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## LESTER ALLEN MICHEL

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Our Study Circle has just suffered a grievous loss, and I myself am mourning a dear friend. Lester Michel will be remembered as long-time editor of *Postal Himal* and its previously titled *Newsletter* (No.16, 1979 to No.60, 4th quarter 1989), contributor of articles, even its printer for a period of years. Most notably, we are indebted to his seminal "The Use of Nepalese Postage Stamps in Telecommunications" (*The Congress Book* [1968], pp.155-93), a field about which so little was previously known. Nor should we forget his discovery of one of the great rarities of Nepalese philately, the single-into-double blister flaw in cliché 42 of the eleventh setting of the one-half anna black.

Letter's own award winning Nepal (strongly enriched by acquisitions from the 1980 Heddergott auction) developed from his interest in mountaineering covers. He acquired the Gordon Palmer holdings of mountain-related material from all over the world including some Himalayan (confession: I got them first, selling them to him but retaining the Himalayan items, many of which he already had and to which he later added other pieces). The seeking of mountaineering covers in turn grew out of his own climbing adventures. He could count among his "trophies", Washington's Mt. Rainier, the three highest summits in Mexico, all 54 fourteen-thousanders in his beloved Colorado, and was at work (no, call that "play") ascending its highest hundred, when forced by reasons of health to stop at No. 90.

He and his widow Martha (his wife of 56 years) were noted world travellers: Alaska, much of Europe, England, parts of Asia including China, Tibet, the Middle East, Japan and Iran. He was and Martha remains no mere amateur carpenters. He built the 3100 sq. ft. stone house his family called home (a fine piece of work it is, as I can personally attest), and between them they remodelled a house in Denver and worked extensively on their summer home at the foot of Horn Peak (13450 ft, which he climbed at least once every month of one year or another).

So much for hobbies, sports and skills, which still fail to do him full justice. His profession was chemistry. He was a 55-year member of the American Chemical Society, listed in *Who's Who in America* among other publications, taught at The Colorado College from 1947 to 1983, a number of them as Verger Z. Reed Chair of Chemistry. He worked on the Manhattan atomic bomb Project in the 1940's and help develop a new series of high school science texts. His *11 Years of Chemistry at the Colorado College*, relating the history of its chemistry department as well as his long personal experiences with the college, appeared in 1988.

He and his wife reared a family of five and can boast eighteen grandchildren.

This man of many parts touched all of us philatelists as collector, editor, exhibitor and writer. I for one am honoured to have known him from endless correspondence by phone and paper, many a mountain climb and often breaking bread in his home. Who could not feel saddened by his passing, for we will not soon see his like.

His friend, Armand E. Singer.



# Notes from the Secretary's Desk

It is always sad to lose one of the members of our Circle but it is particularly sad to report the death of Prof. Lester Michel. It was twenty years ago that I first met Lester at a Circle meeting at Westpex in San Francisco. At the time I was running the Circle almost single handed and was looking for help to take some of the workload off me. Both Lester and Thomas Matthiesen offered to take over the production of the then newsletter, and then Lester looked after the production himself. I corresponded with him for many years and my wife and I always looked forward to his Christmas letter with the diary of his years events with his family and friends.

Our thanks go to Armand for his tribute to Lester who will be missed by us all.

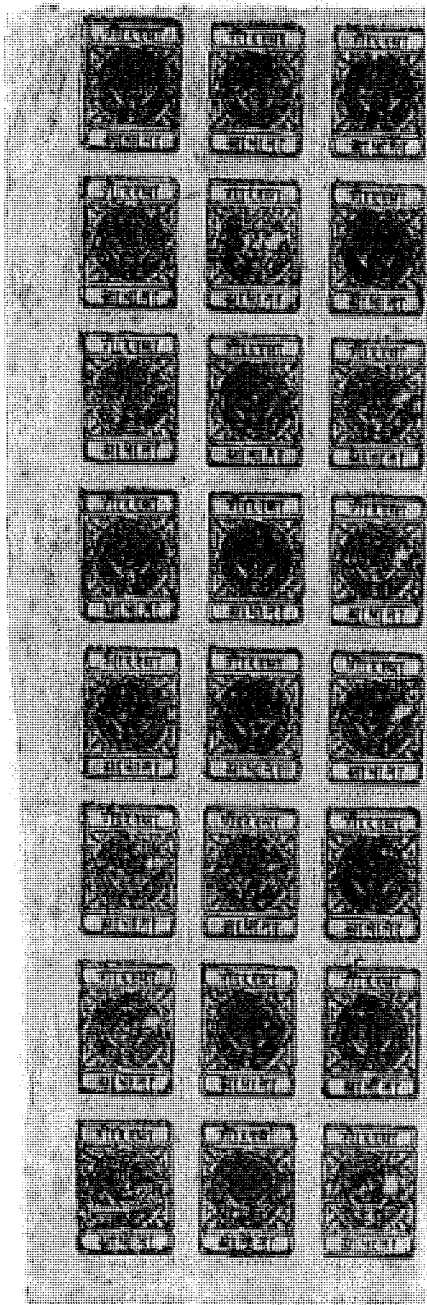
Leo and I are still trying hard to catch up with the production of Postal Himal and we have now managed to get out four issues in six months and we will be striving to continue to produce them at the same rate. I hope that as many members as possible will be able to attend our meeting in London next year as most of the Circle Officers will be present there will be a good opportunity to discuss Circle matters.

Colin Hepper

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# Interesting Items from the collection of Peter Planken



Block of 24 half anna imperf.  
down the left hand side of the  
sheet.

## A unique 'imperf at one side' variety of the ½ Anna.

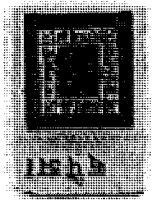
In my collection I have a block of 24 of the ½ Anna black pin perforated on thick native paper, that I purchased in auction, with some other Nepalese items.

This block is probably from setting 3 and is vertically imperforate between the entire length of the first vertical row and the left sheet margin.

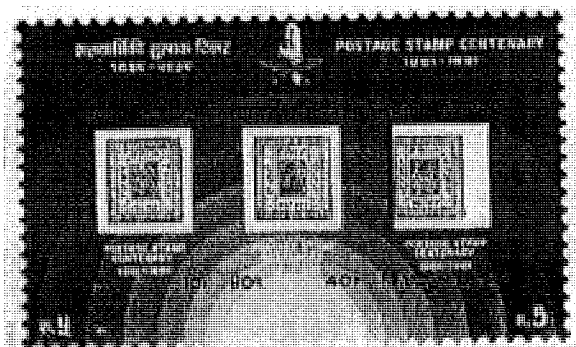
This perforation error is unrecorded by Hellrigl/Vignola and is believed to be unique.

The Hellrigl certificate states: 'no other perforation errors of any kind are known of the ½ Anna stamps, nor are any other 'imperf. at one side' varieties known of the other denominations of the classic period'

In the same lot as the half anna block was a one anna stamp, pin perforated, with the sheet inscription reading inwards. The colour of the stamp is dark blue and is in position 9 of an unrecorded setting, probably before or after setting 10.



