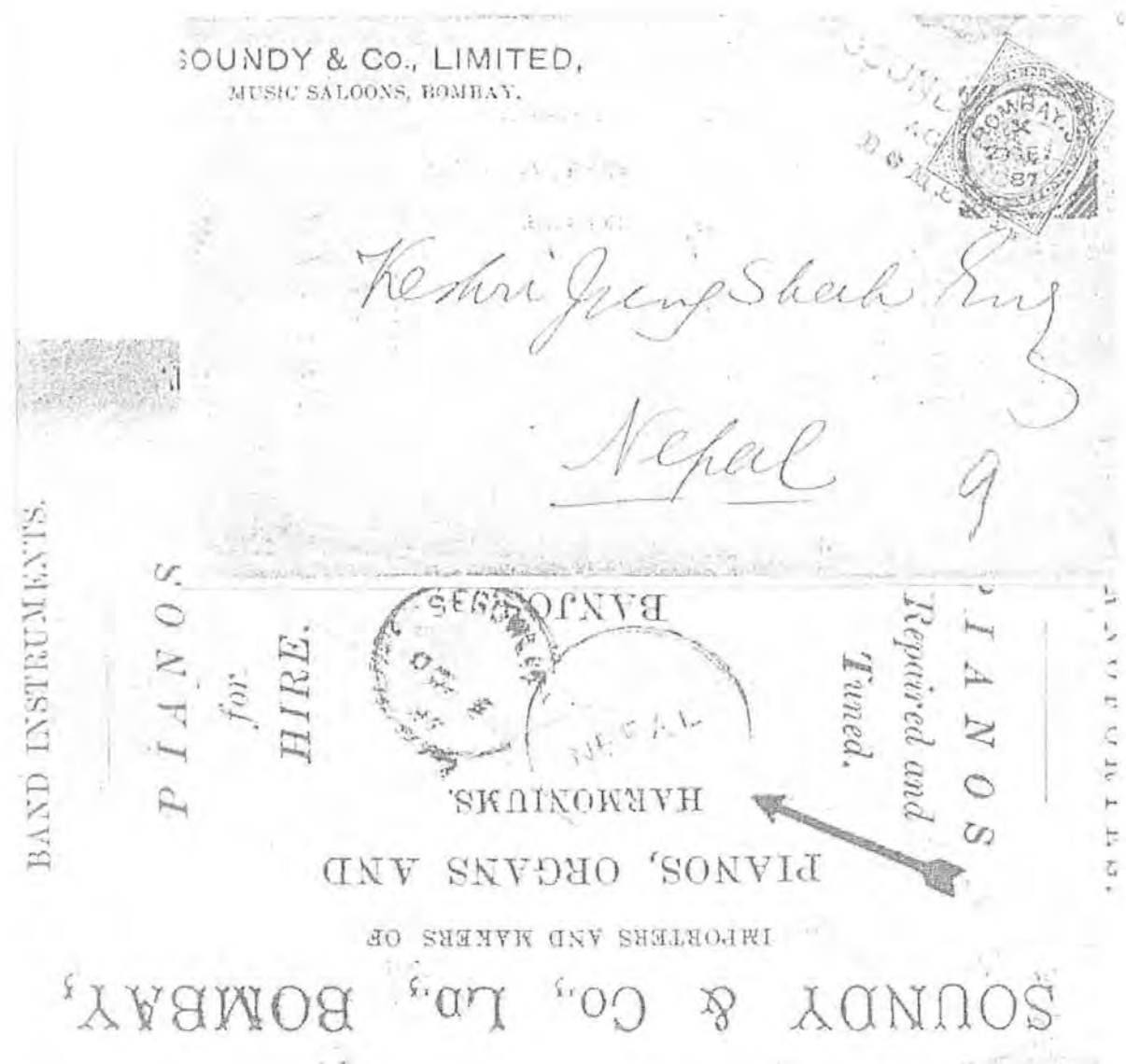


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Officer's Corner

Message from our editor: "I need your article". So I took my computer and searched in my memory to find an inspiration. Because it is 2008, it is now exactly 25 years since I became a member of the Nepal and Tibet Philatelic Study Circle. This is not the only stamp society that I belong to, but it is absolutely the one with the most impact for my philatelic interests. Let me give you a few figures about these 25 years. As you know, I have three different collections: Nepal Classic, Nepal Postal Stationery and, at last, Nepal Revenues. I collected with a passion and exhibited my Nepal Classic at a local exhibition in 1987, resulting in Vermeil. Two years later I was awarded Gold in a national stamp show, and it has been exhibited in 8 national and 8 international stamp shows. My Postal Stationery was first exhibited in 1991 in a local show and since then in 18 shows including 7 international shows. My Nepal Revenues was first shown in 1998 and 7 times since then. The

Editor's Ramblings

We will appoint a new President and Vice-President at the WESTPEX meeting. I, for one, and I think that I speak for all of us, would like to thank Dick van der Wateren for all that he has done for the Study Circle over the past 25 years: The knowledge that he has collected and shared in his books on Nepal Postal Stationery and Nepal Revenues, the ambassador of goodwill that he has been for us in his many, many visits to Nepal, and the service that he has done as our Vice-President. Thank you, Dick. I first met Dick at INDIA '89 (see PH No. 57, page 1)

I am very pleased to introduce our two newest Life Members: **Mr. Johannes Bornmann** (of Germany) and **Mr. Bruno le Peut** (of France). I believe that this is the first time that we have welcomed two Life Members in the same quarter.

I have finally finished putting together the Cumulative Index to *Postal Himal* beginning with Newsletter 1 and ending with Issue 132. It is currently some 80 pages in length. It will

awards that I received in these exhibitions range from Silver in the first shows to Large Gold in the later ones.

You should understand that all of this was possible only through the help of the members of our Study Circle, many of whom I have visited in their own countries. I also have to thank the many Nepalese collectors I have spoken with and/or visited during most of my 16 trips to Nepal. Without everyone's help I could not have written my books on Nepal Postal Stationery and Nepal Revenues.

