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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, Uttarakhand Philatelic Association, Dehradun 15

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

Rajesh Paharia scored 92% of the vote polled.

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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.

**Forthcoming Stamp Issues**

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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Dec 16: New Delhi, Russian Centre of Science & Culture Golden Jubilee


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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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Dec 25-27, 2015: Mudra Utsav
Organizers: Numismatic Society of Kolkata
Venue: Haldiram Banquets Hall, Ballyguange, Kolkata

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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Meetings of the Philatelic Organizations in India www.stampsofindia.com/info base/clubmeet.htm

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