## Error on the Postage Stamp Centenary 1881 - 1981 Souvenir Sheet



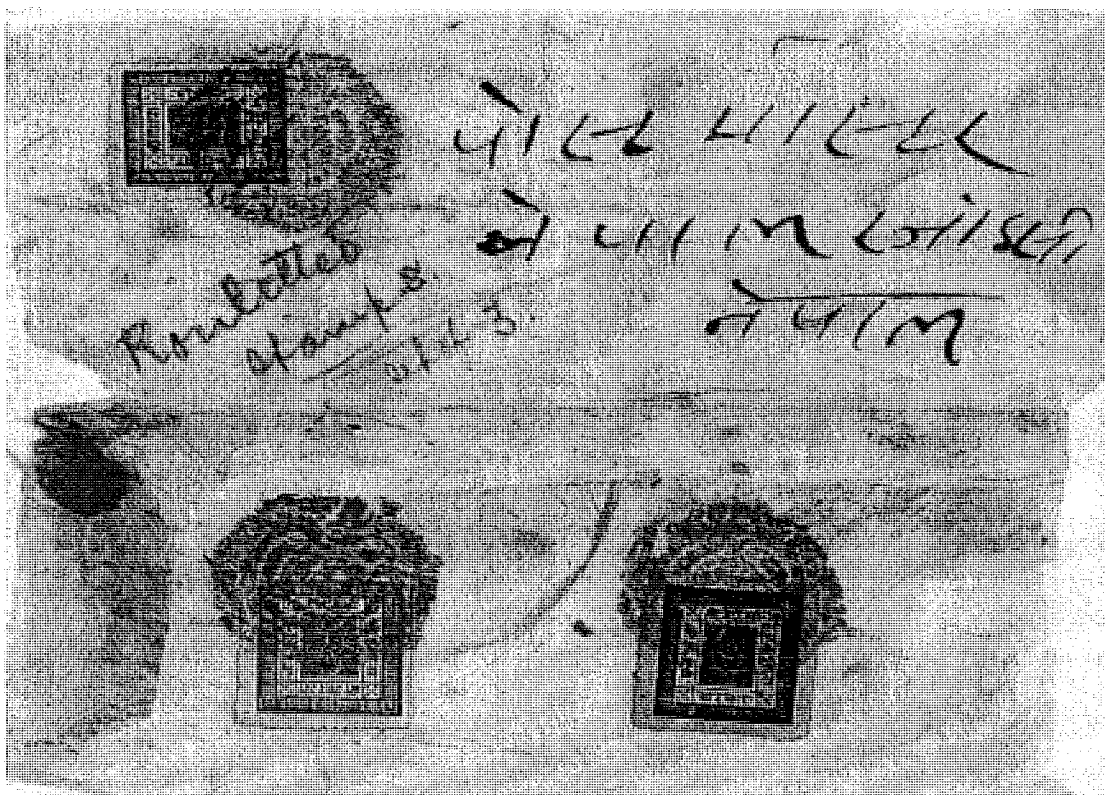
Several years ago I obtained from a member of the Study Circle a souvenir sheet of the 'Postage Stamp Centenary 1881-1981'. This sheet is imperforate and on the stamp of R3.40 the 4 annas stamp 1881 is shifted to the left.

Has anyone else seen this error?

### The Second 4 Annas used, pin perforated on European Paper.

A further lot from the same auction had the following description: 'used on cover 1896-1899 Nepal, 1a, 2a, and 4a on "souvenir" native envelope'.

This "souvenir" native envelope, 1889, from Kathmandu with the cancellation C70, bears the following stamps; 2 annas purple and 4 annas yellow-green, pin perforated on

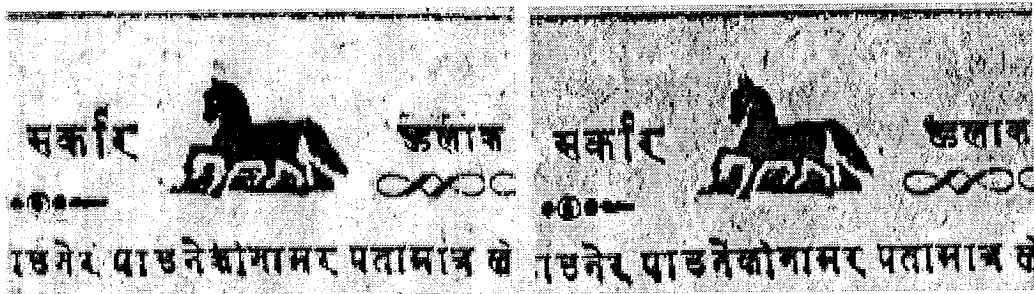


European wove paper, H/V2 and H/V3 and 1 anna dark-blue pin perforated on native paper, H/V11D, perforated variety. This cover bears on of the only two known used copies of the pin perforated 4 annas stamp of the first issue. The other 4 annas used is in the collection of Dr Wolfgang Hellrigl. (see Postal Himal 63, page 50).

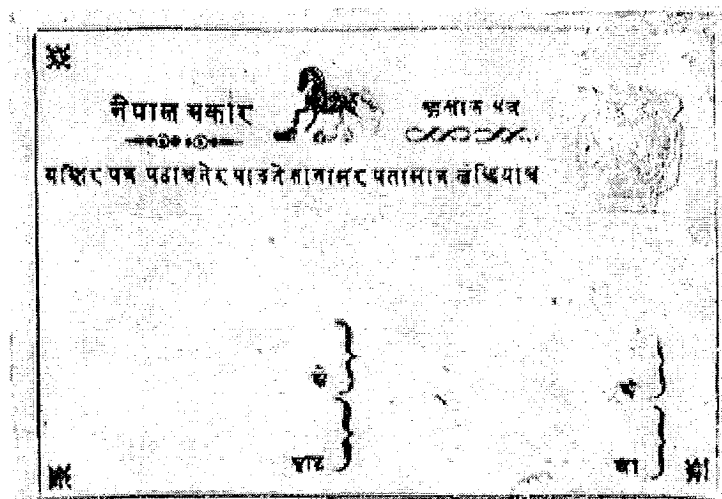
## SOME POSTAL CARDS WITH ODDITIES

### by Dick van der Wateren

I always enjoy myself searching at dealers boots and finding unexpected stationeries for my collection. Last year I obtained some cards of the first issue with small oddities. Two of these cards of printing Wa5, show the horse with additional 'ears', one of these with only one ear, like a unicorn, but shorter. The second card with two very clear 'ears'. These flaws can be caused by small splinters on the plate or other smut. Both cards are illustrated below, partly enlarged.



Another card is very badly inked, resulting in framelines and vowels which are partly invisible. Also the upper right corner ornament is not inked, though the plate impression can be seen just like the vowel on *Sarkar* and the third vowel on *Lekhiyo*, the last word of the heading. Normally this 3rd vowel is characteristic for this 12th printing (see page 34 of *Nepal Postal Stationery*). The vermilion stamp tilts to the right.

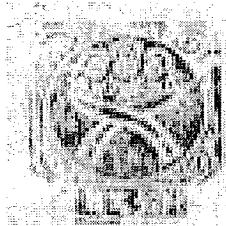


1/2 Anna Postal Card, 1st Issue 1887 - 1922

## DIE PROOF of the INDICIUM



The Die Proof



The Issued Indicum

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| * The Kukris (swords) larger and more flattened.    | * The Kukris shorter and more curved. |
| * Diameter of the circle 16.5mm.                    | * Diameter of the circle 16.5mm.      |
| * Width of the indicium 20mm.                       | * Width of the idicium 19.5mm.        |
| * Height of the indicium 22mm.                      | * Height of the indicium 22mm.        |
| * The characters in the value tablet less detailed. | * The characters more detailed        |
- \* Small differences in the three “discs” above the swords of the indicia.

