



Amateur Radio Station – Special Callsign
India



AT50JOS

Celebrating 50 Years of BC DXing & Radio Activities
23rd November, 1973 – 23rd November, 2023
by
Jose Jacob, VU2JOS



Confirming our QSO					
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Jose

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National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad 500082, India.



Congratulations to Jose Jacob, long time India Editor for WRTH, celebrating 50th Anniversary of broadcast DX-listening!

**Mauno Ritola, International Editor,
World Radio TV Handbook**



Akashvani

Sir,

Hearty congratulations and all the best in future too!

I am grateful to you for the valuable feedback from time to time and as and when required regarding our Short Wave Transmission/ Reception.

Thank you once again.

Regards,

H.S.Nagesha
Dy. Director (E)
Super Power Transmitters,
Akashvani, Bengaluru



Radio Miami International, USA

Recording of AWR DX Program "Wavescan" greeting Jose Jacob by Jeff White of WRMI is in <https://qsl.net/vu2jos/Wavescan>



Voice of America

Dear Mr. Jacob,

Congratulations on 50 years of broadcast DXing!

I just read your radio-related accomplishments on QSL.net, and I am quite impressed by your activities on the airwaves over the decades. You have quite an impressive background, and I am honored that you have chosen to reach out to Voice of America on such a landmark day in your radio life.

VOA will celebrate our 82nd anniversary in just a few months, and I am heartened to know that you and your family have been with us for the majority of that time.

Though VOA is now a truly multimedia outlet, radio remains an important part of our work and a major part of our history. Thank you for being part of that history, and thank you for remaining a loyal listener for all of these years.

73 de VOA, Washington, DC, USA

Gary, W3GRB

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Gary BUTTERWORTH
Strategic Program Manager

Voice of America, Director's Office
330 Independence Ave. SW, Suite 3360
Washington DC 20237-0004, USA



Voice of Germany

Dear Mr. Jacob,

Thank you very much for your message.

Deutsche Welle congratulates you on your 50th anniversary of BCDXing and thank you for your work and efforts as a monitor of our radio programs in the past.

We wish you good health and all the best for the time to come.

Kind regards,

Damian Gracht
Deutsche Welle
Customer Service/Kundenservice
Kurt-Schumacher-Str. 3
53113 Bonn, Germany



Happy anniversary, Jose!

So happy for you! Thank you for sharing this beautiful moment with us. Of course we will mention you in our upcoming Listeners Corner post.

Best wishes,
The English Service
Radio Romania International
60-64 G-ral Berthelot Street, District 1, Bucharest
PO Box 111, Postcode 010165

FAR EAST BROADCASTING ASSOCIATES OF INDIA

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Ps 19:1



Benjamin C A
National Director

Dear Mr. Jose Jacob,

I am writing to you today with a heart filled with immense gratitude and admiration as we celebrate your remarkable milestone of being a dedicated listener of our radio programs for 50 incredible years. This is truly an achievement worth commemorating, and we at FEBC are honored to have journeyed alongside you throughout this wonderful period. We greatly value individuals like you who not only appreciate the power of radio but also contribute meaningfully to its continued success.

Additionally, I would like to extend my profound gratitude for your invaluable assistance in arranging reception reports from various regions for our broadcasts. Your efforts in facilitating these reports have been instrumental in helping us monitor our broadcast quality, identify areas of improvement, and ensure that our programs reach as many listeners as possible. Your involvement goes beyond being just a listener; you have become an integral part of our radio community, sharing your insights and contributing to our growth.

In a world where technology is constantly evolving, you have remained loyal to the age-old tradition of listening to radio. This steadfast commitment is a testament to your exceptional character and unwavering dedication. Your loyalty is deeply appreciated and serves as a reminder of the enduring power of this medium.

