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About AMSI

The Air Mail Society India Foundation (AMSI) is dedicated to promoting the study, collection, and appreciation of aerophilately and astrophilately in India and around the world. Through engaging educational initiatives, virtual exhibitions, expert talks, and global collaborations, AMSI offers a dynamic platform for philatelists of all levels to explore the rich history and future of air mail.

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AMSI Monthly Zoom Meetings on 28th November 2025

- Preparing effective Synopsis Guidelines by Mr. David S. Ball
- Indo- Ceylon Special Christmas Flight- December 1936 by Mr. Ravindra Ratnapala
- **Recordings of these talks will be uploaded to our YouTube Channel –@HawaSaeByAir**

Seminar on Airmails

India Post, Jaipur City & Philatelic Society of Rajasthan
26th November 2025 I Philatelic Bureau, Jaipur

Mr. Piyush Khaitan and Mr. Mohan Singh Meena

Mr. Piyush Khaitan, FRPSL, FPCI, Chairman of the Air Mail Society India Foundation, delivered a talk on “Collecting Indian Airmails” during the seminar.

His presentation traced the evolution of Indian Airmails—from the first official aerial mail in 1911 to early experimental flights, foreign airmail services by Imperial Airways, KLM and Air Orient, and the growth of internal routes led by JRD Tata. He also highlighted the impact of World War II on airmail operations, the emergence of post-war civil aviation, the launch of Air-India International, and various specialised branches of aerophilately including first flights, crash covers, rocket and space mail, Zeppelin mail, and rates and routes.

The seminar saw the participation of 30 attendees, including members of PSR and officials from the Department of Posts. Notable attendees included Mr. Mohan Singh Meena, IPoS, Senior Superintendent of Post Offices (Jaipur City); Mr. Yogesh Bhatnagar, President, PSR; Mr. Rajesh Paharia, General Secretary, PSR (AMSI Member); Mr. M.L. Biplimal, Senior Postmaster; and Dr. Rakesh Thapar, Vice President, PSR.

AMSI Forthcoming Zoom Meetings - Block your calendar.

(Use the same link, meeting ID, and password for all these meetings)

- **Zoom Meeting Link:** https://tinyurl.com/AMSIzoommeeting
- **Meeting ID:** 921 3527 4549
- **Passcode**: 125235

Speakers & Topics

Sunday, 28th December 2025 – Approx duration: 1:30 hours

Start Time - India – 7:00 PM, Paris – 2:30 PM, London – 01:30 PM & New York – 8:30 AM

- Speaker: Mr. Terry Hare-Walker
- Topic: Pioneer pilots who flew to, from, and within India 1918 onwards

- Speaker: Mr. Sanjay Jagtap
- Topic: Indian Pigeon Mail

Friday, 23rd January 2025 – Approx duration: 1:30 hours

Start Time - India – 7:00 PM, Paris – 2:30 PM, London – 01:30 PM & New York – 8:30 AM

- Speaker: Sqn Ldr Pushp Vaid, VrC
- Topic: 1986 British Airways Helicopter Crash in the North Sea

Call for speakers

- We also welcome speaker registrations for future sessions on topics related to Aerophilately, Astrophilately, Philatelic Research, Exhibiting Techniques, Youth Engagement, etc.
- Please contact: ankitha@airmailsocietyindia.org

AMSIPEX-26

2nd International Virtual Aero- & Astrophilatelic Exhibition 14-22 February 2026

Updated information available on www.amsipex.com

- Anyone who missed the deadline may still submit their entry using the below link, and we will try to accommodate.
- Submit your entries visiting www.amspiex.com or scan the QR Code.

AMSIPEX-26 Highlights

- All eligible exhibits will be awarded with medals (including single-frame).
- Novice Class for first-time and otherwise ineligible exhibitors.
- Broad Spectrum exhibition - Exhibits under all FIP classes welcome, focused on Aero- and Astrophilately.
- World Team Championship (single frame): Aggregate score of 3-person National/Club teams. (More than one team from any Nation/Club is welcome).
- Experimental multi-language format: English, French, German, and Spanish language exhibits are accepted and can be viewed in the original language and English.
- Youth Class 1st Entry is free, and additional entries are discounted at 50%.

AMSIPEX-26 Patronage
International Federation of Aero- and Astrophilatelic Societies (F.I.S.A.)

AMSIPEX-26 Joint Organisers

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- British Air Mail Society
- Cercle Aerophilatelique Francais
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INDIAN AIR FORCE Mi-4's at 1971 WAR

9th November 2025 I Bengaluru

Sqn Ldr Pushp Vaid, VrC

Sqn Ldr Pushp Vaid, VrC, shared his experiences as a Mi-4 pilot and team manager during the 1971 Indo-Pak War at the "Valiant Veterans" event, organised jointly by Bengaluru Prayana and Mr. Varun Khanna.

Mr. Varun Khanna, Sqn Ldr Pushp Vaid, VrC, and Ms. Raksha Nagaraj (Founder of Bengaluru Prayana)

World Air Mail Day Celebration

February 2026 I Royal Philatelic Society London

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A 20-frame standing display will be showcased at the Royal Philatelic Society London in February 2026 to celebrate World Air Mail Day, and will be organised in collaboration with the Air Mail Society India Foundation. The display will feature exhibits from exhibitors across the world.

AMSI Members in the recent philatelic exhibition

BONGOPEX-2025 (14-17 November)

Exhibitor Name	Class	Exhibit Title	No. of Frames	Medals
Chandan Sengupta	Cancellations	Slogans and Special Event Postmarks of British India	5	LV
Chandan Sengupta	Aero philately and Astro Philately (India Pre-Independence)	Connecting London and Calcutta by AIR: 1933	4	V
Malay Bhaumik	Aero philately and Astro Philately (Rest of the World)	Development of Aviation and Airmail	5	LS

Chicagopex 2025 (21-23 November)

Exhibitor Name	Country	Class	Exhibit Title	No. of Frames	Medals
Serge Kahn	France	Display	Charcot in the Antarctic	8	LG+SP
Cherly Ganz	United States	Display/PC	German Navy WWI Zeppelin L48	1	LG+SP
Capt. Vijay Wadhwa	India	Literature	Celestial Chronicles-Stellar Impressions	NA	V
Capt. Vijay Wadhwa	India	Literature	Concepts to Cosmos: Defining moments in physics	NA	S
Capt. Vijay Wadhwa	India	Literature	Pennywise: All about money	NA	S

Dr. Cherly Ganz has been awarded the Single Frame Champinon of Champions for her exhibit Basel Zeppelin Posts.

Upcoming Philatelic Exhibitions

Exhibition Name	Location	Exhibition Date	Entry Close Date
KERAPEX 2026	Kerala, India	20-23 Jan 2026	19 Dec 2025
DUBAI 2026	Dubai, UAE	2-8 Feb 2026	Closed
BOSTON 2026	Boston, USA	23-30 May 2026	Closed
MACAO 2026	Macao, China	26 Jun-1 Jul 2026	Closed
AMCPEX 2026	Virtual Exhibition	19-25 Oct 2026	TBA

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