

## OBITUARY



DILIP SHAH (India)  
(15 Nov 1945 - 27 July 2018)

Mr. Dilip Shah, a person par excellence, was a very keen philatelist. He had formed specialized collections on early India Stamps, Indore, Dhar, Duttia and Gwalior Indian States and world Mahatma Gandhi issues. Later, he began focusing on Indian Classic issues and his 'India Classics to 1860' exhibit secured Large Gold medal with the Grand Prix National in the INDIA 89 exhibition. Finally, he was awarded the coveted FIP Grand Prix D' Honneur award in the Championship Class in the PHILAKOREA 94, FIP World Stamp Exhibition. He had varied interests and had also formed outstanding notable collections of Indian Bank Notes and Moghul Coins.

He was invited to display his 'India Classics to 1860' exhibit in the Court of Honour in the SINGAPORE 95 and INDEPEX 97 FIP World Stamp exhibitions. He was also invited to exhibit his India 1854 4 annas Head Inverted stamp, the finest known example of this rarity, at the Expositions Philateliques Internationales de Presitige MONACO 1997 exhibition.

He became the Secretary-General of the Philatelic Congress of India in 1986 and the President in 2002. He had also served as a special representative of the Royal Philatelic Society, London in India during 2000 to 2013. He had been an accredited FIP/FIAP Jury since 1997. He had served as member of Jury in several National and International exhibition. He was a member of the Expert Group in Philanippon 2001.

He had also served as the Member of the Government of India Philatelic Advisory Committee. He was a much revered personality and will be remembered for a long time for his immense contribution to the Indian philately.

He has left behind his wife Mrs. Divya Shah and three daughters Kriti, Neena and Alpa.

Messages addressed to his wife Mrs. Divya Shah and family may please be sent by email to: [bagri@iname.com](mailto:bagri@iname.com) which will be forwarded to her.