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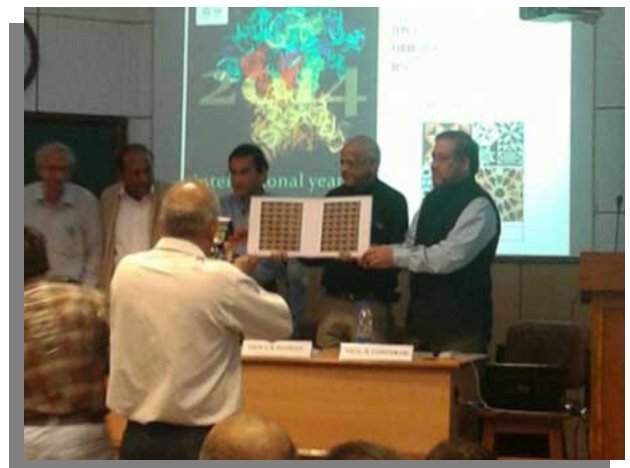
**Commemorative Stamp on 'International Year of Crystallography 2014' - 30th January 2014.**



The International Year of Crystallography (IYCr2014) is an event promoted in the year 2014 by the United Nations to celebrate the centenary of the discovery of X-ray crystallography and to emphasize the global importance of crystallography in human life. UNESCO and the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr) are responsible for this event. The opening ceremony of the International Year of Crystallography was held in Paris on 20 and 21 January 2014. Many activities will follow to celebrate the International Year of Crystallography all over the world.

IYCr2014 aims to increase public awareness of the importance of crystallography, which is the branch of science that studies the formation and structure of crystals. The Year of Crystallography promotes widespread access of information about crystallography and activities involving this science. Crystallography has become the core of structural science. Its uses include: Showing the structure of DNA, Helping people understand and fabricate computer memories, Disclosing how proteins are created in cells, Assisting in the design of powerful new materials and drugs.

India Post issued a commemorative stamp to mark 'International Year of Crystallography 2014' on 30th January 2014. Stamp release function was held at SSCU Auditorium, IISc, Bangalore at 4.00 pm. The stamp was released by Chief Postmaster General of Karnataka Postal Circle Shri M. S. Ramanujan. A mini exhibition on Crystallography by Dr. RG Sangoram and Shri M. R. Prabakar was also organised at the venue.



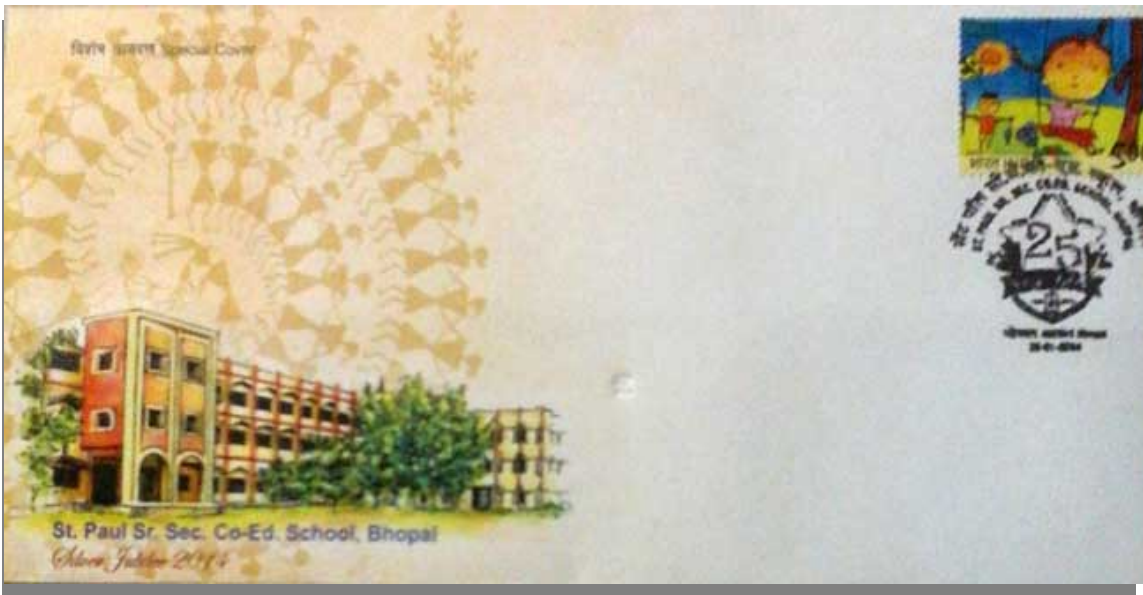


*Courtesy: Jagannath Mani, Bangalore*

**Special Cover to mark Silver Jubilee of St. Paul Sr. Secondary Co-Ed School, Bhopal - 26th January 2014.**

St. Paul School, one of the best Catholic Schools in the Arch Diocese of Bhopal, was founded in 1988 and commands a unique position in the field of education as the school becomes a second home where the children feel perfectly at home and they are imparted education through play way methods and are motivated through various child friendly activities and projects.

