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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 during June-July 2025

- **29th June 2025 (Sunday)**
  - Workshop on Aerophilately New Guidelines – Exhibiting & Judging *by Glen Stafford*.
- **25th July 2025 (Friday)**
  - Canadian Airmail by *Chris Hargraves*
  - From India to Space by *Savita Jhingan*
- **Recordings uploaded to our YouTube Channel – @HawaSaeByAir**

Rocky Mountain Stamp Show – 14 June 2025

- The 1933 Houston Mt. Everest Expedition by Eddie Hackstaff
- Recording uploaded to our YouTube Channel – @HawaSaeByAir with kind permission of the Speaker and the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library

India Study Circle Zoom meeting – 20 July 2025

- The 1948 Air-India International Postage Stamp Issue by Piyush Khaitan FRPSL, FPCI
- An Analytical Study of the Scinde Dawk Cancellation by Markand Dave FRPSL

AMSI One-Page Virtual Exhibition for AMSI members.

- *Total 8 participants*
- ***Intermediate / Advanced Class***
  - *Pragya Jain – Joint First Prize – 87 Points*
  - *Capt. Vijay Wadhwa – Joint First Prize – 87 Points*
- ***Novice Class***
  - *Satish Subramanyam – First Prize – 86 Points*
  - *Varun Khanna – Second Prize – 82 Points*
- ***Jury:***
  - *Pratisad Neurgaonkar & Virendra Sharma (Both accredited National level Jury).*

New Members who joined the AMSI in June-July 2025

- Mukesh Kumar Malhotra - India
- Rohan Kumar - India
- Alexander Haimann - USA
- Aagney Dave - India
- Zubin Kabraji - India
- Sanjay Kumar Jain - India
- Kartik Jain - India
- Kapil Gogri - India
- Ravindra Ratnapala - Srilanka
- Stefan Bruylants - Belgium

AMSI Forthcoming Zoom Meetings

Block your calendar.

Friday, 22th August 2025 & 26th September 2025

Start Time - India – 7:00 PM, Paris – 3:30 PM, London – 02:30 PM & New York – 9:30 AM

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

Speakers & Topics

Friday, 22nd August 2025 – Approx duration: 1:30 hours

- Speaker: Mr. Ken Sanford
- Topic: Crash Mails on the Imperial Airways Flying Boats

- Speaker: Air Vice-Marshal PK Kuruvilla VSM (Retd.)
- Topic: The 1938 journey of the Flying Boat, Coogee.

Friday, 26th September 2025 – Approx duration: 1:30 hours

- Speaker: Mr. Jean Voruz FRPSL
- Topic: The 1950 Crash of Air India International's Malabar Princess

- Speaker: Mr. Markand Dave FRPSL
- Topic: The 1929 Air Mail Stamps of India

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: dharmdev.maurya@khaitan.in

AMSIPEX-26:

2nd International Virtual Aero- & Astrophilatelic Exhibition 14-22 February 2026 Updated information available on www.AMSIPEX.com

AMSIPEX-26 Highlights

- All eligible exhibits were awarded 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.

AMSIPEX-26 Joint Organisers

- American Air Mail Society
- Auxiliary Markings Club
- British Air Mail Society
- Cercle Aerophilatelique Francais
- Royal Belgian Philatelic Society, COSMOS
- Wreck & Crash Mail Society

AMSIPEX-26 Sponsor

- Argyll Etkin Limited – Silver Sponsor

AMSI Members in the recent philatelic exhibition

- **EUROPHILEX 2025 European Philatelic Exhibition – May 2025**

Sr.	Name	Class	Title of Exhibit	Medal
1	Callan, Brian	Postal History - Europe	Cork Postal History 1696 to 1875	LG
2	Callan, Brian	Traditional Philately - Europe	British and Irish Telegraph Stamp and Form Development 1851-1901The First Fifty Years	G
3	Ganz, Cheryl	Aerophilately	British Airship R100	G
4	Dave, Markand	Aerophilately	The 1929 Air Mail Stamps of India	G
5	Dave, Markand	Astrophilately	The Rocket Mails of India 1934-44	G
6	Callan, Brian	Postal Stationery	Irish Postal Stationery 1922 to 1970	LV
7	Nair, Mohanachandran	Philatelic Literature - Digital media	Ananthapuri Stamp Bulletin	LS
8	Wadhwa Capt Vijay	Philatelic Literature - Digital media	The Beak	S
9	Wadhwa Capt Vijay	Philatelic Literature - Digital media	Birdlife on Stamps	S
10	Wadhwa Capt Vijay	Philatelic Literature - Digital media	Behavioral Diversity among Birds	S
11	Wadhwa Capt Vijay	Philatelic Literature - Digital media	The Pigeon	S
12	Wadhwa Capt Vijay	Philatelic Literature - Digital media	The Parliament - Gallery of Owls on Postage Stamps	S
13	Wadhwa Capt Vijay	Philatelic Literature - Digital media	Woodpeckers on Stamps	S
14	Mehra, Gauresh	Literature	Halley's Comet: One Collection, Many Perspectives	SB

- **Leberec 2025 - FIP Sponsorship & FEPA Recognition National Stamp Exhibition – June 2025**

Sr.No	Name	Class	Title of Exhibit	Medal
1	Wadhwa, Capt. Vijay	Literature	Clelsestial Chronicles - Stellar Impressions	G
2	Wadhwa, Capt. Vijay	Literature	The first flight cover	G
3	Wadhwa, Capt. Vijay	Literature	Pennywise - All About Money	V

- **SAVPEX 2025 National Level One Frame Competitive Exhibition - June 2025**

Sr.No	Name	Class	Title of Exhibit	Marks
1	Sengupta, Chandan	Aerophilately	1931 England-Australia 1st and 2nd Survey Flights and Indian aerophilately	85
2	Subramanyam, Satish Kumar	Aerophilately	The first flight cover	52
3	Mehra, Gauresh	Astrophilately	Kourou to Comets via Darmstadt	80
4	Behera, Prakash Chandra	Astrophilately	Cancellations from Baikonur Cosmodrome	78
5	Sengupta, Chandan	Marcophily	Postmarks associated with British Empire Exhibition, 1924 & 1925	71
6	Mehra, Gauresh	Picture Postcards	Charm of posting	75
7	Wadhwa Capt Vijay	Thematic	Evolution of beaks	78
8	Wadhwa Capt Vijay	Thematic	The Pigeon	74