# Managing Change in Department of Posts

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 These days people don't write letters. So is there work in post office?

### The New Post Office

- Aadhar enrollment centres
- Post Office Passport Sewa Kendra
- Customer Service Centre
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
- DBT payments and AEPS payments
- Many other Retail services
- ATM and debit cards
- Innovative customised products
- Lot of Technology- RICT, PMA etc.

# Indiapost



There is no other institution in India or even in the world which has penetrated into every remote area in the country for providing citizen centric services other than India Post. You should be proud of it. Hence you have an inherent institutional foundation to provide electronic and knowledge connectivity to every village and be a partner in bridging the rural-urban divide effectively.

Dr A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

Excerpt from the 'Transformational Leadership' address to Indiapost officers on 16 May 2008

# Three types of changes

- Changing infrastructure
- Changing processes and systems
- Changing habits

### Asset and Challenge

 Size and spread of Post Office network is an asset in terms of reach- last mile advantage

> 156000 post offices 13113 village post offices, 25487 departmental 141001 in rural areas

178602 departmental employees

239637 Gramin Dak sevaks (5 hr)

#### Age Profile from 18 to 65

This last mile advantage is an asset to get mail and parcel business

- It is also a challenge for HR and training
- Its services are completely interdependent- only technology can help to bridge this gap
- Making technology work is also challenge

### Legacy: Oldest Services

- Core services: Mail and parcel: booking, transmission and delivery- Universal service obligation
- Telegraphic and telephone services
- Money transmission since 1882
- Small savings since 1882: accounts and certificates
- Life Insurance: 1884
- Retail services: sale of quinine, Management of Dak bungalows, arranging palanquins and bearers, Radio licenses, TB and Health seals, Revenue stamps, war funds, Pensions for different organizations (Railways, EPF, telecom), weather reporting

### External drivers of change

- Monopoly of carrying letters- Auckland Act 1837
- Competition from Couriers: Loss of evenue- business and marketing practices, speedpost, BNPL, cash back, rebate
- Ecommerce boom: Need for API and tracking- parcel hubs and mechanization
- Cashless digital banking- government mandate
- Aadhar based payments to root out bogus beneficiaries-Government/market demand
- Life insurance FDI and entry of private players- SBU or company- new clientele
- PCOs and Mobile technology- reduction in private mail- email, sms and Whatsapp
- Internet banking, Mobile banking- reducing money transmission
- All these forces since 1980 have pushed the Department to respond in order to survive

### Responses

- Product responses: Speedpost (1986), Business Post, Express Parcel Post, Direct Post, Media Post, Retail Post, epayment, money remittance and COD, RPLI
- Structural Responses
  - Postal Life Insurance Directorate
  - Business Development and Marketing Directorate
  - Marketing division 2019
  - Parcel Directorate 2019
- Service Process Responses: BNPL, Rebate and money back, National Account Facility, API, Tracking, Free pick up, New clientele (2016), Parcel Hubs and mechanization, Nodal delivery centres

### **Money Remittance**

- Money order
- Telegraphic money order
- Vsat money order- computerization
- Electronic money order (2008)
- IMO, MMTS
- Western Union
- Money gram
- Money transfer
- Internet banking
- AEPS- new revenue for transactions

# New Agency services

#### POPSK with MEA

424 post offices,
42.72 lakh applications,
Rs141 cr revenue as on 31.12.2019

#### Aadhar Updation for UIDAI

13352 centres
1.69 cr transactions by 31.12.19
Rs 80 Cr revenue

- Customer Service Centre (CSC)
- No additional manpower. Optimum utilization of manpower, incentive based work

# Aadhar enrollment



# Passport Kendra



# How the Department changed

- Two phase change:
- Project Arrow 2008
- IT Modernization 2012

### **Project Arrow**

- Political leadership
- 2008: A Project to improve the look and feel, and the core service delivery
- Pre launch consultation with stake holders
- Selection of name of Project: Project Arrow
- Selection of consultant

### CONCEPTUALIZATION OF PROJECT

#### **Present Scenario**

- •70% of India's 1.1 billion people live in rural areas
- Most villages & small towns do not have enough connectivity /outlets to the mainstream economy

### **ARROW**

Make post office the "window to the world" for 'aam aadmi'.