The **Die Proof** is ‘cancelled’ with what looks like a **seal cancel**, which could not be identified, but was probably applied by the minister responsible. Also the two known **Essays** of the first issue 1 anna of 1881 are cancelled. This Die Proof was discovered in the same very small collection containing the cover with the second known pin perforated 4 anna of the first issue reported in this issue by Peter Planken.

Dick van der Wateren



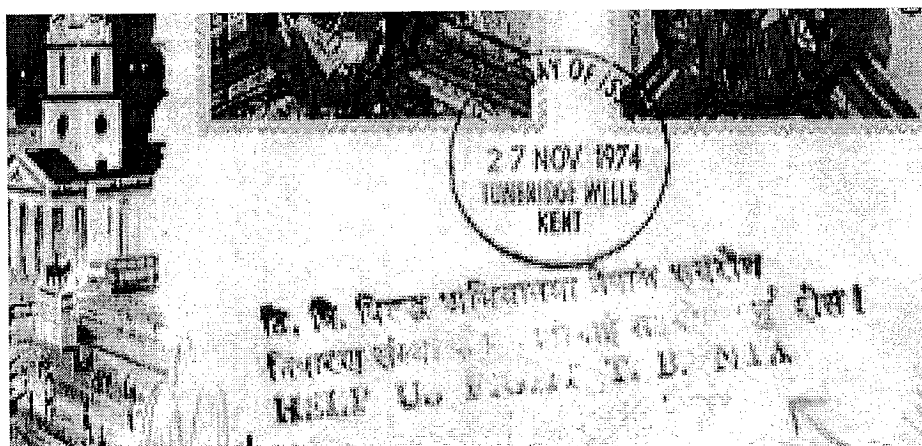
# Postal Slogans by Colin Hepper

## Health.

1974 : Postal slogan in Devanagari and English, to help make the public aware of the Tuberculosis problem. Applied to incoming mail.

टि. वि. विहार अभियानमा नेपाल प्रसारण  
 निवाहण संख्या का १ - यहाँ मन्त्री हुँ दोष।  
 HELP US FIGHT T. B. NTA.

*'Help us fight T.B.'*

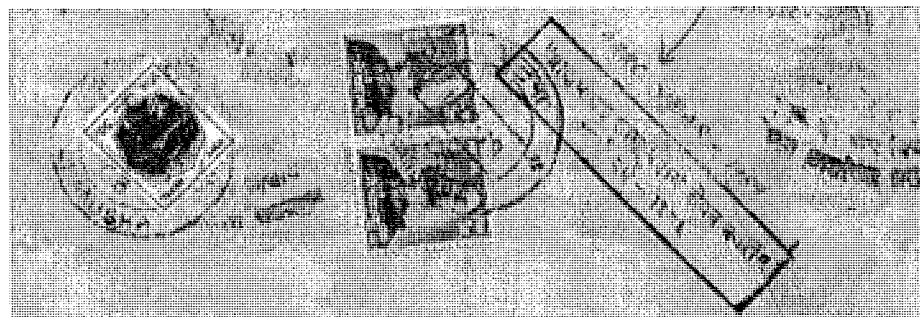


First Day Cover with the 1974 Christmas issue stamps sent from England in November 1974, to Nepal with the T.B. Postal Slogan.

1989: Introduced on 8 December 1989 in conjunction with the SAARC campaign against drugs abuse and drug trafficking.

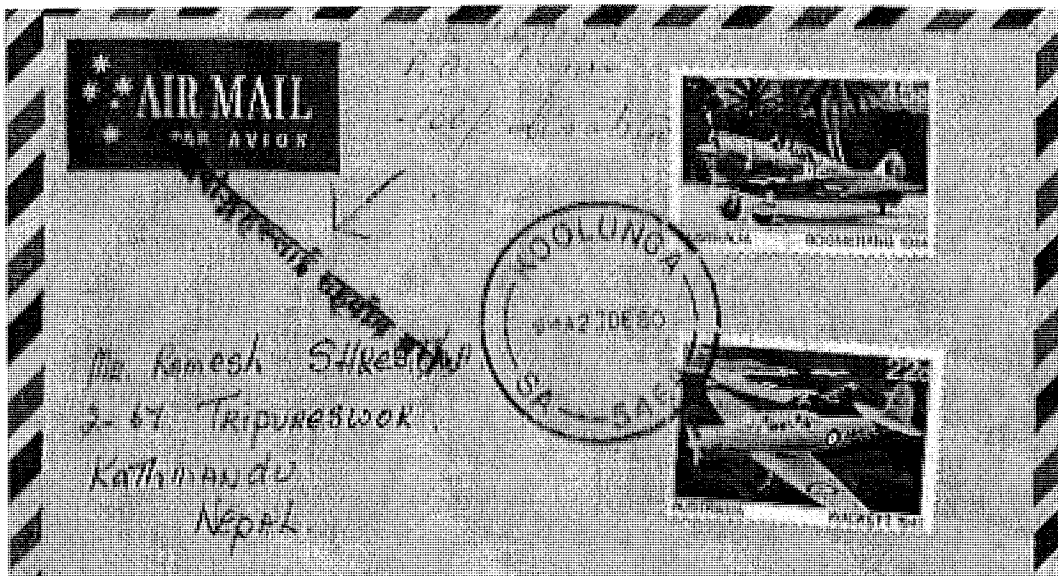
“माराधात्मक लागू पदार्थ सेवन नगरी”  
 सार्क वर्ष - १९८९

*'Avoid Life Injurious Drugs, SAARC Year 1989'*



Official letter sent from Dhanusha P.O. with the Drugs Postal Slogan.

1981 : Postal Slogan '*Help the disabled*' applied at Kathmandu on incoming mail.



*Letter sent from Australia and received at Kathmandu on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1981 with the 'Help the disabled' slogan.*

— तपाईं सहायता दिई सहयोग गरिए

1991: Postal Slogan found on internal mail posted in January 1991.



इहो सभ्राजघातक रोग त्रै  
मेसैमा मनेछ हौं

*'AIDS Deadly Disease,  
let us act now'*

1989: Two slogans appeared in July 1989 to help encourage people to give blood. One in English and the other in Devanagari.



*'Give Blood – Save Life'*



Internal cover sent on 6 July 1989 with both types of slogan struck in red. The devanagari slogan is also recorded in purple ink.

1986: Postal slogan applied to internal mail for World Health Day.

विश्व स्वास्थ्य दिवस, २४ अप्रैल २०४३  
 खाम दिलाई, बच्चालाई बचाई

*'Save Children – Give Vaccination'*



Internal cover with the World Health Day slogan used on 15 April 1986.