On this joyous occasion, we would like to extend our warmest wishes and blessings to you. May the Lord continue to shower you with his abundant grace, happiness, and good health. May He bless you with countless more years of listening pleasure and invaluable moments spent with us. On behalf of everyone at FEBC India, I want to express our heartfelt appreciation for your remarkable loyalty and support. We look forward to many more years of being your companion on this beautiful journey through the airwaves.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Benjamin', written over a white background.

Rev. C.A Benjamin
Executive National Director

Copied : Head – North India, Mr. Kenneth Edward

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Bible Voice Broadcasting, Canada

Dear Jose,

All of us here at Bible Voice Broadcasting congratulate you on your 50th anniversary of BCDXing, It certainly seems as if your life has been centered very much around radio for most of your life!

We wish you well on your continued journey as a radio enthusiast! May the Lord bless you!

Blessings,

Heather Paterson
Program Director
High Adventure/Bible Voice Broadcasting
Canada



Congratulations!

**Sheldon and Gilles, Co-hosts and Producers , International Radio Report
CKUT Radio 90.3 FM, Montreal, Quebec**



Congratulations Mr. Jacob on your 50th anniversary of BCDXing. It was interesting to look at the links that you sent us with QSLs and your accomplishments. The KTWR letter of congratulations will be included in the envelope with the next QSLs that we mail to you.

May God continue to bless you and encourage your faith as you continue to listen to TWR programs.

Best regards,

**Elizabeth Sabin
Audience Relations Assistant - TWR Asia**

Jose,

Wow, you have accomplished a lot over the years. It will be interesting to see how the Lord blesses your future decades of DXing.

**Mike Sabin
Asia Broadcast Technical Operations Director
TWR (Trans World Radio)**



Congratulations!

50 years is a long time , I can remember listening to a programme on shortwave and your name was mentioned.

I have just passed 51 years in the Australian Radio club, I never thought I would end up being a life member secretary 50 years later!

**Best wishes my friend! From Australia.
John Wright, Secretary, ARDXC.**



Brazil

Greetings friend Jose Jacob,

I want to congratulate my friend Jose Jacob for his 50 years of international radio listening, for his long career as a Dexista (listening to distant radio stations). On this journey, he listened to the most diverse broadcasters from the four corners of the planet via radio waves, receiving and receiving a world in his home through the waves of his friend and dear "radio" (receiver).

It is always an honor for his participation in competitions held by DX Clube Sem Fronteiras.

Congratulations and happy listening always!

Forte 73' e boas escutas!

Antonio Avelino, Director, DX Clube Sem Fronteiras, Brazil

Danish DX Listeners' Club

Dear Jose

Congratulations with your 50 years of DXing . Wrote a little note in DX-FOKUS, which was published today December 1st .

Best 73s
Stig,
Chairman
Danish DX Listeners' Club

DX • FOKUS

• *alt om radio*

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Indisk DX'er fejrer 50 år

Den kendte indiske DXer Jose Jacob kunne den 23. november fejre sit 50 års jubilæum som broadcast DXer. Se mere om Jose Jakobs milepæle som DXer på:

https://www.qsl.net/vu2jos/Jos_50.pdf

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DDXLK ønsker tillykke!



Certificate of Appreciation

***Recognising 50 Years in the DX Hobby
on 23 November 2023***

***Mr Jose Jacob
Hyderabad, India.***

***Congratulations Jose and thank you for
your help and support in the compilation
and upkeep of the DX Guides.***

Best regards

***from Tony Rogers
Birmingham, England.***



The International Short Wave League

Congratulations to Jose, VU2JOS,
on your 50th anniversary of BCDXing!
73
Lindsay G8PMA ,on behalf of the ISWL