I wish our Study Circle a long life with more and more interested collectors from Nepal and elsewhere.

I am worried that we have not had a postal auction for such a long time. This omission is not good for our members. These auctions and the quarterly *Postal Himal* are the two pillars of the Study Circle. Keep up these customs.

Dick

be issued later this year after I have gone back through it and finally gotten it into a useable form.

I also want to reissue the Membership List at the same time as the Index. There is a lot of "white" space in the list because I don't have member's collecting interests or their email addresses - please send them to me if you want them listed. Please give me any corrections to the spelling of your name or your address. One side benefit to having a membership list is that if you are traveling you could correspond with members in countries that you plan to visit and suggest that you get together for lunch or dinner. You might gain a new friend and you should certainly have an enjoyable time discussing your favorite stamp collecting areas. If you DO NOT want your address listed, please tell me. In that case you will be listed only by name in a special section without any other identifying information.

Please note Colin's new email address: colinhepper@aol.co.uk.

A New Type Discovered on the British-Indian B25 Cancellation Surendra Lal Shrestha

In the accompanying illustration of a cover, from my collection, mailed from Bombay to Nepal in 1887, you can see a clear strike of the circular 'Nepal' Type B25 (Hellrigl) with the date missing!

I hope that Dr. Hellrigl will agree that this newly discovered postmark is a most unusual sub-type.

The publication of *Nepal Postal History* by Dr. Wolfgang C. Hellrigl is now almost 17 years old. I would like to quote the following, by his kind permission, from his book on the

datestamp type B25:

The Period from 1883 to 1887

This datestamp resembles the previous type but the characters as well as the date digits are now much smaller. The vast majority of this rather scarce datestamp shows the year (figure 34) while a rare sub-type does not show the year. Of the latter, I have seen but very few strikes, all of 1885 (colour plate 13 and figure 33).



