

THE BALLOON MAILS OF INDIA (1963-2021)

Introduction :

- Balloon carried mail became a philatelic speciality when clubs and organiser arranged flights to carry covers bearing cachets and cancellations, by an hot air, hydrogen or helium gas filled balloon. Balloon Mail represents a specialised area of Aerophilately.
- The history of man's dream to fly like birds is immemorial. -The first attempt appears to have been directed to fly in the manner of birds, the idea of machine was later suggested by an Italian scientist and engineer, 'Leonardo da Vinci'.
- The Montgolfier brothers, Joseph-Michel and Jacques-Etienne, French Papermakers, invented the First practical hot air balloon, on 4th June, 1783, but were not the first passengers.
- A Frenchman 'Jean Francois Pilatre de Rozier' was the First human being to make an ascent in the sky in a balloon on 21st November, 1783.
- On 21st November, 1783 Science teacher, Jean Francois Pilatre de Rozier & Francois Laurent, and the Marquis de Arlandes rose up the sky from 'Paris' and passed right over the city being in the air for 25 minutes, landed at about 5 miles away from the place of ascent.
- The First balloon flight in Calcutta (India) took place from the Garden Reach by 'Mr. Dimitri Robertson', a French aeronaut, in his hydrogen gas filled balloon on 16th March, 1836, in which some mails were carried. But these examples are unknown.
- On 23rd September 1870, the balloon, 'NEPTUNE' was released from Paris with letters. Throughout the siege of Paris, '69 mails carrying flights' were made and many thousand covers and cards were flown. These are the 'First Official Balloon Service in the World'.*
- Later, In India, balloon flights were made as early as 1877 by Joseph Lynn at Bombay and Percival Spencer at Calcutta in 1889.
- The 'First Native Balloon Flight' attempt successfully conducted in India by 'Babu Ram Chandra Chatterji', an acrobat and Director of the Great India United Circus Co., in his own Balloon 'The City of Calcutta' will take place on Saturday, 4th May 1889, from the Gas Work Grounds at 5.10pm. After 40 minutes of the aerial voyage the balloon landed safely at 5.50pm at Natagore, a village near Sodepur.
- Later Ram Chandra Chatterji formed the 'Chatterji Balloon Company' in Calcutta and made several balloon ascents with success.
- On 14th January, 1941 the Indian Airmail Society of Calcutta had released 'two balloons for observation flights' to ascertain the weight lifting capacity 'along with some messages'. The first balloon dropped it's messages at Ellen Borough Course and the other at Ladies Golf Course Pavilion.
- India's First recorded organised philatelic Balloon Flight took place in Bangalore on 14th November, 1963.
- In this age of Jets & Rockets, Balloon Post is obsolete now and kept alive by the philatelists only. It is popular as adjuncts to exhibition, fete or allied to some famous events.
- Many countries have sponsored balloon flights and issued also postage stamps and special covers.

The Purpose and Scope :

This exhibit studies & illustrates the 'Balloon Carried Mails in India', from first organised philatelic balloon flight in 1963 to modern balloon mail activities upto latest 2021. It includes all genuinely flown balloon flight covers, official and semi-official flights, commemorative and centenary issues, ballooning clubs flights, and modern festival/event balloon mails. An efforts are being made to preserve their history and they continue to inspire awe and wonder.

Treatment and Presentation : In this exhibit-

- An attempt to study and display all the organised Philatelic Balloon Mail Flights flights in India till today, between 1963 to 2021. The Balloon Mails only those which are genuinely flown and connected with Indian Philately are displayed herewith.
- For each balloon mail information is given on the purpose of flight, flight date, took-off & landing destination, pilot, organiser, cachets, special cancellations etc.
- Comparatively to other flown items Balloon Mails Sr.No. 5-10, 15-18, 21, 26-28 are scarce and very significant.
- The Balloon Mails are arranged in chronological order. -Important and rare items are shown with red arrow.

Plan of Exhibit : Balloon flights were made and Balloon Mails are as follows-

Sr.No.	Particulars.	Balloon Mail No.	Page No.
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5.	Modern Festivals/Events Flights.	27-30	15-16

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12. DEUTSCHER KINDERDORF BALLONFLUG
GERMAN CHILDREN'S VILLAGE BALLOON-FLIGHT

जर्मन बच्चों की ग्रामीय गुब्बारा - उड़ान

उतरने का स्थान :
LANDING-PLACE
GHOLANAYAKANA HALLI
THIPPAGONDANA HALLI P.O.
BANGALORE DIST.
AT 14-15-HRS. 1.3.T.

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बालदिन 14-11-63

CHILDREN'S DAY
14-11-63
BANGALORE

BALLON-MAIL • गुब्बारा डाक

बच्चों की सहायता के लिये भारत में पहली आरंभ स्थान :
STARTING-POINT

FIRST BALLOON FLIGHT
BANGALORE 14 NOV 1963

2 BALLOON POST

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PILOTEN: *so Schein*

4236 * FIRST BALLOON FLIGHT FOR

CHILDREN'S AID IN INDIA

#1) "First Balloon Flight" in Bangalore, For Children's Aid in India, starting the "First Pestalozzi Children's Village of India" as a preparation for the blessed task of bringing up children for their all-round development and progress. **Date : 14/11/1963.** Children's Day Post Mark. Starting-Point : Race Course Grounds, Bangalore, Landing-Place : Cholanayakana Halli, Thippagondana Halli P.O., Bangalore District.