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Finnish DX Association

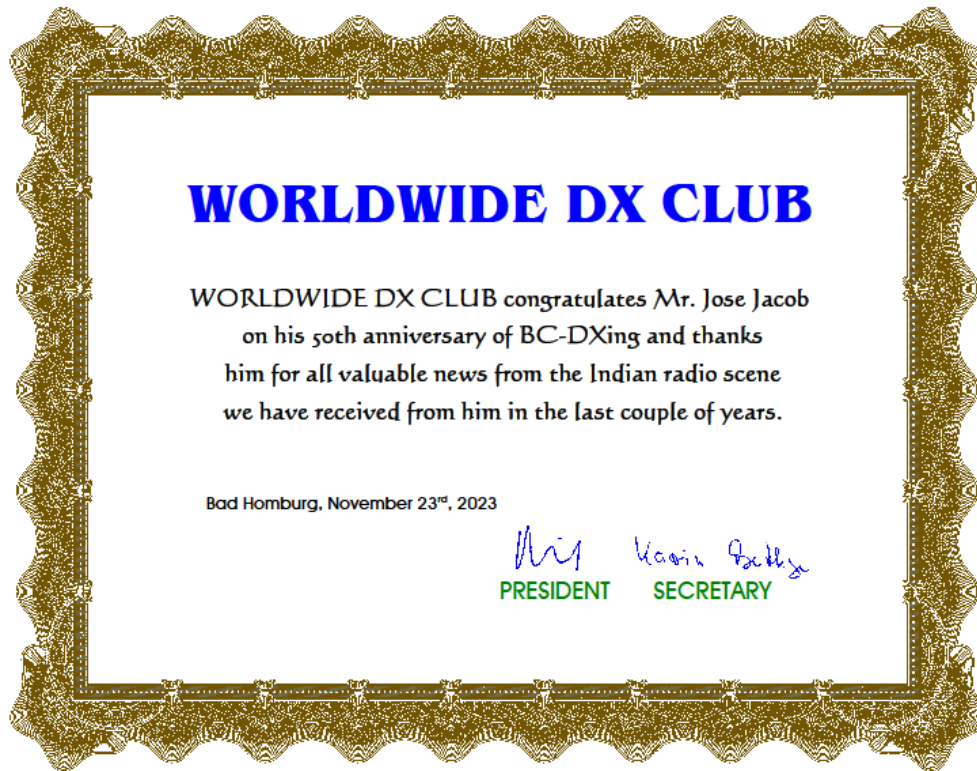
Dear Jose,

Thank you for your message and warmest congratulations on your anniversary in the radio hobby. Great to start in 1973! I myself started a few years earlier having now 55 years in my radio hobby history.

Wishing you and all the radio hobbyists in India good luck and great future.

Good DX and 73's

Risto Vähäkainu
Finland



Germany

Dear Jose,

Please accept my congratulations on the event of your 50th anniversary of BC-DXing.

Many thanks also for providing us regularly with news from India, especially from All India Radio (now Akashvani).

Please keep up the good work also in the upcoming years.

Attached please find a greeting message of WORLDWIDE DX CLUB, cherishing your great work for our DXing hobby.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Bethge
President

WORLDWIDE DX CLUB
Postfach 1214
D-61282 Bad Homburg
GERMANY



Hungary

Woow! Congratulations in the name of our club!

We wish you at least more 50 years in good health and great DX receptions!

Very best wishes,

**Istvan
Top DX Radio Club
Hungary**



Indian DX Club International

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CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Awarded to

Jose Jacob, VU2JOS

DXer, & Amateur Radio Operator for his contribution in promotion of
Radio Hobby in its various disciplines.

Celebrating 12th Edition of World Radio Day, 13th February, 2023

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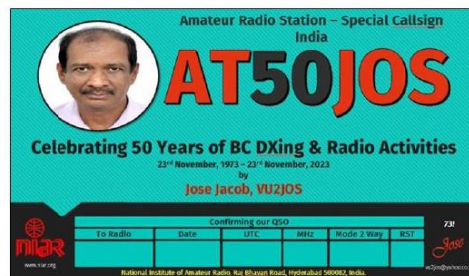
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50th Anniversary of My BCDXing

by Jose Jacob, VU2JOS - AT50JOS, India.