Letter to the Editor

The following two emails have been received from Rainer Fuchs

Dear Richard,

I have been informed that apparently in November 2006 the Tibetan government has officially authorized someone in France (name and address can be supplied on request) to reprint the stamps of the so-called issue of 1933.

I have contacted several Tibet representatives and have been asked to contact their office in France directly but so far have not received any reply.

Does someone have additional information on that? Official reprints might have a major impact on the stamps of Tibet.

Kind Regards,
Rainer

Greetings,

As many of you know, I design, update and host the NTPSC web site on my server. I also had a discussion forum there which I disabled (due to spam) and some time ago replaced it with a more sophisticated version. Today [November 02, 2007 - ed.] I have updated that software with the latest version including enhanced security features, investing several hundred US \$ from my own pocket. It is a pity that virtually no member is actively using that forum. The forum can be found at the same address at <http://fuchs-online.com/forum/>.

I already have created some discussion categories; they can be expanded based on your feedback. So why do you not register and participate actively in the discussions?

Registration is required for security purposes in order to keep unwanted guests outside. I, as webmaster and host, am personally liable for the content on my server and I have to protect myself.

I am a member of several other philatelic societies who interact much more than the NTPSC members, and wonder why it is like that.

If you are not interested in such forums, kindly pass on the information to collector friends who collect stamps and postal history of areas served by the NTPSC.

Kind Regards,
Rainer Fuchs

Rainer can be contacted at Mr. Rainer Fuchs, Am Burkardstuhl 33, 97267 Himmelstadt, Germany or by email at rainer@fuchs-online.com - ed.

Armand E. Singer
Danny Wong

Danny Wong sent this article with a note saying that it is an article that he wrote in memory of Armand and had it published in *China Philatelic News* on 23rd October 2007. *China Philatelic News* probably has the widest philatelic circulation in the world. The editor of the *News* made some changes so that the wording was acceptable to the Chinese public, but by and large the content is Danny's. He also wrote about NTPSC in the article, but it was not published. - Ed.

盛雅教授和他的中国西藏邮集

□王剑智



盛雅教授 (Professor Armand Singer) 的中国西藏邮集也许是当今世界上最好的中国西藏邮集了, 盛雅教授是美国人, 1940年起任教于维吉尼亚大学, 是文学与文化终身教授, 桃李满门。

对于传统邮联十分重视, 因而时间跨度也大大地伸展, 可以说是当今世界邮坛第一部如此全面、完整反映整个藏区邮政发展史的上乘邮集, 其研究早已超过了 Watersfall 的范围, 予以大大拓宽, 这是他对西藏邮政史的重大贡献。

盛雅教授特别重视藏区传统邮驿, 从班禅活位的法旨、信札, 到中央政府、驻藏大臣致印师喀 (尼泊尔) 王的信札、封套, 以及廓尔喀驻藏大臣致本国政府的报告、藏战期间信札, 反映了廓尔喀在西藏治外法权的信件, 一应俱全, 反映了英印入侵西藏之前, 大清驿站和藏区驿传早已建立并顺利运转的历史事实, 把西藏邮驿提到如此的历史高度, 他是第一人。

第一部分是盛雅教授的驿传精品, 包括1731年班禅大师的法旨; 和隆吐山战役后中英在印度交涉期间, 中国方谈判代表的公文封套, 是由中国驿站和印度邮政共同投递的。

第二部分是英印对中国西藏的入侵和军邮局的建立。锡金曾经是中国的西藏的朝贡国, 盛雅教授是第一个将英国对锡金的邮政列入西藏邮政史的集邮家, 他的邮集展现出1861年英国侵略锡金时期发出的信件, 还系统地介绍了1888年至1889年间印度在西藏境内开设传邮局的事实, 这两节都是西藏近代史的重要事件, 也是入侵拉萨的前奏, 盛雅教授高瞻远瞩, 将