## CAVEAT EMPTOR

Armand E. Singer

Recently I have seen several auction catalogs describing singles or sheets of the 1933 Tibet four-trangka greens, calling attention to the flaw on the lion's left front thigh—the so-called sunburst variety on cliché No. 8 (No. 6 in the second setting). The descriptions sound as if this flaw is something much to be sought after. True, if we are dealing with the first setting before cliché No. 4 fell out, the sheet is pretty rare, but the true rarity is the same first setting before the flaw itself appeared early on (such a sheet is usually estimated today at upwards of \$2000). Single copies can be hunted, using for a guide Frealon Bibbins' indispensable *Tibet Third Series, 1933-60 Plating Study* (Vancouver, BC: Geoffrey Flack, 1993), p. 61. The sunburst flaw, which, once appearing, remained through all printings from 1933 on, both settings, is not at all rare except initially, obviously far commoner than the unflawed variety. Incidentally it should not be confused with a true error such as the POTSAGE variety seen on all printings of the two-thirds trangka 1912s, from 1912 to 1933 (and even beyond), clichés Nos. 6 and 7. Neither is this true error a rarity, if five times as scarce as the other ten clichés, but not often seen on cover (the value paid for registered, not ordinary letters). Since it involves the central two stamps in the sheet of twelve, any block of four, as Waterfall noted (p. 69, 1965 ed.; p. 75, 1981 ed.), is sure to include at least one example of this neat little mistake.

The curious might compare the common NFPAL datestamps of Tibet's sister country, found on late nineteenth-century and early twentieth-century covers. Three different datestamps bear this variety (frequently touted in auction catalogs) hardly any rarer than the properly spelled "E." Wolfgang Hellrigl, in his *Nepal Postal History*, theorized that since the mistake occurs on three different datestamps of the period, it is "probably the result of a repeated error in engraving, rather than of damage and/or wear" (p. 99). As these postal markings are British-Indian, not native, used from 1886 to 1915 in one form or another, it is difficult to conceive of such longevity, but improbably, he is probably right! At any rate, like Tibet's sunburst, it is no rarity. I suggest you resist paying a premium for them unless other aspects of the tempting specimens before you demand it.

### **BOOK REVIEW: TIBET: Caught in Time by John Clarke**

Hardbound book forwarded by the Dalai Lama; 1997; Garnet Publishing Ltd, United Kingdom; £19.95; 152 pages; index.

This book is non-philatelic in nature, but I think it deserves a mention in this quarterly. It is mainly a collection of photos from the British Library taken by John Claude White (Political Officer in Sikkim for 20 years) and Sir Charles Bell (Political Officer and good friend of the thirteenth Dalai lama) in the early part of the twentieth century.

Even though many of the photos (158 total) show typical scenes of Tibet, the captions are extensive and very informative. Of special interest are: photos of the Tibetan Postmaster General; workers and officials engaged in extending the telegraph lines from Gyantse to Lhasa; couriers changing over at a postal station on the Gyantse to Lhasa road and a postal runner carrying mail between Gyantse and Gobshi.

The various chapters, including "Trade, Travel and Communications" and "Nobility and Government", are very well written and offer pertinent information.

The author is Assistant Curator, India and South-East Asian Collection at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

*Leo Martyn.*

## PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECTORY OF HIMALAYAN AREA PHILATELISTS

by

Armand Singer

Our Study Circle has recently updated its membership list. But nowhere can I find something I propose to call a Directory of Distinguished Philatelists specializing in the Himalayan area - Bhutan, Nepal, Sikkim, Tibet - living or deceased, fellow members or not, enthusiasts who have pretty well devoted their lives to furthering our field of interest, who have formed important collections, exhibited nationally or internationally, turned out significant books and articles, made new discoveries.

We all recognize the famous names: Hellrigl, Vignola, Haverbeck, Hepper, Waterfall; you might well substitute others. It strikes me that there is a need to create a roster, somewhat more inclusive, commemorating those of us who have been equally bitten by the Himalayan bug, even if the rest of our philatelic colleagues might not necessarily recall their names. In the following tentative list of names I have included minimal data such as area of specialization, nationality or place of residence, sale dates for their collections, etc. Members of our Circle share space with those who have foregone the pleasure of our company, the quick and the dead, from all around the globe. Knowledgeable dealer-specialists, the likes of George Alevizos and Geoffrey Flack, Surendra Lal Shrestha and C.L. Tulsian should be and have been included for their valuable research and the finding of new items for us to collect.

At some future time I hope to do biographical sketches for certain of these candidates with whom I have had connections. I suggest that our membership contribute pieces on some of the others. At the least you could add to my list, with a few details. You might also question the appropriateness of some of my inclusions.

Eventually we should end with a comprehensive, true biographical dictionary, a Who's Who among Himalayan Area Philatelists. Here are the names of 70 "charter" members:

Adgey-Edgar, W.H. English, pioneer TIBET collector. Articles on TIBET and NEPAL.  
Robson Lowe sale, Oct. 3, 1962.

Alevizos, George. American dealer, former TIBET collector, presently collector of Bhutan.  
Expert on TIBET and NEPAL. Publisher.

Bibbins, Frealon (Bud). American TIBET collector, exhibitor of F.M. Bailey postal history. Writer on TIBET.

Bailey, F.M. English statesman, spy, scientist, adventurer in the TIBET and NEPAL areas.  
TIBET and NEPAL collector.

Bates, Derrick. English. TIBET authority and collector.

Bell, Sir Charles. Pioneer English statesman. TIBET collector and scholar. Tibetan grammar book.

Binder, Aaron. Late New York dealer. Extensive TIBET and some NEPAL correspondence.

Braun, J. NEPAL handbook. One of the great German experts.

Brewer, Jeremy. Kent, England. Possesses one of the finest TIBET collections. Scholar as well.

Campbell, Neil. Pioneer American TIBET collector.

Chiu, C.W. Hong Kong TIBET dealer. Published Chiu's Supplement (1950s-1960s). Authority on Chinese post 1950s invasion of TIBET cancels.

Couvreur, Pierre. Belgian. One of the founding members of the Nepal and Tibet Philatelic Study Circle. NEPAL (and TIBET) collector.

Cummings, Philip. Pioneer Vermont, U.S.A. TIBET collector. Seemingly the first to discover the 1-sang greens and the "officials".

Dahnke, Kurt H. Nurnberg, Germany. TIBET collector. Tibet Handbuch and many articles

Dawson, Derrick. English authority on TIBET seals. Reads Tibetan and Horyig.

Dawson, L.E. English. He and Major Evans (see below) wrote the first NEPAL manual, later reworked and expanded by H. Haverback (see below).

Dougan, C.W. Early collector/writer on TIBET. R. Lowe sale Oct. 23, 1980.

Evans, Major E.B. With L.E. Dawson wrote the first NEPAL manual. Expanded by H. Haverback.

Flack, Geoffrey. Vancouver. Canadian TIBET dealer and expert. Publisher.

Franke, Wilfried. TIBET collector and writer.

Fuchs, Rainer. Fine TIBET collection.

Garratt-Adams, H. Late pioneer English collector-dealer-writer-editor, TIBET and NEPAL. Christie's sale April 22, 1993.

Gaze, R.H. English collector. Articles. TIBET.

Greenwood, Dr. M. Allen. American. NEPAL. Purchased Haverbeck's NEPAL collection.

Gupta, P. Calcutta, India. Collector whose NEPAL collection won international exhibit awards. Feldman sale Nov. 16-21, 1997.