#### Potential of India Post

- India Post has over 1.55
   lakh post offices across
   India, with more than
   1.25 lakh in rural areas
- This vast network provides a huge opportunity to connect remote areas with the mainstream

#### **Project Arrow conceived in April 2008**

- Focus on improving the core operations of post offices
- Enhancement of "look and feel" to create a unique identity

### SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES OF PROJECT

### **ARROW**

#### Scope

"Get the core right"

- Focused efforts to significantly improve four core areas of the postal service
  - Mail delivery
  - Savings Bank
  - Remittances
  - Office service levels



"Modernize the look and feel"

- Broad approach to upgrade, enhance capacity and quality in
  - Branding
  - Technology
  - Human resource
  - Infrastructure

#### **Objectives**

- Make a visible, tangible, and noteworthy difference in post offices that matters to the common man
- Verify and certify progress on ongoing basis using clearly defined Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for each improvement area
- Set the foundation for a comprehensive transformation of India post

### **OVERVIEW**

#### MAIL

- Mail operations are fundamental to India Post. It is the most common association customers have with India Post
- Mail aspiration for India Post is to ensure same day delivery of mail
- However some problems such as non compliance to processes, inefficient processes in some cases, and inadequate monitoring make achieving these aspirations difficult
- This segment lists activities to improve mail performance
- Postmasters/ Superintendents should apply these activities in their post offices to improve mail performance



Goals

 List of goals for India Post mail operations



**Issues** 

 List of problems observed from post office visits



**KPI / Targets** 

 Key performance indicators (KPI) for mail and KPI targets



**Activities** 

 List of activities to improve mail operations in post offices



### **Implementation**

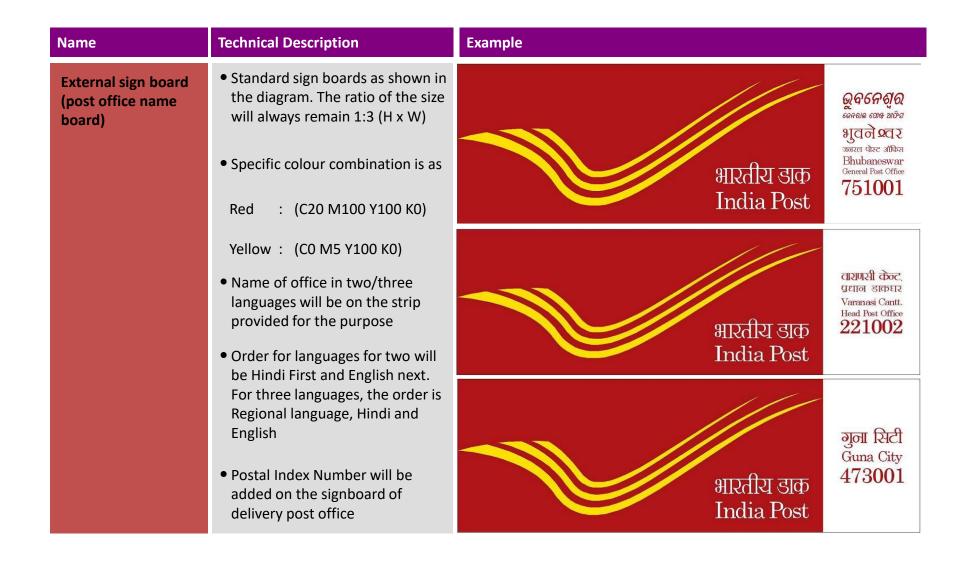
- Minister level Video conferences to review progress
- Blue Book to guide the project
- Change of logo of the Department
- Strict Timelines for implementation of look and feel additional funds from GOI
- Strict adherence to standards
- Strict monitoring of KPIs
- Monitoring of training of staff
- New infrastructure
- Monitoring is the mantra

# **Project Arrow**

year	Core services	Look and feel	Funds (Cr.)
2008-09	50 offices	50 offices	12.85
2009-10	450 offices		74 .00
2010-11	500 offices		65.00
By VI phase	18600 offices	2515 offices	
VII phase 2965	2965 offices	356 offices	
Total	21600	2971 Offices	



#### **SPECIFICATIONS**



### SPECIFICATIONS – COUNTERS

#### Name Name **Example** View - multiple counters **Interior branding Furniture** signage on the top of **Customer service counter** the counter has provision for lighting 19 mm block board finished and also a provision with combination of PO red for counter display shade lamination and steel board shade lamination

# SPECIFICATIONS – VISITOR BENCH

Name

**Accessories** 

Benches are made of steel and are steel grey in colour. The steel provides strength and longevity to bench. Steel grey colour matches with floor as well as with the counters

Name

**Furniture** 

**Visitor bench** 

**Example** 



# Impact of Project Arrow

- The look and feel of post office changed completely- visible changes
- Customers felt happy to see a modern post office
- good seating arrangement, writing desks
- Notice boards
- Queue Management
- Facilities: drinking water, toilets, ramps
- Well dressed employees-uniform ,
- Motivation and punctuality

Dharwad K C Park Before Look & Feel Dharwad K C Park After Look & Feel



Dharwad K C Park Before Look & Feel Dharwad K C Park After Look & Feel





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PRIME MINISTER'S AWARD
for Excellence in Public Administration
for the year 2008-09
presented to

