

## PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF INDIA

### RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS & EXCELLENCE IN PHILATELY

A three member Committee was appointed by the Governing Council of PCI to formulate the Rules & Regulations for recognising the contribution of our members.

The Committee consisting of:

- 1) Madhukar Deogawanka, Chairman
- 2) Rajesh Paharia
- 3) Kapil Gogri

Mrs. Damyanti Pittie, President PCI and Mr. Rajesh Kumar Bagri, Secretary General, PCI being Ex- Officio members.

Originally the following awards were kept in mind :

**Name & Title of Award:** The award will be named as PCI:

1. PCI "Doyen of Indian Philately"
2. "PCI – Philatelic – Ratna ( **Lifetime Achievements Award**)"
3. "PCI - Award of Honour / Excellence"
4. PCI – Fellowship
5. PCI – Certificate of Appreciation

but due to the urgency of matter it was decided to consider for the following awards only at present for 2021, titled PCI Awards 2021. Hence after much deliberations and thought, committee has unanimously agreed to have awards, in the following categories:

**Name & Title of Award:** The award will be named as :

1. Philatelic – Ratna ( **Lifetime Achievements Award**)"
2. Fellowship
3. Certificate of Appreciation

The Rules & Regulations :

PCI is National Federation of Philatelist & Philatelic Societies in India and sole representative for India in FIP & FIAP as its official members. The responsibility of taking forward Indian Philately in India and at world map has been efficiently taken over by its dedicated life members, Institutional members and associate members who have worked hard to take PCI and its Philatelic Promotion Programme on utmost priority at top. It is rightly felt that all those members who have outstandingly performed for PCI and Indian Philately should be recognized and honored.

**Nomination:** A three member committee will be appointed by every New Governing Council to research and consider deserving philatelist for the award.

It will be at the sole discretion of the committee to nominate any person upon examination of fulfilling the requisite criteria, and the nomination can be made by individuals or Member Societies affiliated to PCI.

No Judicial proceedings (whatsoever it may be), can be initiated at any point of time, against any of the committee member or PCI. Any major disagreement among the committee members will be resolved by mediation by all the office bearers of PCI, means President to Joint Treasurer.

Prior to Recommendations, committee will obtain verbal confirmation from the nominee.

The award will be given at an appropriate function, may be during National / State Philatelic Exhibition or separate function organized for the purpose or as per prevailing circumstances, for example, the pandemic of Covid 19 novel Corona virus, where everything will be virtual.

Certificate of Appreciation can be given for any number of times, whereas, "PCI – Philatelic – Ratna ( **Lifetime Achievements Award** )" and PCI – Fellowship, will be awarded only once in life time.

Any of the above awards will not be awarded posthumously. Death after announcement of Award will not be considered Posthumously.

#### **"PCI – Philatelic – Ratna ( Lifetime Achievements Award)",**

**Award:** a) Citation

b) Shawl

c) Lapel Pin,( indicating recipient of the particular honour similar to Grand prix club.)

d) Certificate

#### **PCI – Fellowship**

**Award:**

a) Lapel Pin,( indicating recipient of the particular honour similar to Grand prix club.)

b) Certificate

**Criteria:**

**For the awards, the following selection criteria may be applied ::**

- a. For Life Time Achievement Award – maximum number of criteria's must be met:
- b. Fellowship : Separate rules & Regulations submitted below.
- c. Certificate of Appreciation : Separate rules & Regulations submitted below.

**\*1) Membership Tenure:** The person nominated so should be Life Member of PCI for a minimum period of 15 years, or 10 years as Institutional Member & 10 Years as Life Member.

**\*2) As an Active Philatelist:** He should be a recognized active Philatelist for last 20 years or more – a gap of more than 5 Years of inactive will reset the date. (explanation: he should have participated in an Exhibition 20 years back, at least in a recognized State level Exhibition, Further – suppose one was active from 1975 to 1990 but left and again joined in 2002 by participating in a National or International Exhibition will not be considered as on date but will be considered in 2022. However if the person not Exhibiting but acting as member of Jury, writing Philatelic Books or Articles, conducting seminars regularly will be considered active.