Haverbeck, Harrison D.S. Pioneer American TIBET and NEPAL collector. Two basic handbooks on TIBET and NEPAL. One-half of TIBET collection Kennedi sale, Eastland, Harper Woods, Michigan, May 5, 1978.

Heddergott, Jochem. Famous German collector of award-winning NEPAL. One of the largest of all sales - London and Brighton Stamp Auctions March 20, 1980.

Hellrigl, Dr. Wolfgang. Italian-German. One of the great collections of both NEPAL and TIBET. Basic books on TIBET and NEPAL. Expertizer.

- Hepper, Colin. English. NEPAL authority. Book on Sri Pashupati issues and with Dr. Hellrigl on native NEPAL cancellations. Longtime Nepal and Tibet Philatelic Study Circle secretary.
- Hinde, William. R. Lowe Nov. 27, 1957 sale of his TIBET.
- Holcombe, Peter. Lucerne-dwelling English pioneer collector-dealer scholar on TIBET and NEPAL. Christie's sale of some NEPAL, Dec. 18, 1996.
- Holmes, H.R. Wrote the first history of TIBET philately, 1941.
- Klewitz, Theo. German. One of the great collectors and students of TIBET.
- Livingston, L.F. American TIBET dealer-scholar, killed June 15, 1972 over Viet Nam in an aeroplane explosion, from a bomb left in checked baggage.
- Lowe, Robson. The late grand old London dean of TIBET and NEPAL. Auctioneer-dealer. Articles and catalogue describer.
- Martyn, Leo. American. International award-winning NEPAL. Our Postal Himal editor.
- Michel, Lester. American. Former ed. of Postal Himal. Award-winning NEPAL collection. Sale: Nepal and Tibet Philatelic Study Circle Auction (s)-Jan. 17, 1998 (and future auctions).
- Moss, Rev. Arthur Bruce. Pioneer American TIBET collector. Articles.
- Negus, James. American BHUTAN collector. Also NEPAL.
- Newman, T.M. American. TIBET.
- Orth, A. Pioneer German TIBET collector and writer. Harmer's of London sale, Dec. 20, 1995 (supposedly Orth's holdings).
- Palmer, Gordon. American. Finest of all collections of Himalayan (and worldwide) mountaineering covers. Exhibitor. Private treaty sale; details not available.
- Pattis, Henry A. Los Angeles, California, U.S.A. NEPAL rarities in sheets, etc.
- Radgowski, Stanley. Scranton, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. TIBET articles.
- Ricketts, Dr. Mac Linscott. Nepal and Tibet Philatelic Study Circle patron. Pioneer TIBET and NEPAL dealer-collector-researcher-writer.
- Ridder, F.C.J. de. San Francisco, California, U.S.A. Collector of TIBET, articles.
- Russell, George. Auckland, New Zealand. One of the early great TIBET specialists. Collector and writer. Passed away over 20 years ago.
- Salman, W.T. TIBET collector.
- Scott, Lawrence B. Orlando, Florida and Carson City, Nevada, U.S.A. Collector and award-winning exhibitor.

- Seeger, Dr., K.P. Postal stationery of NEPAL.
- Shrestha, Surendra Lal. Very knowledgeable Kathmandu dealer. Retail store.
- Singer, Armand E. Morgantown, West Virginia, U.S.A. Collector- exhibitor of NEPAL and TIBET. Books and articles on both.
- Skinner, Roger. Los Altos, California, U.S.A. Writer-collector-exhibitor on NEPAL. Officer of the Western Philatelic Library.
- Smythies, E.A. Irish. Late great specialist and writer on TIBET and NEPAL. International exhibitor of NEPAL (and TIBET?).
- Stevens, Clarkson G.(?). American (?). TIBET collection. Harpers of New York sale Feb. 23, 1978.
- Thompson, Col.(?) L.B. Early American authority on TIBET.
- Tulsiyan, C.L. Kathmandu researcher into native official documents. Parttime dealer.
- Vignola, Dr. Frank E. Eugene, Oregon, U.S.A. Son of Frank J. Pashupati issues specialist and exhibitor.
- Vignola, Frank J. San Francisco, California, U.S.A. One of the truly great NEPAL collections. Winner of countless national and international awards. With W. Hellrigl author of the basic book on the classic issues of NEPAL. Articles.
- Wang, Fortune. Taipei, Taiwan. Extensive TIBET collection.
- Warren, Alan. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. Award-winning TIBET collection. Writer.
- Wateren, Dick van der. Netherlands. Authority on NEPAL postal stationery. Handbook on same.
- Waterfall, Arnold. His book is the Bible of TIBET philately. Also many articles. His renowned TIBET collection auctioned by R. Lowe Dec. 13, 1961; Jan. 8, '66; Jan. 24, '67; Sept. 19, '72; and Oct. 27, '78.
- Werner, Axel. Wiesbaden, Germany. NEPAL postal stationery. He and Wateren did the first handbook on the subject.
- West, Robert. The late Ohio (U.S.A.) editor of Himalayan Echoes, May 1973-Nov. 1975.
- Wheeler, Tony and Pat (English?). TIBET - R. Lowe sale, Basle, Switzerland, March 23, 1979.
- Wittmann, Hans. Wiesbaden, Germany. NEPAL collection.
- Zulueta, Alfonso G. Jr. Concord, California, U.S.A. Fine award-winning NEPAL collection.

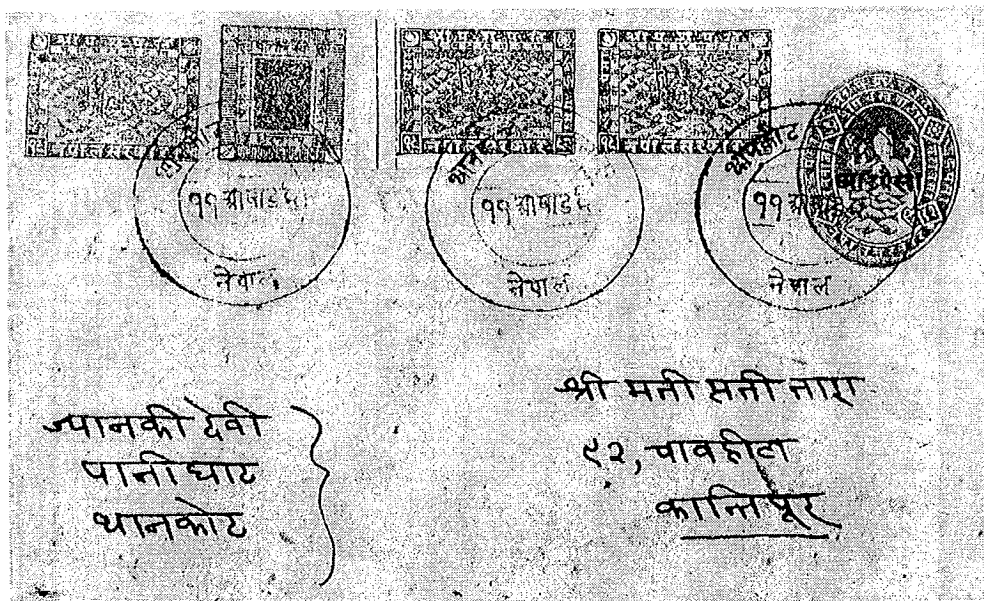


## An Unusual Philatelic Cover from Nepal

By  
Nick Rhodes and Len Stenning

Illustrated below is an unusual cover, which, although clearly of philatelic origin, may be of some interest to readers. It is a Nepalese Postal Stationery envelope (Wateren Type WA. 4a) with the 2 Paisa red (error of colour), overprinted "ath paisa" (8 Paisa) in one word. The cover bears four stamps, a 2 paisa green (error of colour), a 1 anna Plate II and an imperf pair of the 2 paisa brown, as reprinted for collectors. The cover was posted from Panighata, Thankot, where it received a "Small Circle" cancellation dated "11 Ashed 6", presumably in 2001 v.s. (=1954). Hellrigl and Hepper record this Thankot cancellation only in the range of 1957-60, so this early date might be of some interest. The cover is addressed to 92 Chabahil, Kantipur, and there is no reason to believe that it did not pass through the ordinary postal system, albeit with an excessive postal rate of 18 paisa.