I embarked on my DXing journey in the early 1970s while attending High School in Kerala, South India. Armed with a domestic 3 band valve radio, the Telerad Comet WK Model, my DXing adventure kicked off, yielding my first QSL card from FEBC, Philippines in 1973. This marked the beginning of an avid involvement in DXing, prompting my membership in various local clubs such as the Indian DX Club International, Youth Radio Club, Universal DX League, DX Club of India, India Broad Base, Union of Asian Dxers - Sri Lanka, and the Australian DX Club, among others.

Post my college studies, I worked for Adventist World Radio-Asia in Pune as the QSL Secretary for a couple of years. During this period, I drew inspiration from Dr. Adrian Peterson, Director, and host of the popular DX program 'Radio Monitors International,' which was recorded in Pune and broadcast from SLBC Sri Lanka. My introduction into digital radios during this tenure significantly amplified my DXing activities. This phase also marked the commencement of my contributions on Indian stations to the World Radio TV Handbook, a connection that endures to this day.

In the 1980s, I served as an official monitor for Deutsche Welle, Voice of Germany and currently hold the same position for Adventist World Radio. Regularly contributing DX News items to AWR's DX program "Wavescan," I have become deeply entrenched in the global DXing community.

Over the years, I've amassed about 3000 BCDX QSL cards from 130 countries, with 'First' QSL cards from stations in the Dominican Republic, Papua New Guinea, Norway, and India, among others. My particular fascination lies with Akashvani (All India Radio), where I have verified about 150 different stations, earning an entry in the "Limca Book of Records." My radio activities have been featured in interviews by Radio Monitors International, Radio Canada International, All India Radio (Hyderabad, Kochi, Kozhikode, Port Blair) and Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation

After persistent efforts, I obtained my Amateur license in 1985, with the callsign VU2JOS. This marked an exciting transition from a Shortwave Listener (SWL) to an Amateur Radio operator, predominantly operating on Morse Code and SSB. In 1986, I assumed the role of a local coordinator for the National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR), Hyderabad, gaining access to latest transceivers. My involvement in several Amateur Radio contests has garnered awards from around the world.

Joining NIAR as a staff member in 1990 at its HQ in Hyderabad aligned my professional life with my passion. I've had the privilege of participating in six DXpeditions to the rare Andaman & Nicobar Islands and the Lakshadweep Islands.

My association with NIAR involves active participation in various radio activities, including awareness programs, Ham Radio Training, Emergency Communications, Ham Meets, and extensive travel across India through which I was able to do BCDXing from numerous locations in the country. Thanks to NIAR, I've also operated Ham Radio from Austria, Germany and Nepal with additional visits to Luxembourg and Sri Lanka.

Despite my transition to an active Radio Amateur, I have steadfastly continued my BCDxing pursuits. In 1988, I co-founded the BCDX Net, operating on the 7 MHz Ham Band on Sundays, providing information on BCDXing. Additionally, I initiated DX India on Yahoo groups in 2001, focusing on disseminating DX News exclusively on Broadcasting in India, now running on io groups and Facebook.

The culmination of my 50 years of radio activities was marked by the special callsign AT50JOS, issued by the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Govt. of India in October 2023.

This year, I've been honored for my Radio Activities by Indian DX Club International, Pariwar Bandhu SWL Club, Indian Institute of Hams – Bengaluru, OSCAR Ham Convention 2023 Santiniketan, West Bengal Radio Club, Kolkata, and Hams from Haflong, Assam etc.

Reflecting on five decades of DXing, my enduring passion for radio has enriched my life, providing access to news, music, cultural, and technological information from stations worldwide. I express gratitude to my family, especially my wife Lissy and sons Tony and Tom, who are also Radio Amateurs, for their unwavering support. My parents' encouragement in the early days holds a special place in my heart.

I extend heartfelt thanks to the National Institute of Amateur Radio, Adventist World Radio, Indian DX Club International and all other friends for their consistent support. I am happy to be part of an endangered species ie BCDXer!

Long live R A D I O !