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS,

### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

for its outstanding initiative "Project Arrow-Transforming India Post"

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दिनांक : 21 अप्रैल, 2010

New Delhi

Date: 21 April, 2010

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भारत के प्रधानमंत्री

DR. MANMOHAN SINGH

Prime Minister of India

### Part II

### IT Modernization

New Projects 2012-2020: 4909 Cr. outlay from Plan

- CBS : Sanchaya to Finacle
- CIS: Insurance solution
- CSI: all departmental post offices system integration
- RICT- 129080 post offices covered
- Networking: Central server based services
- Data server and Recovery centre
- Change Management: training and preparing for change

### Two Mail projects

- MNOP- upgradation of facilities- better working environment and processes –Mckinsey- hub and spoke
- PNOP- upgradation of facilities process reengineering-PWC- Hub and spoke
- Parcel: market share 4% volume, 5% revenue (Rs500 cr) as of now. Aim is to achieve 15% market share and 7600 crore revenue by 2026
- Focus is on developing transhipment centres and mechanised parcel hubs and centralized delivery





### Parcel Processing Centre Peenya



### Rural ICT

- Project to Computerize 130000 village post offices
- Solar power panels
- Handheld devices for postmaster
- Real time operations
- Dedicated RSI sever
- PMA devices for postmen/GDS

# Age of mobile App

- IPPB app online banking
- Post Info-
- Postman app- real time updation of delivery information – reducing complaints

#### Change through Technology Induction

- Computerisation- 1990s- the first step
- Software development-in house from 1990- MPCM
- V-sat technology for money transmission
- Electronic money orders
- E-post: hybrid mail
- E-payment- bill payments and fee collection
- Barcoding and Tracking
- Core banking based savings instruments- Finacle
- Internet banking RBI regulations for POSB
- ATM- RBI regulations- 997 ATMs
- QR card based paperless IPPB- USP
- Rural ICT-130000 outlets and network and solar panels 2017- integration issues
- Postman App: PMA devices
- CEPT- in house software development and training centres

#### Technology limitations

- Server down
- Network down
- 3G to 4G
- BSNL shutdown- exchanges closed
- Patches don't work and disrupt
- Slow response from technology providers

#### PLI

- Computerization since 1990
- Rural people covered from 1995
- New Clientele covered from 2016
- Rural infrastructure
- Direct agents system to increase base
- Online payment of premia facility
- Complete digitization of records for better service
- SBU

#### Indiapost Payments Bank

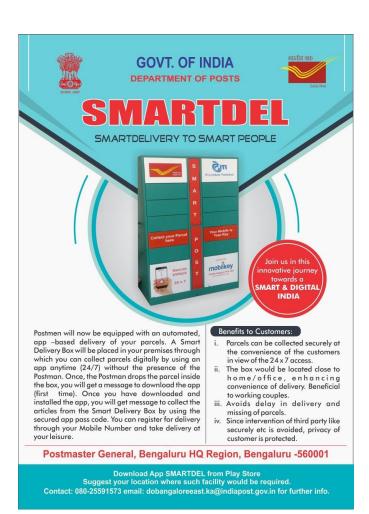
- 650 branch offices headed by Bank managers, mostly recruited from the banking sector
- all post offices acting as access points (136078 as on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov)
- Internet banking, fund transfer,
- all kinds of payments facility
- Pull money from other banks
- AEPS- without having an account in IPPB
- Aadhar based account opening and operation
- Opened on 1.9.18.
- Business as on 31.12.2019
  - 1.55.cr accounts, Rs. 527.15 cr account balance, Rs. 9325 cr worth value of transactions

#### Making post office 24 x 7

- The Smart Post Kiosk
- Smart Del kiosk
- Accessible any time anywhere
- Service not bound to Post office location



#### **SMARTDEL**



#### Ecommerce- New challenges

- Teleshopping companies- cheating customers using parcel COD service
- Public greed and risk taking habit partly responsible
- Huge return of undelivered consignments
- Declaring contents by sender- a remedy
- On line call centres- operating through computer network- mobiles stop once goods delivered
- Random Checking at the time of Booking
- Cyber police watching cheating calls

#### **Mobile Madness**



## Mobile



## Corporate social responsibility

#### WATER TANK AT PRIMARY SCHOOL AT DEGVE VILLAGE - SINDHUDURG DVN



Under RPLI Infrastructure public toilet is provided at Veral in Ratnagiri Dn







# Activities for Constant Motivation and Team work





#### **BO's Outside-Earlier**









# **BO's Outside-After**





#### **CHALLENGE**

- To make oneself always relevant to the changing needs of the people
- By adding new services and products
- Making them customer friendly
- Racing with changing technology
- Facing disruptive technology quickly
- Facing competition with innovation

# Thank you