INDIAN CHILDREN'S VILLAGE
2nd BALLOON FLIGHT
IN BANGALORE
FOR CHILDREN'S AID
14-11-1964

STARTING POINT
PESTALOZZI
MACHOHALLI
EXPTL.S.O.
BANGALORE DIST.
14-11-64
CHILDREN'S VILLAGE OF INDIA

BALLOON POST

THE 1st PESTALOZZI CHILDREN'S VILLAGE OF INDIA

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INDIA
6th GEN'L ASSEMBLY-INTER-INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION
ISO
1964
NEW DELHI

LANDING DELIVERY POST MARK

14-11-64
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BANGALORE-1

EXPTL.S.O.
14-11-64
BG-666

To
THE 1st PESTALOZZI
CHILDREN'S VILLAGE OF INDIA
24, LAVALLE ROAD
BANGALORE - 1

BALLON-MAIL • गुब्बारा डाक

#2) "Second Balloon Flight" in Bangalore, For Children's Aid in India. **Date : 14/11/1964** Starting-Point : Machohalli, Bangalore District, Exptl. S.O. BG-666. Landing Delivery Post Mark : Bangalore-1.



#3) "Third Balloon Flight" in Bangalore, For Children's Aid in India. Date : 14/11/1965
 Starting-Point : Machohalli, Bangalore District, Exptl. S.O. BG-601.
 Landing Delivery Post Mark : Bangalore-1.



#4) "Fourth Balloon Flight" in Bangalore, For Children's Aid in India. Date : 14/11/1966
 Starting-Point : Machohalli, Bangalore District.
 Landing Delivery Post Mark : Exptl. S.O. BG-601.



#5) First Balloon Mail Centenary (1870-1970) Flight Cover :
 @INPEX-70, New Delhi. Souvenir Cover. Date : 23/11/1970. Special Green Cachet in Box.
 Pilot : Nini Boesman and VishwaBandhu Gupta. Pilot's signed on reverse. INPEX-70 Label affixed.



#6) First Balloon Mail Centenary (1870-1970) Flight Cover :
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#7) First Balloon-Mail Centenary(1870-1970) Flight Cover :
 @INPEX-70, New Delhi. Flight Cover. Date : 23/11/1970. Pilot : NiniBoesman. AIR MAIL Cover.

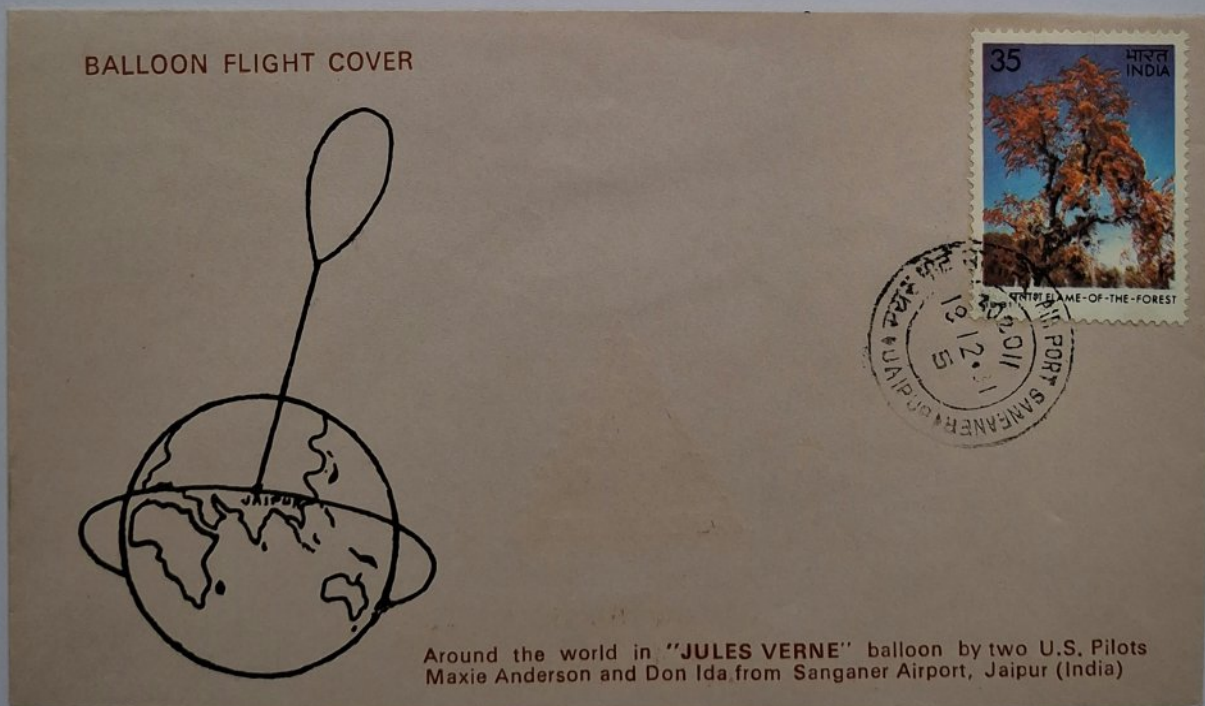


#8) Special Balloon Flight Cover@INDIPEX-73.
 This Mail Flown in 'UDAN KHATOLA', India's First Hot Air Balloon at INDIPEX-73,
 Piloted by Vishwa Gupta. Date : 16th Nov 1973. Signed by Pilot. Special Violet Balloon Cachet.
 Official Cover issued by AirMail Society Of India. Special Air Mail Day Cancellation.