The interesting question is whether this overprint is genuine or forged. Dick van der Wateren tells me that it is not possible yet to prove either way, so he listed it in his book as genuine. However the presence of this overprint in one word on such a philatelic cover certainly casts doubt on the parentage of this particular overprinted variety.



### MEMBERS AWARDS: 1988

Dick van der Wateren: *Vermail Award* and a "Special Prize" in the Netherlands for his exhibit of Nepalese Revenues.

*Gold Award* and a "Special Prize" at a Multilateral Philatelic Exhibition in Donaueschingen, Germany

Colin Hepper: *Gold Award* and *The Postal History Society Award* for Nepal Postal History at the 1988 Stampex Exhibition in London.

### 1999

Alan Warren: *Vermail Award* and the "AAPE Award of Honor" at Sescal '99 (Los Angeles) for "Tibet: Stamps and Postal History".

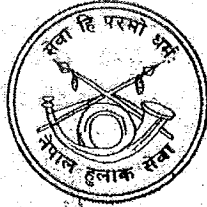


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## PHILATELIC PROGRAMME

1999



NEPAL PHILATELIC BUREAU

S.N.	Date of Issue	Subject or Occasion	Rate
1.	Apr. 1999	Silver Jubilee of Nepal Eye Hospital	R. 2.00
2.	May 1999	<u>Visit Nepal Series</u>	
		A. Kalika Bhagwati Temple	R. 2.00
		B. Chandan Nath Temple	R. 2.00
		C. Vijrayogini Temple	R. 12.00
		D. Mountain	R. 15.00
		E. Lumbini	R. 15.00
3.	June 1999	<u>Animal Series</u>	
		A. Four Horned Antelope	R. 10.00
		B. Nayan Great Tibetan Sheep	R. 10.00
4.	July 1999	<u>Dance Series</u>	
		A. Sorathi Dance	R. 5.00
		B. Bhairav Dance	R. 5.00
		C. Chhath Festival	R. 5.00
5.	Aug. 1999	<u>Personality Series</u>	
		A. Ram Narayan Mishra	R. 1.00
		B. Udayananda Aryal	R. 1.00
		C. Mangaladevi Singh	R. 1.00
		D. Master Mitrashen	R. 2.00
		E. Gopal Prasad Rimal	R. 2.00
		F. Bhupi Sherchan	R. 2.00
		G. Rudra Raj Pandey	R. 2.00
6.	Sept. 1999	SAF Game	R. 10.00
7.	Oct. 1999	125th Anniversary of UPU	R. 20.00
8.	Nov. 1999	Fight Against Child Labour	R. 12.00
9.	Dec. 1999	55th Birthday of HM the King	R. 5.00

- Note:**
1. The above programmes and rates are subject to change as necessary.
  2. The detailed information of each issue will be available from Nepal Philatelic Bureau, Kathmandu from time to time.

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#### **DAY 02: Youth Collectors Day - 28 December 1998**

Second day was the Youth Collectors Day. In this day also there was issued a special envelope. The Director General of Posts Mr. Mukund Sharma Poudel affixed special cancellation postmark.

#### **DAY 03: Happy Birth Day - 29 December 1998**

Third day of the exhibition was the Kings birthday. In the happy and auspicious occasion there was a new issue of postage stamp of Rs. 2.00 denomination depicting the King to commemorate the happy and auspicious 54th birthday of the King .A first day cancellation postmark was affixed by the Minister for Information and Communication Mr. Jaya Prakash Anand Gupta. He also affixed a special cancellation in the special cover prepared by NPS on this occasion.

#### **DAY 04: FIP/FIAP Day - 30 December 1998**

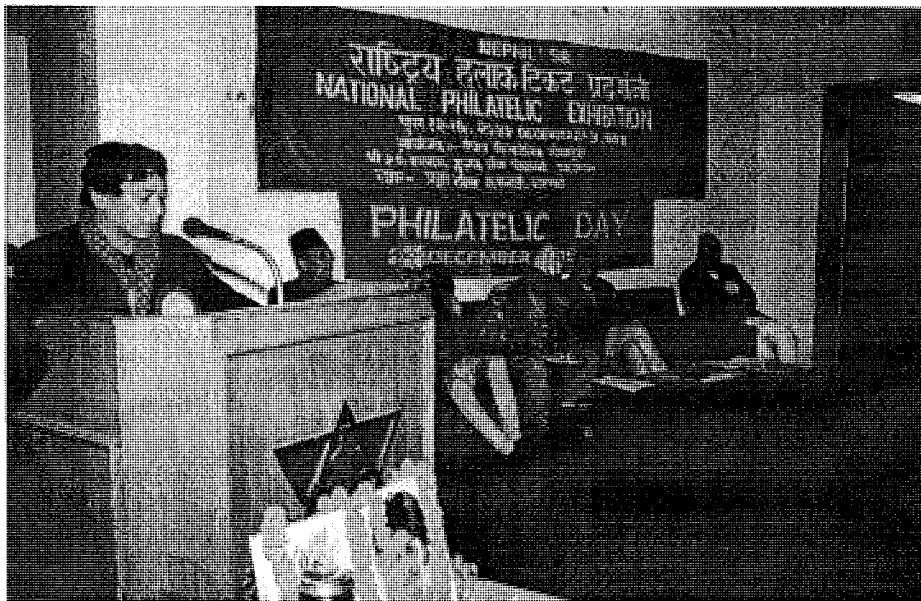
In this occasion the Secretary of Information and Communication Ministry Mr. Shree Ram Poudyel affixed the special cancellation in the special cover of NPS.

#### **DAY 05: Visit Nepal 98 Day - 31 December 1998**

On the last day of the exhibition, it was celebrated as the Visit Nepal 98 Year day. In this occasion Mr. Ang Rita Sherpa affixed the special cancellation in the special NPS cover. He is the only man on Earth to scale the Mount Sagarmatha (Everest), the highest peak of the world for a record number of 11 times.

A good number of visitors came to see the exhibition on all the five days. But due to the winter vacation in the schools and campuses the number of visitors could not reach the limit of the expectation of the organising committee.

A grand Palmers Night was organised in Hotel Sherpa for the distribution of various awards and certificates to the participants of Nephil 98. It was felt that the medals were awarded to the deserving exhibits. The Chief Patron of the NPS Mr. M.R. Rajbhandary distributed the medals and certificates.