A few important QSLs and appreciations received by me



QSL 2023



Japan Short Wave Club



To: Jose Jacob / India / VU2JOS

November 2023

Congratulations for your

50th Anniversary

of your broadcast DXing activity!!

From Toshiyuki Ohtake
Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toshiyuki Ohtake".

JAPAN SHORT WAVE CLUB (JSWC) jswcjsk@live.jp
P.O. Box 44, Kamakura 248-8691, JAPAN

Photo: "Dotonbori," a tourist spot in Osaka City
Courtesy of Mr. Hirokazu Mitsumoto (JSWC3677)



New Zealand Radio DX League

Jose,

Congratulations on your 50 years in the wonderful hobby of DXing!

As a long time DXer myself (having started in 1961 with Arthur Cushen as my mentor), your name is very familiar to me.

Thanks for keeping DXers worldwide updated on broadcasting developments in the Indian subcontinent over the decades.

With best wishes from the South Pacific!

Bryan Clark

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**Mangawhai - Northland - New Zealand
Life Member - NZ Radio DX League
Broadcast News Editor - 'NZ DX Times'**

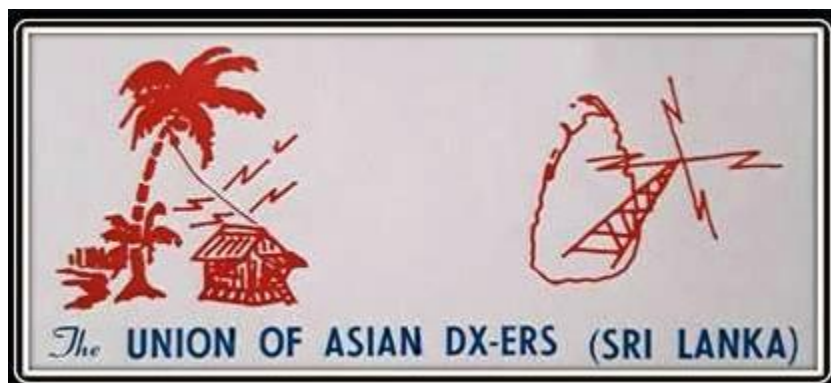


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Hearty congratulations!

**David Ricquish
Radio Heritage Foundation
New Zealand**



My dear Jose, what a milestone to celebrate. To sustain interest in dxing for over 50 years is no simple feat. First of all congratulations!

We have known each other through all those 50 years ever since we came into contact through my association with Radio Netherlands DXJuke Box followed my Media Network.

You dedication and honesty in dxing from India in my eyes is unparalleled and your contribution through The World Radio TV Hansbook is unique.

Along with Alok Das Gupta you two have kept the highest standards of dxing. Thank you Jose for your contributions to radio in South Asia and for your friendship. It was a great joy to meet you in Chennai and right here in my home.

Blessings and keep doing your best for the hobby and amateur radio too.

Victor Goonetilleke 4S7VK

SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

Sweden

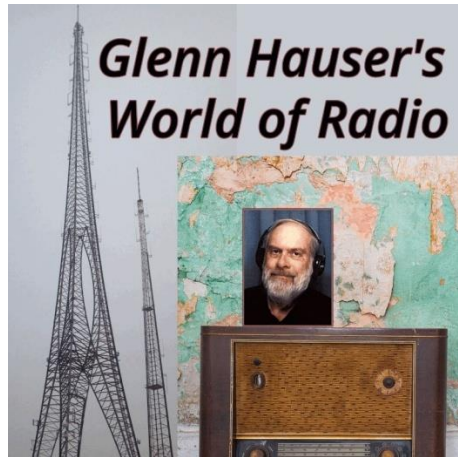
Hello Jose,

Shortwave Bulletin congrats to 50 years of BCDX-ing. We also want to thank you for sharing a lot of information from India during the years.

Let's hope we can continue with our DX-ing hobby for several coming years.