#9) Rotary Balloon Flight Cover.

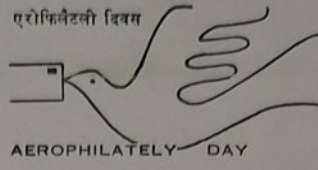
Balloon Post at Varanasi. **Date : 22/02/1980.** Paradkar Bhawan, Varanasi. Oval Shape Post Mark.



#10) Balloon Flight Cover.

Around the world in "JULES VERN" balloon by two U.S. Pilots Maxie Anderson and Din Ida from Sanganer Airport, Jaipur. **Date : 18/02/1981.** @Airport Sanganer, Udaipur.
Cover Issued by : Jaipur Philatelic Club, Jaipur.

This envelope was carried in the gondola of SONA-UDAN KHATOLA II during a commemorative flight to celebrate Fourth India National Philatelic Exhibition Indraprastha Stadium Pilot: Vishwa Bandhu Gupta



इंद्रप्रस्थ स्टेडियम नई दिल्ली
इन्पेक्स 82 INPEX
4-1-83
INDRAPRASTHA STADIUM
NEW DELHI

COMMEMORATIVE BALLOON FLIGHT COVER



Vishwa Bandhu Gupta

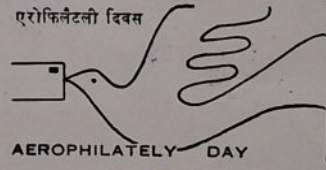
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No 000443

4 January 1983

#11) Commemorative Balloon Flight Cover @INPEX-82.

This cover was carried in the gondola of 'SONA-UDAN KHATOLA II' (Hot Air Balloon) during a commemorative flight to celebrate INPEX-82. Date : 4th January 1983. INPEX-82 Label affixed. Take off : Due to weather conditions the balloon Took Off From Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi, at 11:45hrs. Balloon Landed at : Garrison Grounds, Delhi Cantt. at 13.00hrs., Special Red Balloon Cachet on reverse. Pilot : VishwaBandhu Gupta. Signed by Pilot. Cover Issued by : Ballooning Club of India.



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NEW DELHI



SPECIAL BALLOON FLIGHT COVER

This envelope was carried in the gondola of SONA-UDAN KHATOLA II during a commemoration flight to celebrate Fourth India National Philatelic Exhibition



BALLOON: SONA-UDAN KHATOLA II
56,400 CU.FT. Raven RX 6-141
HOT AIR BALLOON

Take off: Indraprastha Stadium New Delhi
Pilot: VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA
Date of flight: 4 January 1983

**DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS
THE BALLOON TOOK OFF FROM
SAFDARJUNG AIRPORT AT 11-45HRS**

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This envelope was carried in the gondola of SONA-UDAN KHATOLA II during a commemorative flight to celebrate

COMMEMORATIVE BALLOON FLIGHT COVER



REPUBLIC DAY 1983



Pilot: Vishwa Bandhu Gupta



26 January 1983



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गुज्जारा उड़ान



भारत INDIA 50

राष्ट्रपति भवन
नई दिल्ली

26.1.83

REPUBLIC DAY
BALLOON
FLIGHT

RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN
NEW DELHI

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Issued by the Ballooning Club of India.
AFFILIATED TO THE AERO CLUB OF INDIA

#13) Commemorative Balloon Flight Cover @ Republic Day 1983

This cover was carried in the gondola of 'SONA-UDAN KHATOLA II' (Hot Air Balloon) during a commemorative flight to celebrate 'REPUBLIC DAY 1983' at New Delhi. Date : 26th January 1983
Take off : Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
Landing at : Talkatora Gardens, New Delhi. At 8.00hrs. Pilot : VishwaBandhu Gupta. Signed by Pilot.
Cover Issued by the Ballooning Club of India, In Collaboration With : Philatelic Club of India.

This Envelope was Carried in the Gondola of SONA-UDAN KHATOLA II During a Commemorative Flight to Celebrate REPUBLIC DAY 1983