The secretary of NPS and member secretary of NEPHIL 98 addressing the gathering of Philately Day.

Thus the five days of Nephil 98 came to happy ending with a promise that there will be another National/International Philatelic Exhibition Nephil-2001 in the year 2001 to celebrate the 50th year of democracy in the Kingdom of Nepal. I feel that it will be a great tribute to the nation.

Due to this Nephil 98 exhibition, a good number of new collectors -Senior and Junior came into limelight. It can be justified by the fact that out of 28 exhibits, 20 were the new entrants. So it is very much encouraging to see that if we can organise exhibitions from time to time regularly then we can tap hidden talents and new collectors who will be the prospective exhibitors for the future International and World class exhibitions.

A panel of Judges consisting of 5 Philatelists was responsible for awarding various medals like Gold/Vermeil/Silver/Silver Bronze and Certificate of Participation to the exhibitors.

**The winners of various medals are :---**

**TRADITIONAL CLASS**

<u>Name of Exhibitor</u>	<u>Title of Exhibit</u>	<u>Medal</u>
Mr. Rishi Kumar Tulsayan	Nepal Collection	Gold
Mr. Shyam P Nhuchhe Pradhan	Nepal Classics	Gold
Mr. Binod Sthapit	Native Printing Stamps	Vermeil
Mr. Narayan Dass Shrestha	Classics Stamps of Nepal	Vermeil
Mr. Madhav Raj Sharma	Nepal collection	Silver
Mr. Subarna Ram Joshi	Shree Pashupati Era	Silver
Mr. Shyam Khatiwada	Nepal Collection	Silver
Mr. Ujjal Kapoor Shrestha	Mahendra Era	Bronze
Mr. Babu Krishna Joshi	Modern Collection of Nepal	Diploma

**POSTAL STATIONERY**

Mr. Binod Sthapit	Postal Stationery of Nepal	Vermeil
Mr. Nesh Bahadur Manandhar	Postal Stationery of Nepal	Silver

**THEMATICS**

Mr. Shankar Shrestha	Butterflies	Vermeil
Mr. Punnya Ratna Sthapit	Philatelic Chess	vermeil
Mr. Gauri Shanker Shrestha	Nepal Himalayas on World Philately	Silver
Mr. Shree Ram Basnet	The Great Writers in Nepalese Stamps	Bronze
Mr. Rameswor Man Karmacharya	Kings on Postal Stamps	Bronze
Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma	Nepal & World Relation from Nepalese Postal Activities	Bronze
Mr. Bidur Upadhaya	Nepal on World Heritage	Diploma

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Mr. Kedar Pradhan

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Revenues & Landlords Stamps  
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Mr. Bineet Chandra Jha  
Mr. Girish Rajkarnikar  
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Mr. Sandeep Sagar Sakun  
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Lord Shiva in Nepalese Philately  
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Nepal on World Philately  
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Portrait of King in Nepal Philately  
Different Cancellation Marks

Vermeil  
Silver  
Bronze  
Bronze  
Diploma  
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# THE STAMP SHOW 2000

Earls Court, London, 22 – 28 May 2000

**Our Society will be holding a meeting at this  
exhibition on Friday 26 May 2000 10.30 – 13.30**

We are hoping to arrange a dinner venue in the evening, on the same day for members to attend. Details have not been finalised yet. Our new President Armand Singer, Vice-President Dick van der Wateren, past President Wolfgang Hellrigl, Editor Leo Martyn and Secretary Colin Hepper will be at the exhibition.

More details will be announced in the next issue of Postal Himal.

## Technical Details

## Visit Nepal Series.

Sunrise, Shree  
Antudanda, IlamMaitidevi Temple,  
KathmanduThe Great Renunciation  
Gate, KapilavastuMt. Cholatse,  
Solukhumbu

- i) The hill of Shree Antudanda, Ilam is famous place for the panoramic view of sunrise. It's attraction is the view of first sun-ray that is reflected by the famous Kanchanjunga peak located in the northern part of this place.
- ii) Panchkumari Maitidevi temple is one of the important power deities of Kathmandu city. The feast of Maitidevi is observed on the first day of Tihar festival which lasts for four days.
- iii) Gautam Buddha spent twenty nine years of his life as a prince with a great luxury and entertainment in Kapilavastu. The eastern side gate through which he left the palace, is known as the gate of Great Renunciation in all Buddhist literatures.
- iv) Mt. Cholatse is located in the Sagarmatha Zone with 27.53° north latitude and 86.46° east Longitude. It is 6440 m. high and attractive snow peak falls in the Khumbu region.

- A) Denomination : (i) R. 2.00 (ii) R. 10.00  
(iii) R. 18.00 (iv) R. 20.00
- B) Designer : K.K. Karmacharya
- C) Process : Photogravure
- D) Size : 28x35.96 mm. each
- E) Paper : High quality stamp paper
- F) Sheet : 50 stamps per sheet
- G) Printer : Helio Courvoisier S.A. Switzerland
- H) Colors : Four Colors each
- I) Format : (i), (ii) & (iii) Horizontal, (iv) Vertical

J) Quantity : (i) & (ii) One million each, (iii) & (iv) Half million each

K) Issue date : 8th May 1998

## 2. World Cup Football '98

This postage stamp is brought out to commemorate the last world cup football final of this century, has attractively pictorial two different situations of player's action. First one depicts the intense struggle between two teams and next one displays player's action at the goal post.



- A) Denomination : R. 12.00
- B) Designer : Mohan N.S. Rana
- C) Process : Offset Lithography
- D) Size : 30x40 mm.
- E) Paper : High quality stamp paper
- F) Sheet : 50 stamps per sheet
- G) Printer : Government printing office, Vienna, Austria.
- H) Color : Four color
- I) Format : Horizontal
- J) Quantity : One million
- K) Issue Date : 20th June 1998

## 3. Personalities Series:



Ram Prasad Rai

Imansing  
ChemjongTulsi Meher  
Shrestha

Dadhi Ram Marasini



Mahananda Sapkota

- i) Democratic warrior Ram Prasad Rai was born in 1965 BS. at Maajh Kirant (Bhojpur). In 2008 BS he was jailed and was conspiringly killed in the same year.
- ii) Specialist of Kiranti Language and culture Imansing Chemjong, born in 1904 AD. at Kalimpong (India) passed away in 1975 AD.
- iii) Social worker Tulsi Meher Shrestha was born in 1953 B.S. in Lalitpur, Passed away in 2035 BS.
- iv) Maha Pundit Dadhil Ram Marasini, and expert of Sanskrit was born in 1939 BS. at Khidim (Arghakhanchi), passed away in 2020 BS.
- v) Linguist Mahananda Sapkota was born in 1953 BS. at Dewanchhap (Ilam), Passed away in 2035 BS.

- A) Denomination : R. 0.75 (ii) R. 1.00 (iii) R. 2.00 (iv) R. 2.00 (v) R. 5.40
- B) Designer : K. K. Karmacharya
- C) Process : Lithography
- D) Size : 29.6x38.5 mm. each
- E) Paper : High quality stamp paper
- F) Sheet : 50 Stamps per sheet
- G) Printer : Government printing office, Vienna, Austria.
- H) Color : Two colors each
- I) Format : Vertical
- J) Quantity : One million each
- K) Issue Date : 28th June 1998

## 4. Ganesh Man Singh

Senior Democratic Leader Ganesh Man Singh was born in Kathmandu on 9th November 1915. In January 1990, an unanimous decision was taken to organize mass movement under his supreme leadership which finally restored democracy in Nepal in April, 1990. Brave leader Singh passed away on 8th September 1997 at the age of eighty two years.