Best regards

**Thomas Nilsson
Editor, Shortwave Bulletin
Sweden**



USA

Jose,

My sincere congratulations on all your accomplishments in DXing at this anniversary, from one who is now in his 70th year at the dials.

73,

Glenn Hauser,
World of Radio,
USA

North American Shortwave Association, USA

Jose,

Congratulations on being active in the DX listening hobby for 50 years. That is quite the achievement. Like you I started listening to shortwave, and then medium wave, stations when I was fourteen years old, so I am now approaching my 60th year of long-distance radio listening. Many things have changed in the radio world, but we listeners always have each other to share our fascinating hobby with.

Your many interesting reports documenting DX activity in India are really appreciated as your home country has always been a favorite of radio listeners. I hope you continue to enjoy the radio listening hobby and continue to provide excellent news and information about broadcasting activity in India.

Best wishes.

73,

Rich D'Angelo
Executive Director
North American Shortwave Association
USA

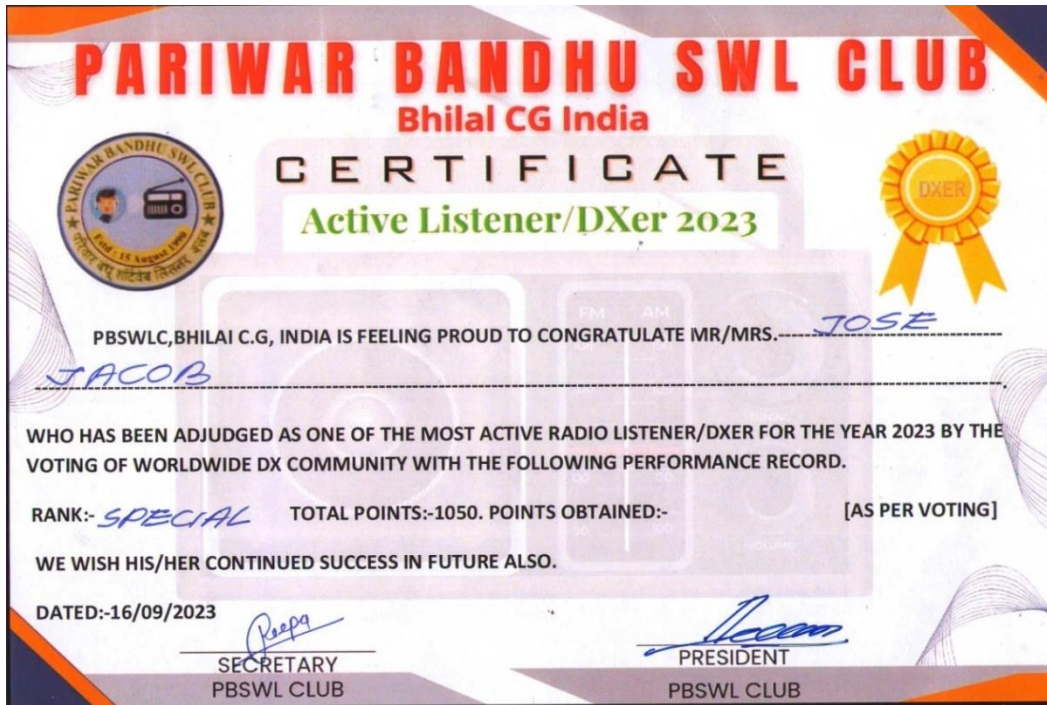
Some of the other Messages:

Congratulations, Jose. I will watch out for AT50JOS on the bands! Best wishes from VK3.

Rob Wagner, Australia

Awesome!! Congratulations
Manosij Guha, USA. Editor, India Broadbase

One of the greats...
Dan Robinson, VOA USA



Pariwar Badhu SWL Club, Bhilai



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF HAMS


CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This certificate is presented to

JOSE JACOB, VU2JOS

for successfully and actively involving in Broadcast
Dxing and Amateur Radio activities since 1973
onwards with numerous National & International
Awards. Ministry of Communication, WPC honors
with special callsign AT50JOS.