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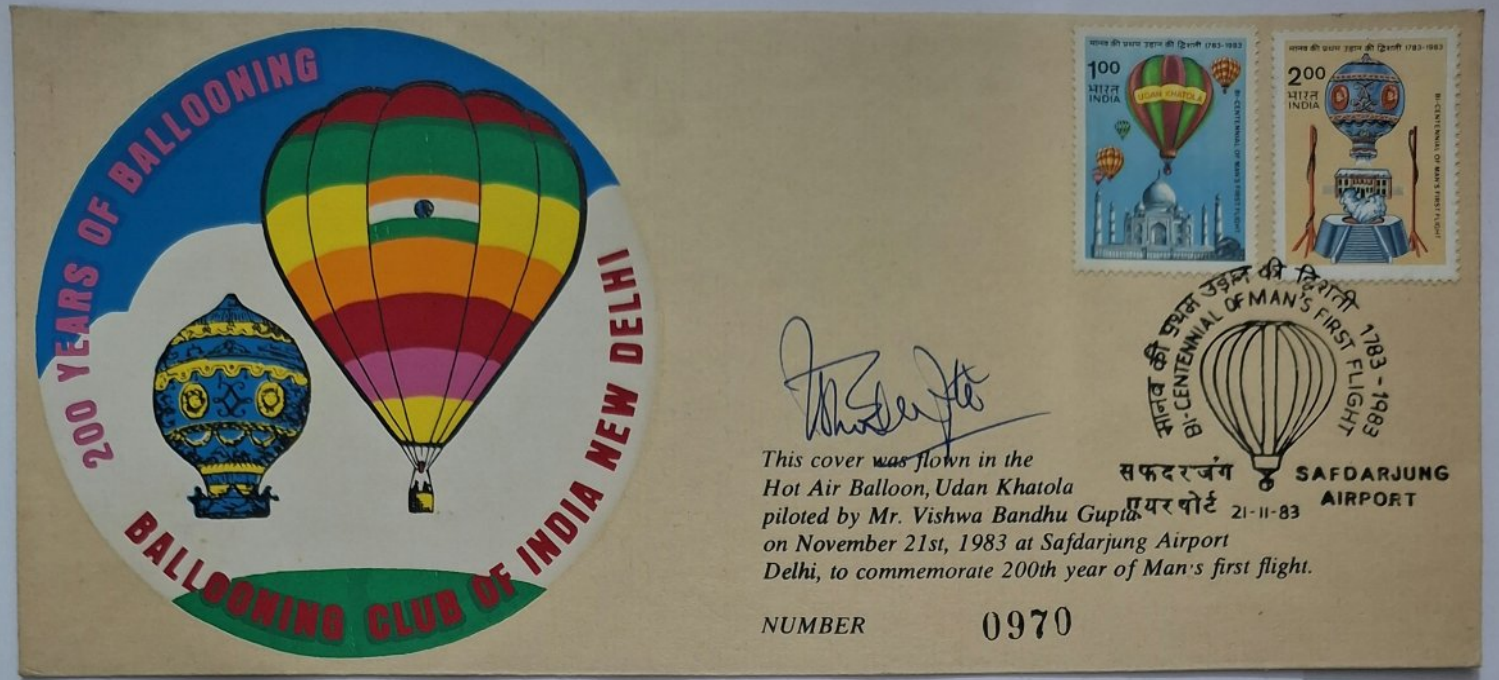
REPUBLIC DAY
BALLOON
FLIGHT

RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN
NEW DELHI

Commemorative Balloon Flight Cover

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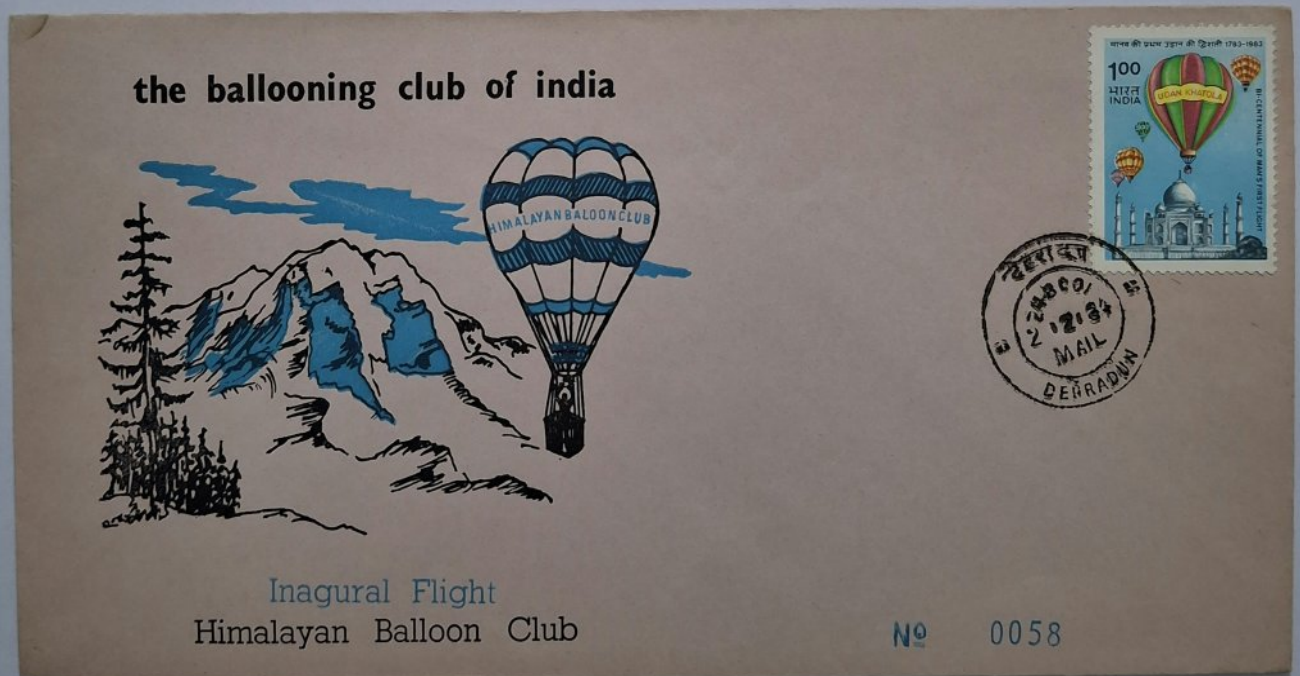
#15) Special Balloon Flight @Bi-Centennial of Ballooning.

