousaf Raza Gillani the prime Minister of Pakistan.