其收入本集内。1903年至1904年间, 荣赫鹏入侵西藏的邮政史, 盛雅教授的邮集精彩纷呈。另外, 还收录1911年英军对阿萨姆地区一系列讨伐行动中, 其中的行动已越过了西藏境内。

第三部分是英印在中国西藏的客邮局。江孜、亚东、帕里宗, 各式俱备; 噶大克的实寄封, 存世不过数件, 十分珍贵。

第四部分是藏区大清邮政。盛雅教授以1896年从印度至四川打箭炉 (康定) 的信件开篇, 此信在上海落地, 最后一个戳记是1896年天津海关的日戳, 此信是否以驿传方式送达打箭炉不得而知, 但却是一个关于藏区与现代邮政的信件无疑, 盛雅教授的大清西藏邮政实寄封俱佳, 名品包括大清西藏四珍; 两份邮资票封, 明信片、加添和未加盖票封, 1911年西藏经康藏古驿道寄北京的明信片。

第五部分是西藏本土邮政。盛雅教授十分重视版式、字模和刷色的研究, 其信手收藏亦十分可观。

第六部分是服务于青海西康的中华邮政。民国时期青海属马家军管辖, 四川曾军阀混战, 各划防区, 但集中与藏区息息相关的邮品亦不在少数。民国元年, 西藏分半宗侵, 川督奉命保护, 组织西藏军队抗之。从松潘、甘孜北路入藏, 成功地保卫了察木多(昌都)、巴塘等地, 西征军使用的“公文邮便”戳记, 过去只见于文献记录, 不见实物, 竟入藏于西藏大家之手, 亦可见眼光

胆色独到。民国的邮帝公文封套, 盛雅先生也拥有不少。

第七部分是新中国部分。盛雅先生拥有相当数量的人藏军邮实寄封, 其中有一件是昌都战役期间发出的信件, 十分珍贵, 其邮集中的藏区流动邮局、小城镇邮集的实寄封, 也十分耐看, 因为大部分选用的都是实际使用的信函, 而非邮人制作的。

由此可见, 盛雅教授对西藏邮政史作出了贡献, 而且盛雅教授通过这些邮品, 如实地反映了西藏和祖国这个世纪以来密不可分的邮政史关系, 这自然也是西藏与祖国密不可分的历史的一个组成部分。

盛雅教授天马行空, 邮集也如其人, 不囿于条条框框, 有的珍贵历史文书, 如1910年粤海关给驻藏大臣属员的护照, 1950年印度总理尼赫鲁劝阻西藏代表团赴北京谈判的原信, 历史价值非凡, 但都不属于邮政史范围, 盛雅教授也照样展出不误。所以, 无论展出邮集得到金奖和全场冠军(1994年), 还是其他的奖项, 他照样乐呵呵!

盛雅教授健于行, 曾访问中国各地, 包括香港、台湾和西藏。他说: 有机会拜访和学习世界上一个伟大的文明是我的荣幸!

盛雅教授今年7月12日以93岁高龄逝世, 家人和朋友在10月6日举办了一场“丰盛人生”的纪念活动, 纪念这位乐天、活跃长者。

Dangpur Post Office Derrick Dawson

The following article was written by Derrick Dawson and sent to me by Colin Hepper. As you will see from the inside front cover Mr. Dawson has resigned from the Study Circle (he is in his mid 80s and has sold his Tibet collection). For Dr. Hellrigl's article, which he refers to, see "Dongkur Post Office by Wolfgang Hellrigl" *PH* No. 132, p. 12 - ed.

The issue of Dangpur's location is entirely one which should have been buried long ago. The facts are all in favor of Waterfall and against Haverbeck. Dangpur lies about 4 miles west of Lhasa on the Chushu road and near Drejung monastery. This is confirmed by two maps in my possession, i.e.:

1 - "Lhasa" by Percival Landon, 'Times' correspondent with the 1904 military mission (Younghusband), map of the road to Lhasa.

2 - "Journey to Lhasa and Central Tibet" by Sarat Chandra Das, published by Manjusri, 1970 reprint in the Bibliotheca Himalaya series.

