

Even though roadway is the common mode of transportation used by the postal system, for longer distances, air transport, rail transport as well as waterways are used.

The first line of Postal communication was opened on Railway from 18<sup>th</sup> September 1854.




'Mail Steamer Service; was introduced in India between Calcutta and Post Blair on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 1859.

First Air Mail Service in the world was operated in India on 21<sup>st</sup> February 1911 and French Pilot named Henri Pequet flew with 6500 pieces of mail in a BIPLANE from Allahabad to Naini (A distance of Six miles). This flight was the first official airmail in the world.

**WORLD'S FIRST OFFICIAL AIR MAIL**

**February 18, 1911**  
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World's first Air Mail started during the Kumbh in 1911. It was on February 18, 1911, when French pilot Henri Piquet loaded a sack of 6,500 cards and letters on a two-seater biplane stationed at a polo field in Allahabad and soared into the evening sky from Bamrauli to Naini.