Independent India’s First Postmistress

**Marking the Family ‘s Centenary in the Capital City Delhi 1909 - 2009**

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**MARY ISAACS REBEIRO**

**1904 - 1983**

*Celebrating* The pioneering First Postmistress of India

and her distinguished Family

**Mary Isaacs Rebeiro** 22 October 1904 – 2 November 1983

**\*** The first lady to head a Post Office ( Kashmere Gate , Maiden’s Hotel and Mori Gate , **from**

**1940** ) in an all - male Postal environment when less than 1 pc of India’s OrganisedSector

workforce was female and 16 pc Indians were literate **.**

**\*** Affectionately called **dak khaneki memsaab** by the thousands she served , especially among

illiterates and the weaker sections **.**

**\*** In times when Post Offices were the main , often only , such centres she served Delhi’s

prestigious St Stephen’s Hospital , The Indian Express , Queen Mary ’s, Maiden’s / Swiss Hotels ,

Chief Commissioner - Magistrates / The District Courts , Carlton’s ( commissioned 1922

by Viceroy Daniel Isaacs who also founded Delhi University 1922 ) Jagat Narain Seth ( owner of

Ritz , Novelty and Jagat Cinemas) ace photographerKulwant Roy and eminent writer

Nirad C Chaudhuri , diplomats and foreign tourists in elite Civil Lines – Kashmere Gate –

Mori Gate **.**

**\*** Daughter of distinguished **Anglo –Indian** parents Sarah Rose and Revd JS Isaacs

( Jt Commissioner Lahore / Delhi’s RevenuesOfficer 1920s )niece of Principal Eric Isaacs MA ,

sister of Grace , Stephen Isaacs MA IAS , John Isaacs MSc , George Isaacs ( DE Telegraphs )

and Theophilus Isaacs ( Electrical Engineer , Sheffield UK ) and cousin of Brigadier Sam Isaacs ,

beloved wife of John Rebeiro ( Delhi **1909** / Delhi Improvement Trust / DDA ) cherished mother of

Jeanette ( Church High , now DPS / Presentation Convent / Trinity School of Music London1940s ) **.**

**\*** Oldest worshipping family of the oldest Church (1836) in Delhi, St James **since 1910.**

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The Isaacs’ , The Dountings and The Stimpsons (UK) The Josephs (Delhi – Bombay )

and **son** Prof **Sydney Rebeiro** MA (Delhi) / Cambridge UK / Kentucky USA

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