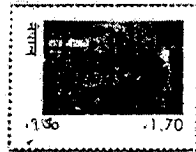
- A) Denomination : R. 5.00
- B) Designer : K.K. Karmacharya
- C) Process : Photogravure
- D) Size : 38.81x41.10 mm.
- E) Paper : High quality stamp paper
- F) Sheet : 50 stamps per sheet
- G) Printer : Helio Courvoisier S.A. Switzerland
- H) Color : Four colors
- I) Format : Horizontal
- J) Quantity : One million
- K) Issue Date : 18th Sept. 1998

5. **Royal Nepalese Army in peace keeping mission**

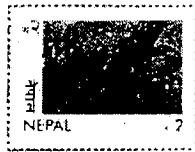
Representing Nepal the Royal Nepal Army on the call of the UN has been participating in peace keeping operations since 1958 for the cause of peace and a better world order. This stamp depicts two Royal Nepalese Army Personnels in the background of world map and issued to demonstrate Nepal's continued commitment for the cause of world peace



- A) Denomination : R. 10.00  
 B) Designer : K. K. Karmacharya  
 C) Process : Offset Lithography  
 D) Size : 26.5x40 mm.  
 E) Paper : High quality stamp paper  
 F) Sheet : 50 stamps per sheet  
 G) Printer : Government Printing Office Vienna, Austria  
 H) Color : Four colors  
 I) Format : Horizontal  
 J) Quantity : Half million  
 K) Issued date : 9th Oct. 1998

6. **Snake Series:**

King Cobra



Golden Tree Snake



Asiatic Rock Python



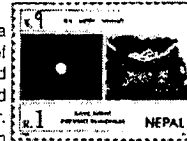
Karan's Pit Viper

- i) It is the largest poisonous snake of Nepal, which grows up to 5 meters. It occurs in the dense forests of the mid hills up to an altitude of 2400 meter and also in the Terai regions. It is a rare snake and recently recommended that protective status be accorded by HMG Nepal.
- ii) It is a medium size, thin, colorful snake, which grows up to a maximum length of 1.75 meters. It is a non-poisonous snake and agile climber and can glide from a height to the ground or to another tree. It is occasionally worshiped in some parts of Nepal.

- iii) It is the largest non-poisonous snake of Nepal, which grows up to 6 meters. It is a protected snake of Nepal. It is primarily a jungle dweller and usually found in the forests near streams and large marshes.
- iv) It is a medium sized poisonous snake, which may grow up to 80 cm. A semiarboreal aggressive snake is recorded at 2700 m. elevation. The snake is recently described from Nepal and named after Nepalese Herpetologist Karan B. Shah.
- A) Denomination : (i) R. 1.70 (ii) R. 2.00  
 (iii) R. 5.00 (iv) R. 10.00  
 B) Designer : Mohan N.S. Rana  
 C) Process : Offset Lithography  
 D) Size : Each 40x30 mm.  
 E) Paper : High quality stamp paper  
 F) Sheet : 50 stamps per sheet  
 G) Printer : Government printing office, Vienna, Austria  
 H) Color : Four colors each  
 I) Format : Horizontal  
 J) Quantity : (i), (ii) & (iii) one million each  
 (iv) Half million  
 K) Issue date : 29th Nov. 1998

7. **Save Sight Prevent Blindness.**

An opacity of the lens, called a cataract, is the first major cause of blindness through out the world responsible for 17 million blinds and adding one million blinds each year. This stamp has been issued with the slogan "save sight prevent blindness" to make people aware of curability of cataract, the major cause of blindness.



- A) Denomination : R. 1.00  
 B) Designer : Mohan N.S. Rana  
 C) Process : Photogravure  
 D) Size : 28.56x39.23 mm.  
 E) Paper : High quality stamp paper  
 F) Sheet : 50 stamps per sheet  
 G) Printer : Helio Courvoisier S.A. Switzerland.  
 H) Color : Four colors  
 I) Format : Horizontal  
 J) Quantity : One million  
 K) Issue Date : 29th Nov 1998

8. **50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.**

Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 10th December 1948 with a view to guarantee the natural rights of the human being in the world. It's 50 year:: is completed on 10th December 1998. This postage stamp has been issued to commemorate the 50th Anniversary.



- A) Denomination : R. 10.00  
 B) Designer : Mohan N.S. Rana  
 C) Process : Offset Lithography  
 D) Size : 30x40 mm.  
 E) Paper : High quality stamp paper  
 F) Sheet : 50 stamps per sheet  
 G) Printer : Government printing office, Vienna, Austria.  
 H) Color : Four colors  
 I) Format : Horizontal  
 J) Quantity : One million  
 K) Issue date : 10th Dec. 1998

9. **Asian and pacific decade of disabled persons.**

The resolution 48/3 of the forty eighth session (April, 1992) of the Economic and Social commission for Asian and the Pacific (ESCAP) declared the period 1993 to 2002 as the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled persons. Nepal signed the proclamation on 2 June 1993. The design depicted in this postage stamp disseminates of the disabled persons.



- A) Denomination : R. 10.00  
 B) Designer : K.K. Karmacharya  
 C) Process : Offset Lithography  
 D) Size : 29.6x38.5 mm.  
 E) Paper : High quality stamp paper  
 F) Sheet : 50 stamps per sheet  
 G) Printer : Austrian Government Printing Office, Vienna, Austria  
 H) Color : Four colors  
 I) Format : Vertical  
 J) Quantity : One million  
 K) Issue date : 27th Dec. 1998



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**10. Marsyangdi Hydro Electricity Power Station**

Marsyangdi power house designed to generate 462.5 GWH annually. Its gross head of 95 meter, the plant has already generated more than 3826 GWH about 35% of the total energy requirement of the system is met by this plant which is the biggest hydro electric plant in operation so far. A view of power house building and concrete weir with five radial gates are clearly depicted in this stamp.



- A) Denomination : R. 12.00  
 B) Designer : Mohan N.S. Rana  
 C) Process : Photogravure  
 D) Size : 28x33.40 mm.  
 E) Paper : High quality stamp paper  
 F) Sheet : 50 stamps per sheet  
 G) Printer : Helio Courvoisier S.A. Switzerland  
 H) Color : Four colors  
 I) Format : Vertical  
 J) Quantity : One million  
 K) Issue Date : 29th Dec. 1998

**11. 54th Birthday of HM King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev.**

His Majesty's King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev born in 28 Dec. 1945, at the Narayanhiy Royal Palace, Kathmandu. Accession to the Throne 31 January 1972 and Coronation 24 Feb. 1975



- A) Denomination : R. 2.00  
 B) Designer : Mohan N. S. Rana  
 C) Process : Offset Lithography  
 D) Size : 28x37.7 mm.  
 E) Paper : High quality stamp paper  
 F) Sheet : 50 stamps per sheet  
 G) Printer : Government printing office, Vienna, Austria.  
 H) Color : Four colors  
 I) Format : Vertical  
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**First Day Covers**

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ISSUE NO. 02

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