

21 January, 1997

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Dear Shri Divyabhanusinhji

It was indeed a pleasure and an honour talking to you on the phone, a few days ago!

I enclose a list of citations of papers written by the late Dharmakumarsinhji, extracted from my database. This database is generally limited to papers dealing with birds. We had spoken of some other publications e.g. *Peacock*, which I have not yet indexed. Thus citations from such publications is missing here.

Information about *Pavo* may be obtained from the following address (Dr. Bonny Pilo is the Managing Editor):

The Managing Editor  
The Society of Animal Morphologists & Physiologists  
c/o Department of Zoology  
Faculty of Science  
M.S. University of Baroda  
BARODA 390 002

I also enclose some material about the Birdwatcher's Society of Andhra Pradesh for your information.

If I could help in any other way, I'd be glad to.

With best wishes,



Encl: List of papers by Dharmakumarsinhji - 4/4.



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Dear Mr. Pittie,  
Thank you  
for all the info. Once  
the biblio is final  
I'll send a copy to you.  
Dhanwanwarish was  
truly versatile  
Regards

*Dhanwanwarish*  
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Ref: Yours of 28-1-1997.

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Dear Shri Divyabhanusinhji,

We had exchanged letters in early 1997 regarding papers written by the late Shri Dharmakumarsinhji. I had sent you a relevant extract of his works from my bibliographic database. In your above letter you had mentioned "once the biblio is final I'll send a copy to you."

Recently I bought a book *Reminiscences of Indian Wildlife* by R S Dharmakumarsinhji, in which you have written the chapter on his life and compiled the bibliography at the end of the book. I am happy to note that such a work has come about and that I may have been of some help in its compilation. Even though there is no acknowledgment of those who have assisted in its compilation, I see that you have mentioned on page 115 "This bibliography has been compiled....., other bibliographies (my emphasis)...." !

As you mention on the same page, "Though all efforts have been made to make it exhaustive, it may not be so." I give below a reference which seems to be missing from the bibliography and which I myself came across today, while leafing through some old copies of *Cheetal*.

**1971 Indian falconry. *Cheetal*. 14(1): 31-36.**

With best wishes and regards,

Yours sincerely





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21st July, 1998

**Dear Mr. Pittie,**

I am grateful for your kind letter of 10th instant which has reached me today from which I see that you have sent me a fax earlier which has not reached me.

I had originally thought of publishing the bibliography of R.K. Dharmakumarsinhji as a stand lone piece in the Bombay Natural History Society's Journal. However, this was not to be and the bibliography ultimately was published as an appendage to Dharmakumarsinhji's own book. I should have mentioned the sources of the other bibliographies that I have referred to but somehow it got left out. Let me assure you this was quite unintentional. I hope you will forgive me for the same.

I am once again grateful to you for your kind help earlier and indeed for sending me yet one more reference which should have formed a part of the bibliography.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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*Dear Mr. Pittie*

Mr. John W Craighead has been in touch with you regarding the remarkable archival record of Indian Falconry at Bhavnagar. I am sure this matter is of interest to you.

I feel it is of paramount importance that this unique record is enshrined in the form of a book as a permanent record of a lost art for future generations. In order to ensure that the publication does come out, it is absolutely essential that firm orders are placed for the book. The number of orders placed would ultimately determine the cost of the publication and it is therefore important that we give the maximum orders possible to ensure a low cost for ourselves and pass on the information to others interested.

I would request you to kindly place your orders at the earliest with:

Kent Carnie  
Curator – Archives of American Falconry  
World Center for Birds of Prey  
5666 West Flying Hawk Lane  
Boise, Idaho USA 83709  
Tel : 208-362 3716  
Fax : 208-362 2376

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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