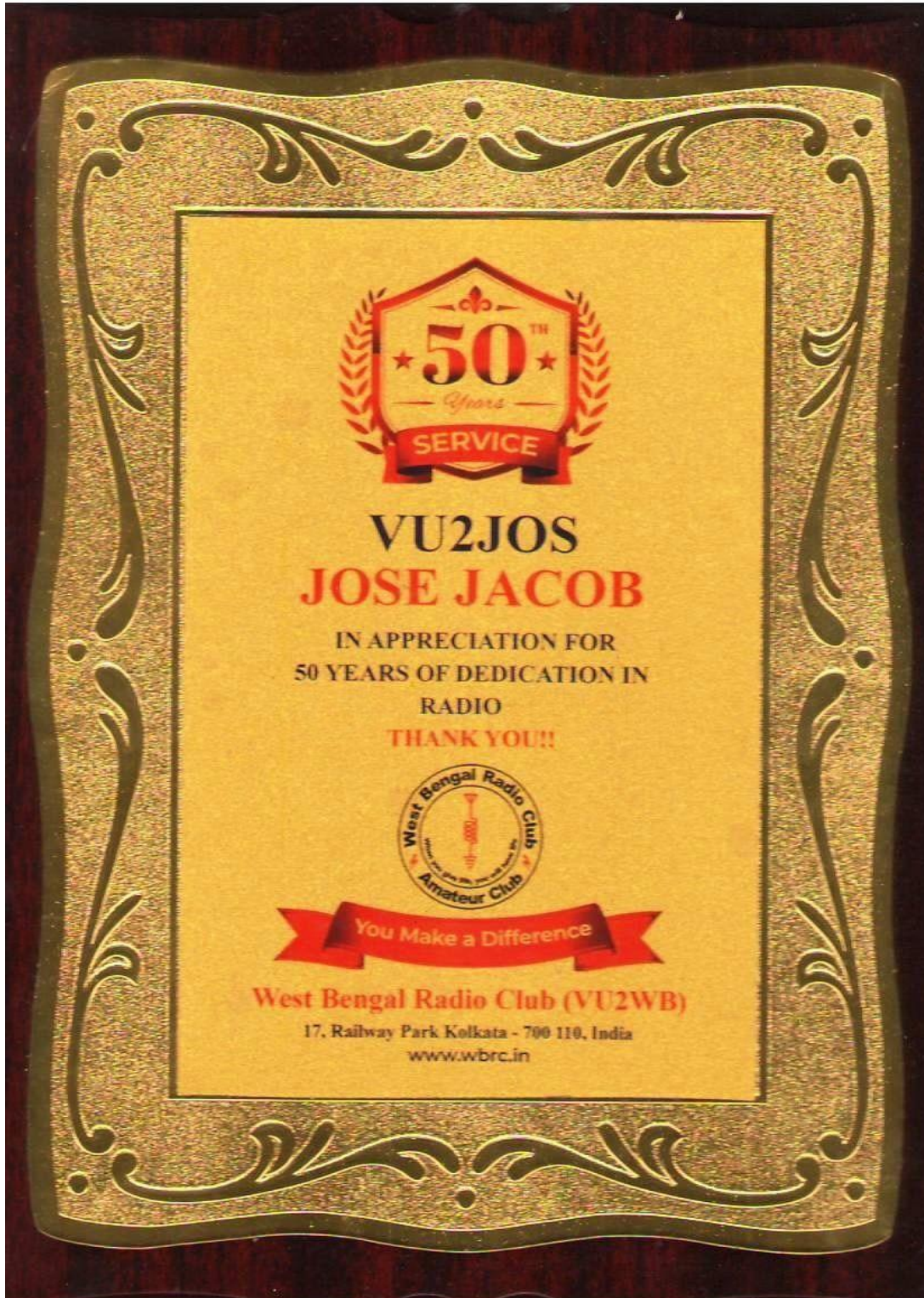

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