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We bring this extra issue with some very sad news

D N JATIA IS NO MORE

He passed away at 4 am on the morning of November 12,  
2000. He was cremated later in the day at Calcutta.  
Wreaths were placed on behalf of FIP, FIAP, several other  
organizations; relatives, friends and philatelists  
attended the funeral.

D N Jatia, RDP, FRPSL needs no introduction in the world  
of philately. The last twenty years were D N years. Now an  
era has ended.

D N began his philatelic career with International  
Exhibition 1954 at New Delhi exhibiting as a youth. He won  
his first gold medal for India Classics at the First  
National in 1970 at New Delhi. He then went on to win the  
National Grand Prize at the international in 1973 at New  
Delhi. In 1975 he became the first Indian to be on  
International Jury at France. D N signed the Roll of  
Distinguished Philatelists in 1983 as the first Indian  
ever. He was the first Indian to present a paper at the  
Royal Philatelic Society London and the Collectors Club  
New York.

He was a fellow of Royal Philatelic Society London, member  
of International Association of Philatelic Experts (AIEP)  
and numerous other organizations in India and abroad. He  
founded the Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) in 1975 as  
the national federation and was its first president. He  
was also the president of Inter-Asia Philatelic Federation  
(FIAP) from 1981 to 1987. He was the president of  
International Philatelic Federation (FIP) from 1990 to  
1998. He was a member of the Philatelic Advisory Committee  
of India Post for a very long span.

He played a key role in India's successful holding of the  
internationals in 1977, 1980, 1989, 1997 and was actively  
involved till the last day with Indepex-Asiana 2000. He  
was instrumental in holding bilateral exhibitions with  
China and Russia.

His life long work on the first Indian issue - Four Annas  
value was published in May this year.

More important than all his achievements is the work he  
did to promote philately not only in India but also all  
over the world.

His passing away will leave a vacuum in the philatelic world. Our continuous endeavor to promote philately shall be the best tribute to his memory.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Mrs. Ratni Jatia, may god give her the strength to bear this loss.

- M&SJ with contribution from S C Sukhnai, Calcutta

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