Das crossed the Khamba La on 28 May 1882 and on 30 May wrote '*We halted for breakfast ... in the village of Shing Donkar belonging to Suwang Ragashar, one of the senior Shape of Lhasa ... about a mile from Shing Donkar we came to Donkar which is considered as the first stage for a person traveling officially from Lhasa*'. At 4 pm that day he entered Lhasa itself. It follows that if Dangpur and Gongkar were identical he would not have travelled the 65 miles from Gongkar to Lhasa on foot between breakfast and 4 pm on the same day (or are we really to believe in levitation?!)

One further comment on location: If Dr. Hellrigl had possessed a copy of the excellent "Tibet Handbook" edited by Gyurine Dorje and published in 1996 by Trade & Travel of Bath he would have had no difficulty in finding Dangpur during his visit to Lhasa in the mid 1990's. It contains a number of references to Dongkur and a rough plan.

More serious is Dr. Hellrigl's attempt to equate Dongkur and Gongkar by a theory which

is glaringly inaccurate and shows a misunderstanding of Tibetan word structure.

He writes: "After all the Tibetan inscription definitely starts with 'Go' not with 'Do'. He is wrong, the Tibetan inscription is གོང་ཀར་ and this is pronounced 'Do'. All Tibetan consonants take the vowel sound unless modified. The 'g' sound in the inscription is not modified by the v ('o' vowel). Why then is it not pronounced 'ga'? The reason is that Tibetan words are very frequently found commencing with a prefixed letter which is not pronounced in speech (rather like or own psychology, knowledge). The radical is in such cases the following letter. In the case of the Dongkur cancellation the characters in their original design (not marred by apparent over-inking as in the P. H. article) would be

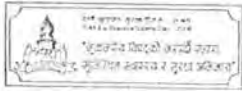
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(gong.dkar)

The usual method of indicating the prefix, especially in the commencing syllable, in transcribing from Tibetan to Roman characters, is to show the prefix in lower case and the radical as a capital - examples, Gyantse transcribed from Tibetan is rGyaltse; Shigatse is gZhiskartse.

I hope that this is clear and can only apologize if all I have written simply stirs up the mud to an even greater extent, but I think that the facts show Dr. Hellrigl's conclusion to be untenable.

News from Kathmandu
Surendra Lal Shrestha

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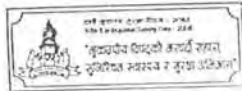


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Book Review of *A Catalog of Himalayan Mountaineering Correspondence* Alan Warren

A Catalog of Himalayan Mountaineering Correspondence by Armand E. Singer and Robert F. Gould. 126 pages, 8 ½ by 11 inches, perfect bound, published by George Alevizos, Topanga CA, 2007. Approximately \$50 plus postage from George Alevizos, PO Box 1408, Topanga CA 90290, or from www.tibetanpost.com.

This is the second edition of a book originally published in 2002. It expands that listing and incorporates corrections to the earlier version. Rather than a formal bibliography, the authors describe major sources for background information in a section following the preface, entitled "Assignments, Responsibilities, and General Acknowledgements". This section defines the contribution of each author based on the strengths of their collections. A rarity scale, ranging from 'U' for unique to 'C' for common, is assigned to each entry.

The catalog begins with a brief list of pioneer Himalayan climbers whose correspondence or autographs may be found. This was well before the introduction of souvenir covers with special cancels or cachets marking the events. The catalog numbers are assigned chronologically to postal and related items for each climb, beginning with the 1921 survey party expedition. Black and white, and occasional color, illustrations add greatly to the sense of history revealed by the entries that include photos, letters, souvenir cards, labels, and other items.

The first major listing is for the Mount Everest expeditions, beginning in the 1920s and highlighted with the famous 1924 British

expedition. The additional listings in this section cover the Everest expeditions and attempts into the 1980s, and include stamps pertaining to Everest issued by several countries up to 2002.

