

Nagpur School of Art, Nagpur.
Maharashtra State, India.
Dated:-1st January 70.

My dear Raza,

I am in due receipt of your two letters of 13th Feb. and 16th Sept.69. Hope you will please excuse me for the delay in replying.

I have noted the change of your address and I am really happy to know that you have established a nice studio apartment in a new building. It is really appreciating and creditable that both of you are busy with your painting work. I am very glad and proud to know that you are preparing for the exhibition shows etc. in such an advanced city like Paris.

As for myself, since I have completed 65 years of age on 4th Aug.69, I had to retire from the Principalship of the Art School, as a rule, by making over every thing to Shri. N.B.Dikhole, G.D.Art; A.M. a past student of our school. Now as a founder, I am obliged to stay in the school premises and I have to guid the new Principal from time to time.

The School Management is trying their best to collect donations, contributions for the proposed building project and they are promoting the subject. Accordingly we hope to have some construction work within a couple of years. Shri. G.M.Chitnavis is now the working President of our school. Shri. and Smt. Chitnavis, a young energetic couple are highly educated and they are deeply interested in the art of painting. They will be very glad to meet you in your next visit to Nagpur.

Shri. Vasantrao was transferred as Asstt. Curator at Aundh museum near Satara for about one and half year. But he preferred to come back to Nagpur in last May and now he is doing good work at the local Govt. museum here.

P.T.O.

I do some work of supervision in the school in morning hours and occasionally some portrait painting as health permits as a private source for maintenance purpose.

Shri. V.B. Dehadrai has become Principal of the formerly Art section of the Govt. Art institution at Nagpur which is named as Govt. Chitra Kala Mahavidyalaya where they are now having a five years degree course from the current year. This is supposed to be the 2nd Govt. Art Institution in Maharashtra State.

of painting class In summer vacation Miss Shahista Khan a ^{of Nagpur} ~~past~~ student of our school, as she told me, is intending to visit Paris along with her brother. She desires to see you when she come there. I shall write to you in advance in case her tour is fixed up in April/May 70, or so.

Kindly inform me as soon as you plan to visit India next and hope you will surely keep a place for Nagpur in your visiting programme of this country and give us an advantage of your company. I shall be glad to make suitable arrangement for your stay here for a few days. All your friends, school management, ourselves and other associates will be very happy to see you among us. Please be writing to me some time intermitantly at leisure.

Rest is all O.K.. Wish kindest regards and Happy New Year to you and Mrs. Janine Raza.

I remain your very sincerely.

M. V. Athawale

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