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Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

On December 13, 2015 over 100 philatelists from all over India met at the auditorium of Mumbai GPO to elect new Governing Council of Philatelic Congress of India (PCI). This is the first Governing Council of PCI elected in the 21st century and the generational shift became clearly visible.

Now the time has come to focus on the future. Of course there is a backlog of 15 years to catch up with. In these circumstances it is imperative for the new Governing Council of PCI to perform exceptionally well in its two year term to bring back the confidence in PCI.

The holding of Regional Meetings at regular intervals all over India is already on and with broad based interaction PCI will guide and be guided to give direction to Indian philately. Signet, the official periodical of PCI, is going to resume its regular publication. The move to induct up to date procedures and technology is also being made.

We believe that a diligent approach sans factions shall make PCI overcome all odds and help achieve its objectives.

Until next week, please enjoy the rest of the newsletter.

- M&SJ

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PCI Elections Results 2015

The Governing Council of the Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) was reconstituted on December 13, 2015 at Mumbai following the elections, as under:

President: Ajeet Singhee

President Elect: Yogesh Kumar

Vice Presidents: Damyanti Pittie, Sunder Bahirvani, Madhukar Jhingan, Madhukar Deogawanka

Secretary General: Rajesh Bagri

Secretary: Prashant Pandya

Treasurer: Suketu Jhaveri

Joint Treasurer: Kaizad Todywalla

Immediate Past President: Dilip Shah

Members: Sanjay Jain, Professor V K Gupta, Dhananjay S Desai, K Chaitanya Dev, K S Mohan, Sudhir Jain, Shakil Ahmed, Mukesh K Malhotra, Rajesh Paharia, C G Bhaskar, P G Bhargave, Ajay Kumar Mittal, Binod Jain

Past Presidents: Dhirubhai Mehta, Vispi Dastur, Sahadeva Sahoo

The elections were conducted by Election Officer Professor Sahadeva Sahoo assisted by Jagmaohan Kapur. Sahoo appointed Pradip Mohanty and Lal Makhijani for Institutional voting and S C Sukhani and C J Vincent for Life members' voting.

The elections results were as under:

For the 17 seats of the Institutional Members, 12 were declared unopposed, no nominations were received for 2 seats, and remaining 3 seats were contested as follows:

Maharashtra & Goa

Dr M R Ramesh Kumar, Goa Philatelic & Numismatic Society, Goa	12
Suketu S Jhavery, Kutch Hobby Circle, Mumbai	44

Rajasthan

J M Dhor, Jaipur Philatelic Society, Jaipur	2
Rajesh Paharia, Philatelic Society of Rajasthan, Jaipur	55

Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand

Yogesh Kumar, Capital Philatelic Society & Lucknow Philatelic Society, Lucknow	40
Rajesh Verma, Uttaranchal Philatelic Association, Dehradun	15

Total voters 28 with 60 votes, Total votes 180, Polled 168

Rajesh Paharia scored 92% of the vote polled.

For 6 seats of Life members 12 candidates fared as follows:

Kaizad Farokh Todywalla, Mumbai	56
Prashant H Pandya, Vadodra	49
Madhukar Deogawanka, Kolkata	44
Ajay Kumar Mittal, New Delhi	44
Rajesh Kumar Bagri, Kolkata	42
Madhukar Jhingan, New Delhi	40
G Anil Kumar Reddy, Chennai	39
Anil Suri, New Delhi	32
Umesh Prabhakar Kakkeri, Mumbai	27
Parvesh Kumar Gupta	15
Dr Vinu Khanna, New Delhi	13
Anil Dhir, Bhubaneswar	04

Total voters 84, Total votes 504, Polled 405

Kaizad Todywalla scored 67% of the votes.

The newly formed Governing Council in its first meeting following the elections inducted Binod Jain to represent the North East (Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, and Sikkim) from where no nomination was received. Another seat for which no nomination was received for the elections is West Bengal and it will be filled in the next meeting of the Governing Council. In addition up to 3 persons may get nominated to the Council later.

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Dec 23: Sumitranandan Pant

Dec: Devaraj Urs

Dec: Fire Services in India (set of stamps)

Dec: Singers (set of stamps)

Dec: Mahabharata & Ramayana (set of stamps)

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The issues are scheduled and rescheduled for release at very short notice of couple of days only at times! Thus it is virtually impossible to inform our readers thru this weekly publication about forthcoming stamp issues of India. We however do our best to publish this information on the home page of www.stampsofindia.com as soon as it becomes available to us.

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Ved Parkash Dhawan Passes Away

Ved Parkash Dhawan passed away on December 4, 2015 at Patiala. He was 79. He was a well known stamp dealer hailing from the internationally well known firm of B L Dhaun and Sons that was established in 1906. It was succeeded by Sohan Lal Dhawan & Sons in the next generation. Ved Parkash Dhawan was the third generation stamp dealer and his elder son Sanjay Dhawan of the fourth generation is carrying on the family business.

He successfully exhibited and won Gold medals at State level, served as a member of the Jury and was honoured by the Philatelic Congress of Punjab with an award of honour.

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Asian International Stamp Exhibitions 2016

Philatelic Congress of India has appointed:

Rajan Jayakar rajanjayakar@yahoo.com as the National Commissioner for India to the 32nd Asian International Stamp Exhibition THAILAND 2016 being held on August 10-15, 2016 at Bangkok, Thailand

Surendra Kotadia surendrakotadia@gmail.com as the National Commissioner for India to the 33rd Asian International Stamp Exhibition CHINA 2016 being held on December 2-6, 2016 at Nanning, China

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* Revised / Updated information

Dec 25-27, 2015: Mudra Utsav

Organizers: Numismatic Society of Kolkata

Venue: Haldiram Banquets Hall, Ballyguange, Kolkata

* ~~Dec 26-28, 2015~~: Naturepex-2015, Philatelic Exhibition on Nature and Environment **Postponed**

Organizers: Eastern India Philatelists' Association

Venue: Bhubaneswar

Open to the exhibitors of Odisha, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh

2016

Jan 7-9, 2016: 13th Kerapex, Kerala State Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Sri Shankara Hall, M G Road, Thrissur

Open for participation to exhibitors of Kerala & Lakshadweep

Jan 8-10, 2016: Rare Fair 2016

Venue: Indraprastha Hall, Old Gangapur Naka, Gangapur Road, Nashik

Jan 16-18, 2016: Mahapex-2016, Maharashtra State Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Regional Stamp Depot, Upnagar, Nashik

~~Jan 22-25, 2016: Tanapex-2016, Tamil Nadu State Level Philatelic Exhibition~~ **POSTPONED**

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Mother Teresa Exhibition Hall, near Valluvar Kottam, Nungambakkam, Chennai 600034

Open for participation to exhibitors of Tamil Nadu & Puducherry

Feb 5-7, 2016: Madhya Pradesh State Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Indore

Feb 26-28, 2016: National Numismatic Exhibition

Venue: The Bell Hotel, Majestic, Next to Bangalore City Railway Station, Bangalore

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