This cover was flown in the Hot Air Balloon, 'UDAN KHATOLA' at Safdarjung Airport, Delhi,

to commemorate 200th years of Man's First Flight. Date : 21st November 1983.

Piloted by : Mr.

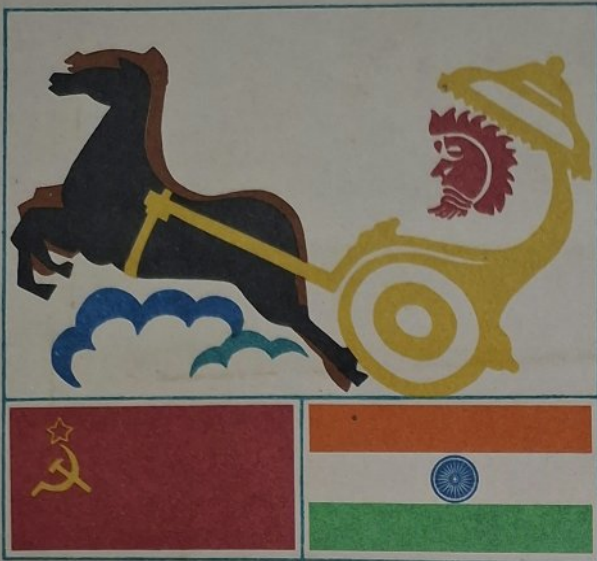
VishwaBandhu Gupta. Signed by Pilot. Cover Issued by : Ballooning Club of India.



#16) Inagural Balloon Flight Cover @ 'Himalayan Balloon Club, Dehradun'.

Date : 02/02/1984. Issued by : Ballooning Club of India.

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FIRST DAY COVER



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This cover was flown in a hot air balloon piloted by Vishwa Bandhu Gupta on a symbolic flight for 'Indo-Soviet joint manned space flight' at Safdarjung airport on April 3, 1984 at 0920 hrs.

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INDO-SOVIET JOINT MANNED SPACE FLIGHT

No. 37/173

#17) Special Balloon Flight Cover @ 'Indo-Soviet Joint Manned Space Flight'

This cover was flown in a Hot Air Balloon, on a symbolic flight for 'Indo-Soviet Joint Manned Space Flight' at Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi. **Date : 03/04/1984.** Piloted by VishwaBandhu Gupta. **Signed by Pilot.** FDC Illustration depicts the Sun Chariot, The Indo-Soviet Joint Space Mission. Cover Issued by : Indian Post & Telegraphs.

INDIA INTERNATIONAL

BALLOON MELA '85



This cachet has been applied to the face of all flown balloons.

No. 37/200

#18) Commemorative Balloon Mail @ Balloon Mela-85.

This cover was carried in the Gondola of 'INDRADHANUSH' (Hot Air Balloon) during a commemoration flight to celebrate 'India International Balloon Mela-85' at New Delhi. **Date : 16th Nov 1985.** Take off : Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi. Landing at : Safdarjung, New Delhi. Pilot : VishwaBandhu Gupta. **Signed by Pilot** on reverse. Special Red Balloon Cachet on face & Green on reverse. Cover Issued & Cachet Sponsored by Philatelic Club of India.



BALLOON MAIL Safdarjung Airport/14.55
 TAKE OFF Ring Road 15.45
 LANDING 15.45
 PILOT VishwaBandhu Gupta

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Hon Secretary
 BALLOONING CLUB OF INDIA
 8-B, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg
 New Delhi-110 002

#19) Commemorative Balloon Mail @Balloon Mela-86.

This cover was carried in the Gondola of 'INDRADHANUSH' (Hot Air Balloon) during a commemoration flight to celebrate 'India International Balloon Mela-86' at New Delhi.

Date : 14th Nov 1986. Special Green Balloon Cachet.

Take off : Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi at 14.55hrs. Landing at : Ring Road, New Delhi at 15.45hrs.

Pilot : VishwaBandhu Gupta. **Signed by Pilot.** Cover Issued by Ballooning Club of India.

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BALLOON MELA '87

BALLOON MAIL

PILOT VishwaBandhu Gupta
 TAKE OFF 15.45 Safdarjung Airport
 LANDING 16.30 Sheikh Sarai



Hon Secretary
 BALLOONING CLUB OF INDIA
 8-B, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg
 New Delhi-110 002

#20) Commemorative Balloon Mail @Balloon Mela-87.

This cover was carried in the Gondola of 'INDRADHANUSH' (Hot Air Balloon) during a commemoration flight to celebrate 'India International Balloon Mela-87' at New Delhi.

Date : 14th Nov 1987. Special Violet Balloon Cachet.