The next section covers the Himalayan expeditions to peaks other than Everest, from 1929 to 1986, largely Gould's contribution to the book. Related stamp issues are also listed here up to 1996. In both listings, specific expeditions are found in the chronological sequence by year.

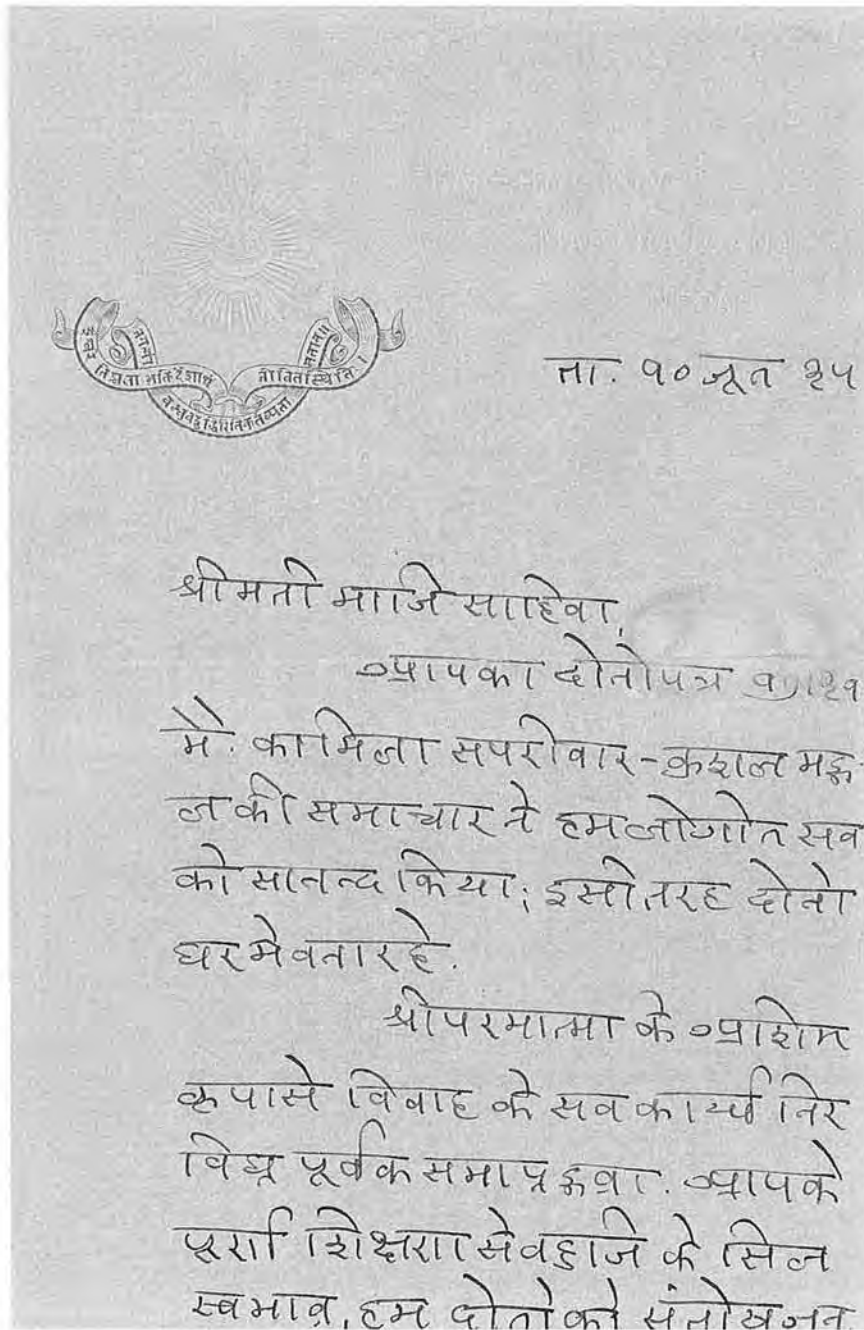
This revised edition includes an alphabetic index of mountain names with catalog year and item numbers associated with them. This index also shows the height of the named peaks in meters and feet.