**\*3) Exhibiting Experience:** a) The person should have participated in at least 3 Exhibition under the Patronage ( Not support ) of FIP/ FIAP two of which should be out of India, during his entire Exhibiting career, (SAARC Countries not included). Literature awards will not be considered for this Clause.

b) The person should have participated in at least 2 National Exhibition, recognised by PCI.

c) The Person should have minimum two recognized Exhibit one of which should have received a minimum of FIP Large Vermeil in addition to a National Gold Medal. The other one a minimum of National Large Vermeil, Relaxation of one medal level once, ( Example: either FIP Vermeil or National LV, but both will not be lowered by one level) may be considered in exceptional case at the sole discretion of the committee.

**Or ( C or D )**

d) One Exhibit which has received a minimum of FIP Large Vermeil and National Grand Prix of Championship Class recognized by PCI. or minimum 2 FIP Gold or above

For this purpose we also have plans to evolve a point system, which will take some time to obtain from members and compile a Data Bank. A request letter/ email will be sent to all the members.

**4) Philatelic Research:** Philatelic Book on an original research subject or Minimum of ten original research articles ( should not be on subject already dealt with, or some new find item on already researched and published subject) published in International / National Philatelic Magazines or Journals of repute, say SIGNET, INDIA POST, LONDON PHILATELIST etc. (Articles Published in State Level Institutional Magazines, Exhibition Souvenir, E – magazines or blogs or virtual Magazines will not be considered.) In this regard interpretation of Committee will be final and binding upon all concern.

**5) Stamp Designer/ Web Site info Provider / -----**

a) A person who has designed at least two Postage Stamp for India Post or a major Postal Administration, who is not only the member of UPU but having population of more than 20 million. ( My Stamp, or such Auxaliary items will not be considered)

**or**

b) An Active website owner and administrator for last 10 years, fully dedicated to Philately and being updated regularly, ( at least once a month) without break. Commercial or sales / purchase sites will not be considered.

**6) Administrative Role: Founder Member,** Executive member of PCI Governing Council for at least 3 terms, and or International / National Jury, or member of Philatelic Advisory Committee,

in the Department of Post, Ministry of communication, Govt. of India, or board member of FIP commission.

**7) Organizational Support and Contribution to the objects of PCI:** Helped PCI in organizing/ arranging governmental / or departmental / India Post support for National or International Exhibition organized by PCI or significant contribution, personal or arranging sponsor for the exhibition or PCI, and major role in organising International Seminars in association with PCI.

Apart from the above, the Committee may consider any other name or Honor to exceptional candidates. In this regard also the interpretation of Committee will be final and binding upon all concern.

**\*8)Alignment:**

\*The Person shouldn't have been convicted of any criminal charges in last 20 years or any criminal case pending against him in any Court of Law. Even if he fulfills all other criteria

\*With the approval of PCI Governing Council, These rules can be changed or amended at any time without prior notice or information.

\*Mandatory Clause

**Criteria for PCI Fellowship:**

From next year Nominations may be called for or selected, which can be by self or by others.

The person selected be;

Life Member of PCI for more than five years of good standing.

The person selected should fulfill at least one of the following criteria:

- 1) The Person has Contributed in Signet with at least two Original Research Articles.
- 2) Significant Contribution towards Promotion of SIGNET or PCI, and it's cause.
- 3) Authored some Original Research Book. (Compilation, Catalogues, reproduction, copy and similar works will not be considered)
- 4) Administering or Editing Philatelic Magazine, Website or blog for more than 5 years.

The person selected shouldn't be accused of any moral turpitude or heinous crime; be under prosecution for any crime related to philately or shouldn't be black listed by India Post.

**Criteria for PCI Certificate of Appreciation:**

Every calendar year PCI will be giving **Certificate of Appreciation** to deserving candidates and institution.

This Certificate is not a Thank You Certificate.

The person selected be;

Preferably Life Member of PCI for more than five years of good standing.

- 1) Significant Contribution towards Promotion of SIGNET or PCI, and it's cause.
- 2) Arranging Sponsorship, Helping in organizing Exhibition under PCI/ Regional meeting etc.

The person selected shouldn't be accused of any moral turpitude or heinous crime; be under prosecution for any crime related to philately or shouldn't be black listed by India Post.