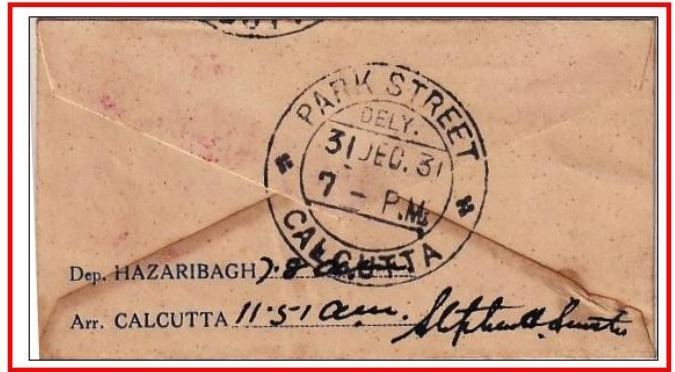
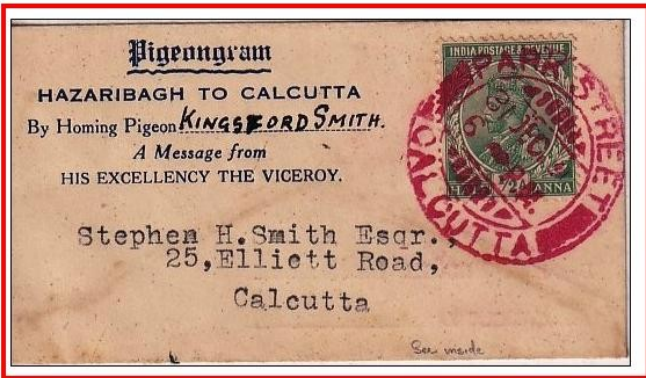
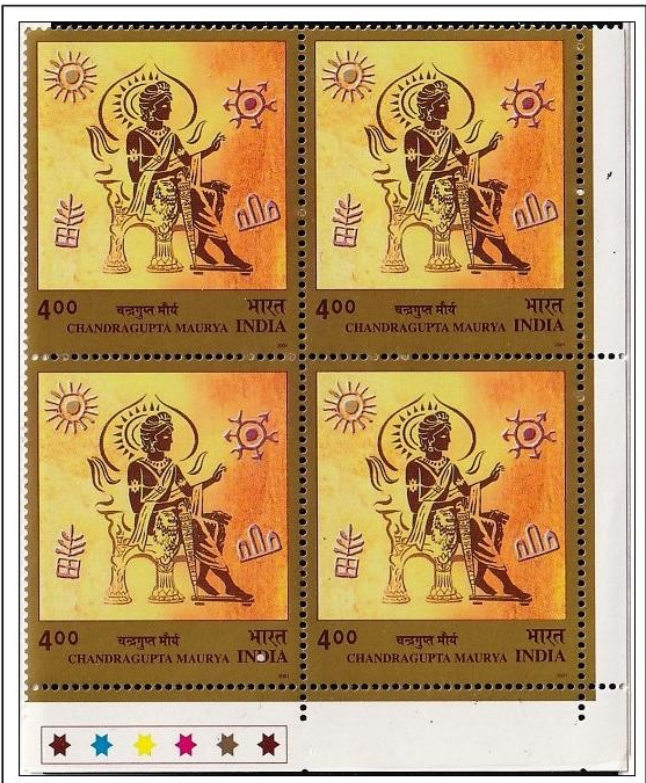


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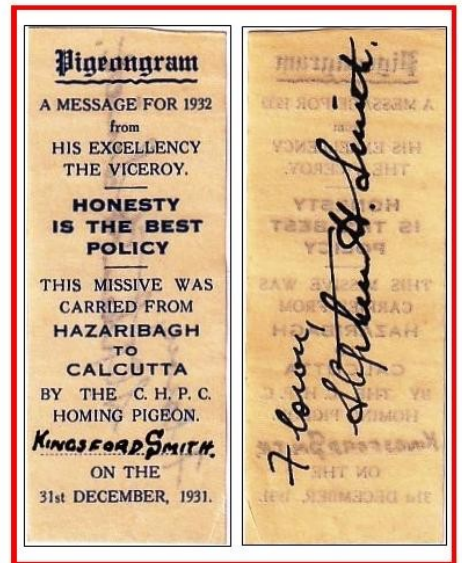


HOMING PIGEON - KINGSFORD SMITH, Pigeongram, flew from Hazaribagh to Calcutta, dated 31.12.1931 with Missive, carrying message for H.E. The Viceroy- "Honesty is the best policy". Cover Tied with Half Anna, Green, KG-V, posted at Park Street P.O. Autographed by Stephen Smith



PIGEON POST IN INDIA

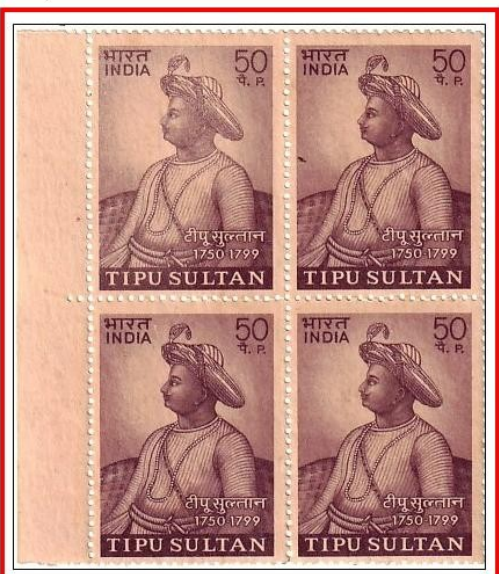
King Chandragupta Maurya, (340-293 BC) and his grandson Emperor Asoka, The Great (304-232 BC) are believed to have pioneered commissioning pigeons as messengers to carry strategic messages and also collection of revenue data between capital and the outlying provinces of their vast kingdoms.



TIPU SULTAN (1782-1799)

He in 18th Century used carrier pigeons extensively, where the pigeons would return to Jamia Masjid (Mosque in Srirangapatnam) being his headquarters.

KING TIPU SULTAN - Issued on 15.07.1974
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