Take off : Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi at 15.45hrs. Landing at : Sheikh Sarai, New Delhi at 16.30hrs.

Pilot : VishwaBandhu Gupta. **Signed by Pilot.** Cover Issued by Ballooning Club of India.

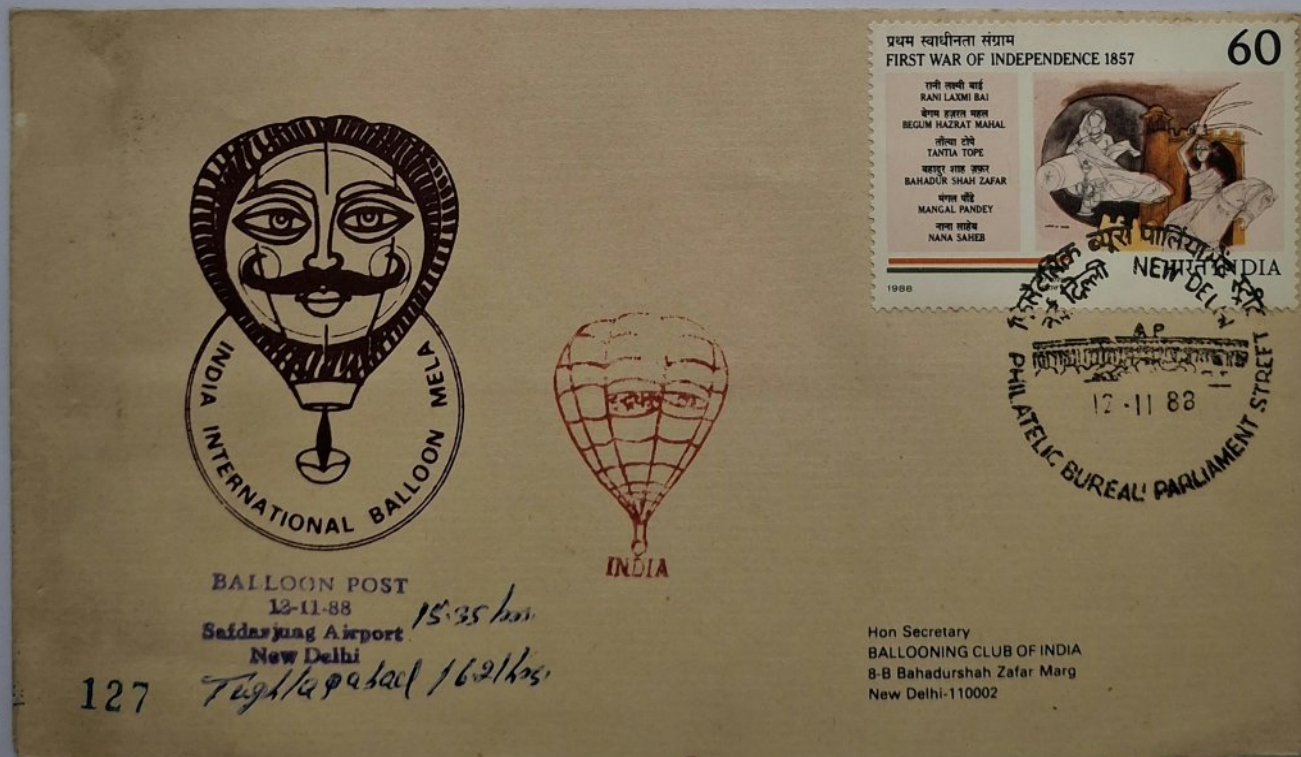


#21) Special Balloon Carried Card @Cross India Balloon Expedition.

Delhi-Agra-Kanpur-Varanasi-Gaya-Calcutta. Date : 29/13/1987 to 09/01/1988.

This Balloon Post Card Carried in Hot Air Balloon From Agra Cantt. to Calcutta.

Date : 2nd January 1988. Special Red Cachet in 4 lines and Circular Violet Cachet. Issued by : Ballooning Club of India.



#22) Commemorative Balloon Post @Balloon Mela-88.

This cover was carried in the Hot Air Balloon "INDRADHANUSH" during a commemoration flight to celebrate 'India International Balloon Mela-88' at New Delhi. **Date : 13th Nov 1988.**

Take off : Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi at 15.35hrs. Landing at : Tughlagabad, at 16.2 hrs

Pilot : VishwaBandhu Gupta. Special Red Balloon Cachet. Cover Issued by Ballooning Club of India.

विशेष आवरण

SPECIAL COVER



भारत 89 विश्व फिलैटली प्रदर्शनी नई दिल्ली
INDIA 89 WORLD PHILATELIC EXHIBITION
NEW DELHI



भारत-89 INDIA-89 P.O.
नई दिल्ली NEW DELHI
22.1.89

विश्वबंधु गुप्त चालित
गुब्बारा उड़ान में
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CARRIED IN BALLOON
FLIGHT PILOTED BY
VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA

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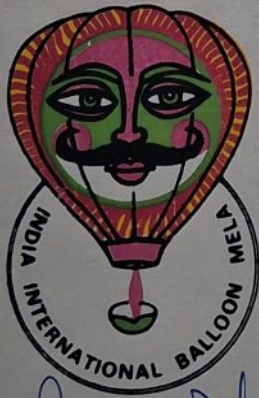
The Honorary Secretary,
Philatelic Club of India
C/o Postmaster India - 89
Pragati Maidan, New Delhi-110 001

#23) Special Balloon Flight Cover @INDIA-89.