The book lacks a proper title page to indicate publisher, and place and date of publication. The insertion of several illustrations with page numbers such as 105A alters the subsequent page numbering from the usual odd numbers on the right hand pages.

This book was one of the last contributions of the late Armand E. Singer to philatelic literature, and stands as a wonderful record of his Mount Everest collecting interests.

A Letter to the Queen of Bundi
Colin Hepper
translated by Surendra Lal Shrestha

A recent acquisition of mine is the illustrated headed letter sheet with the impressed address, Lakshmi Nivas, Maharajganj, Nepal. Lakshmi Nivas is the Royal Place in Kathmandu and the letter written in 1935 was from Mohan Shamsher J. B. Rana to the Queen of Bundi suggesting a possible merger of the Nepal and Bundi Royal Houses by marriage. Mohan Shamsher J. B. Rana became the last of the Rana Prime Ministers of Nepal.



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CORRECTION: In a Letter to the Editor from Mr. Punya R. Sthapit (PH 130, p.9) his email address is incorrect. For the correct address use either prs.69@hotmail.com or puast69@gmail.com.



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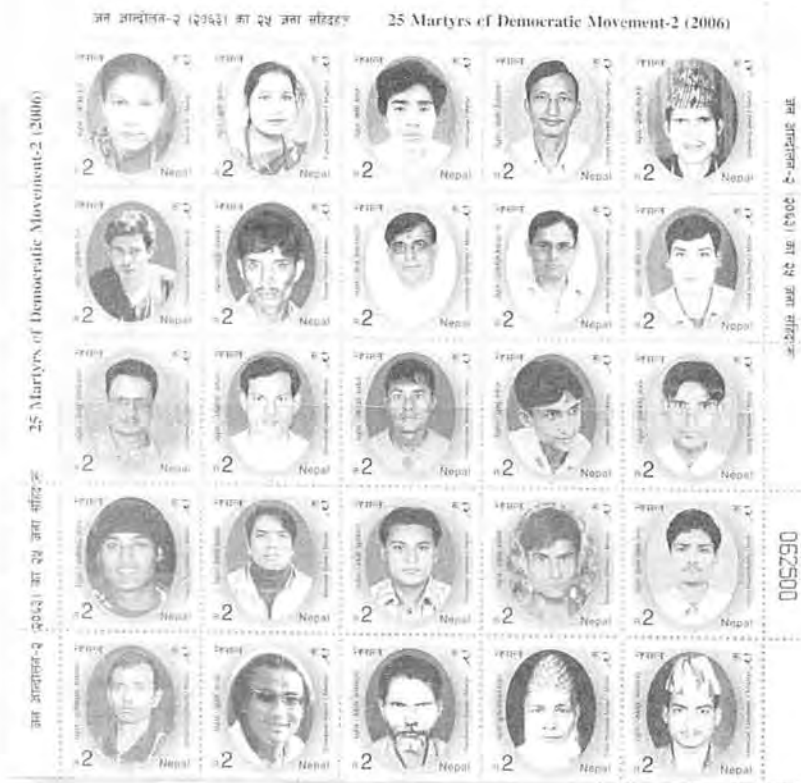
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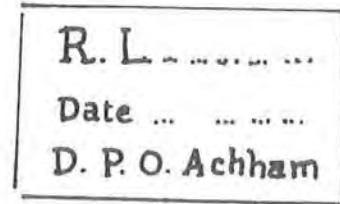


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Quantity:	2.5 million
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Sirkot Chhoti Hulak is in the Seti Zone and comes under the jurisdiction of the Achham District Post Office.

Sirkot Chhoti Hulak

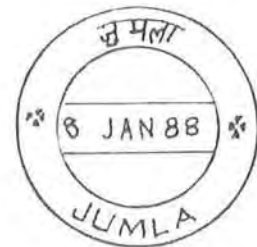


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