This cover was carried in the Hot Air Balloon during a commemoration flight to celebrate INDIA-89. World Philatelic Exhibition, at New Delhi. Date : 22nd January 1989. Special Red Balloon Cachet. Take off : Due to weather conditions tethered flight took place at 16.00hrs at Pragati Maidan. Piloted by VishwaBandhu Gupta. Signed by Pilot. Cover Issued by Philatelic Club of India.



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भारत अंतर्राष्ट्रीय गुब्बारा
WITH INTERNATIONAL HOT AIR BALLOON
INDIA SAFDARJUNG AIRPORT NEW DELHI
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INDIA INTERNATIONAL BALLOON MELA



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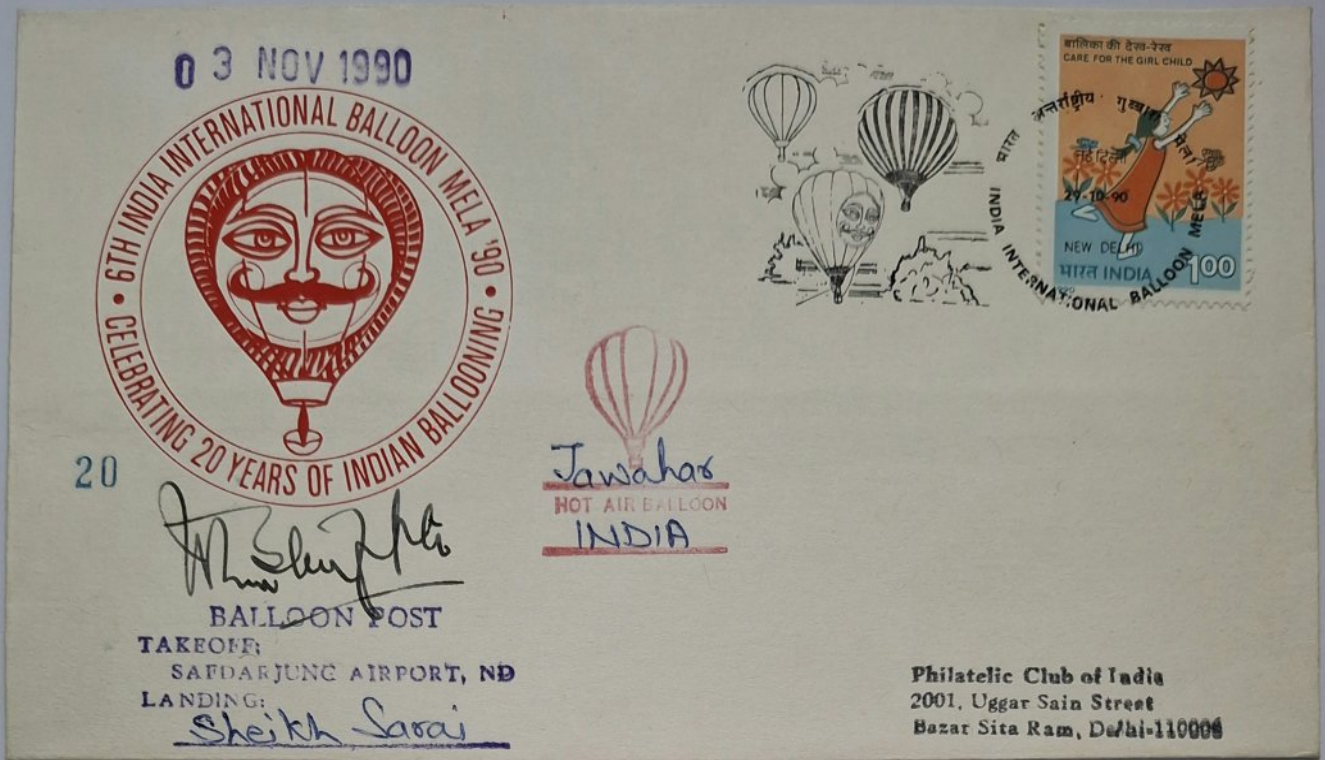
BALLOON POST
TAKEOFF:
SAFDARJUNG AIRPORT, ND 15:30hrs
LANDING:
Sainik Farm 16:40 Hrs

Philatelic Club of India
2001, Uggar Sain Street
Bazar Sita Ram, Delhi-110006

#24) Commemorative Balloon Post @Balloon Mela-89.

This cover was carried in the Gondola of "INDRADHANUSH" (Hot Air Balloon), during a commemoration flight to celebrate 'India International Balloon Mela-89' at New Delhi. Date : 5th November 1989.

Take off : Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi, at 15.30hrs. Landing at : Sainik Farm, New Delhi, at 16.40hrs
Pilot : VishwaBandhu Gupta. Signed by Pilot. Cover Issued by Philatelic Club of India.



#25) Commemorative Balloon Mail @Bloon Mela-90.

This cover was carried in the Gondola of "JAWAHAR" (Hot Air Balloon), during a **commemoration flight at Balloon Mela-90, to Celebrating 20years of Indian Ballooning**, at New Delhi.

Date : 29th October 1990. Take off : Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi. Landing at : Sheikh Sarai, ND.

Pilot : VishwaBandhu Gupta. **Signed by Pilot.** Red Balloon Cachet. Issued by Philatelic Club of India.



#26) Special Balloon Mail @Balloon Mela-94.

This cover was carried by Hot Air Balloon "GANDHI" during **Demonstration Flight to celebrate '19th India International Balloon Mela-94'** at New Delhi. **Date : 15th October 1994.** Take off : Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi. **Signed by Pilot.** Cover Issued by Philatelic Club of India.

महापेक्स 2004
MAHAPEX 2004

विशेष आवरण SPECIAL COVER



बलून फ्लाईट हवाई डाक
BALLOON FLIGHT AIR MAIL
10-1-2004

नागपुर से कामप्टी
NAGPUR TO KAMPTEE
नागपुर NAGPUR-440001

To
Shri Krishna M. Singh
[14 A, Prayag Ashram
University Road
Katsa Allahabad (U.P.)
c/o. POSTMASTER,
KAMPTEE H.O.
441001

नागपूर से कामती बलून फ्लाईट
Balloon Flight From Nagpur to Kamptee
10 JANUARY 2004

To,
KAMPTEE H.O.
From
NAGPUR G.P.O.



#27) Special Balloon Mail @MAHAPEX-2004.

Nagpur-Kamptee. Special Balloon Mail Flight, to commemorates 150th year of Department of Posts and 'MAHAPEX-2004', Maharashtra State Philatelic Exhibition. **Date : 10th January 2004.** Take off : Nagpur GPO, Landed at : DhabaWadi, Nagpur, **due to adverse wind conditions.**

The mail was taken from the place of landing to Kamptee H.O. by road for delivery.

Pilot : Capt Wasan. Signed by Pilot on reverse.



Balloon Mela
New Delhi, India
13-28 Nov 2010



Balloon Flight from Raj Ghat,
Mahatma Gandhi Memorial

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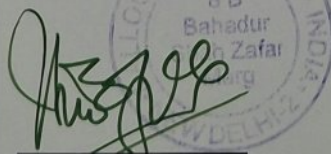
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Flown Aboard Balloon
Pilot : Shri Vishwa Bandhu Gupta



S. No. 20/50

NIKHIL ROHAN
C/o Ballooning Club of India
Camp: Gandhi Smarak Nidhi PO
New Delhi-110002, India

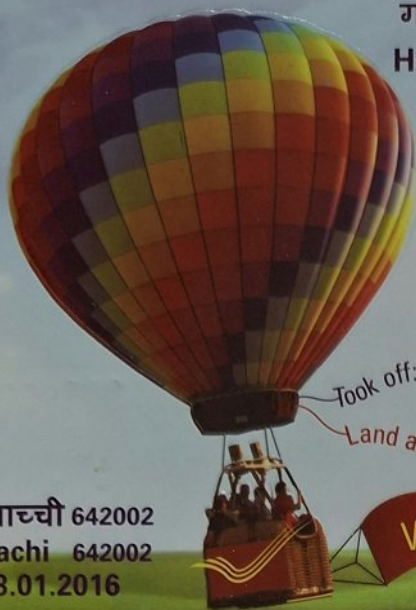
#28) Special Commemorative Balloon Post@Balloon Mela-2020.

This cover was carried in the Hot Air Balloon, during a commemoration flight to celebrate 'India International Balloon Mela-2010' at New Delhi. **Date : 13th November 2010.**

Take off : Raj Ghat, New Delhi. Landing at : Camp, New Delhi. Pilot : VishwaBandhu Gupta. Signed by Pilot. Cover Issued by Ballooning Club of India.

गरम वायु युक्त गुब्बारा वाहित आवरण
HOT AIR BALLOON CARRIED COVER

विशेष आवरण
SPECIAL COVER



Took off: 06 35 Hrs
Land at: 0 800 Hrs

पोल्लाचची 642002
Pollachi 642002
03.01.2016

WE DELIVER

Gary Moore
Mr. GARY MOORE
PILOT



To

C/o The Postmaster
Kovilpalayam
Pollachi 642110

#29) Special Hot Air Balloon Carried Cover @Balloon Festival

This cover was carried in the Hot Air Balloon from Pollachi to Kovilpalayam, Pollachi, during the 2nd Tamilnadu International Balloon Festival. Date : 03/01/2016. Pilot : Mr. Gary Moore. Signed by Pilot. This Balloon flown cover with both despatch and delivery postal cancellations is personally carried by a special carrier of India Post. Issued by CPMG, Tamilnadu Circle, Dept. of Post.

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#30) Hot-Air Balloon Carried Special Cover@GOAPEX-2021.

On the eve of GOAPEX-2021, this special cover was carried in a Hot Air Balloon from Assolda village in Quepentaluka, South Goa District to Chandor in Salsetetaluka, South Goa District. The balloon took off at 6:40am & landed at 7:25am. This journey of 45 min. covered a distance of 3km. Date : 01/12/2021. Signed by Carrier. Issued by Dept. Of Post, Maharashtra Postal Circle.