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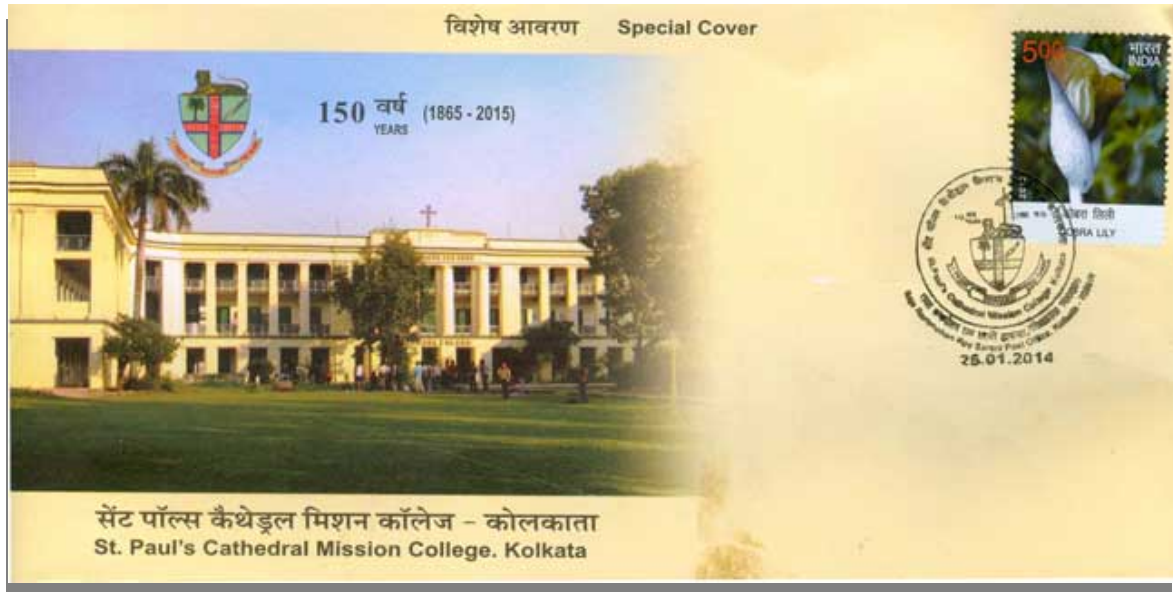
*Courtesy: Vijay Kumar Jain, Jaipur*

**Special Cover to mark 150 years of St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata - 25th January 2014.**

St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, popularly known as St. Paul's College, is an arts and sciences college in Kolkata affiliated with the University of Calcutta. In 1862, the Church Missionary Society (CMS, established 1799), one of the pioneering missionary organizations, felt an immediate need for establishing a college for higher education, as a consequence of which, Calcutta saw the birth of a new College in

December, 1864 in a rented house at 25, Sookea Street (now Kailash Bose Street). The official date of birth of the 'Cathedral Mission College' is January 19, 1865. The College moved from Sookea Street to 12, Old College Square or new 22, Mirzapore Street (now Surya Sen Street) in May, 1867. Rev. J. Barton was hailed as the chief founder and the first Principal of the College. In July 1908 the College was shifted to its present site. Under the leadership of W.E.S. Holland, the College was raised to the standard of a degree College, affiliated to the University of Calcutta in 1914.

St. Paul Cathedral Mission College is celebrating its sesquicentennial year and as a part of 150 years celebrations a special cover was issued on 25th January 2014 at Kolkata.



*Courtesy: Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram*

#### **Special Cover issued at Chenspex 2014, Chennai - 25th January 2014.**

'Chenspex 2014' district level philatelic exhibition organised by Chennai City South Division was inaugurated on 25th January 2014 at Chennai by Mr. Mohan Ram, a Cine artist and a philatelist. There was an overwhelming response from school children. Around 100+ frames are being exhibited. A special cover was released on the occasion showing a pictorial cancellation depicting a banyan tree. Mr. P. S. Seshadri conducted a workshop for the school children during the exhibition.





*Courtesy: Priya Kothai.*

**Special Cover to mark 10th International Photographic Conference - 24th January 2014.**

10th International Photographic Conference was organised by the Photographic Association of Dum Dum (PAD) in collaboration with the Birla Industrial & Technological Museum (BITM), National Council of Science Museums, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India at the BITM, Kolkata from 23rd to 27th January, 2014. To mark the occasion a special cover was issued on 24th January 2014 at Kolkata.



*Courtesy: Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram*

**Special Cover on Sasthamcottah Fresh Water Lake (Kolampex - 2014) – 23rd January 2014.**

Sasthamcottah Fresh Water Lake is the largest fresh water lake in Kerala is situated in the North West portion of Kollam District, near the bank of Kallada River, in Kunnathoor Taluk. This benediction of nature, approved under “Ramsar wet land” category, is designated wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention since November 2002. This lake was one of the 25 important gresh water resources in India and it will come in the protection schemes of drinking water projects of our country.

The lake is having a water area of 430 hectares and its catchment area is 521 hectares. On second day of KOLLAMPEX-2014 i.e. 23rd January 2014, a Special cover was released on Sasthamcottah Fresh Water Lake by Smt. Santhi S. Nair, Chief Postmaster General, Kerala Circle and the cover was received by Shri. Debesh Kumar Behera IPS, Commissioner of Police, Kollam City.

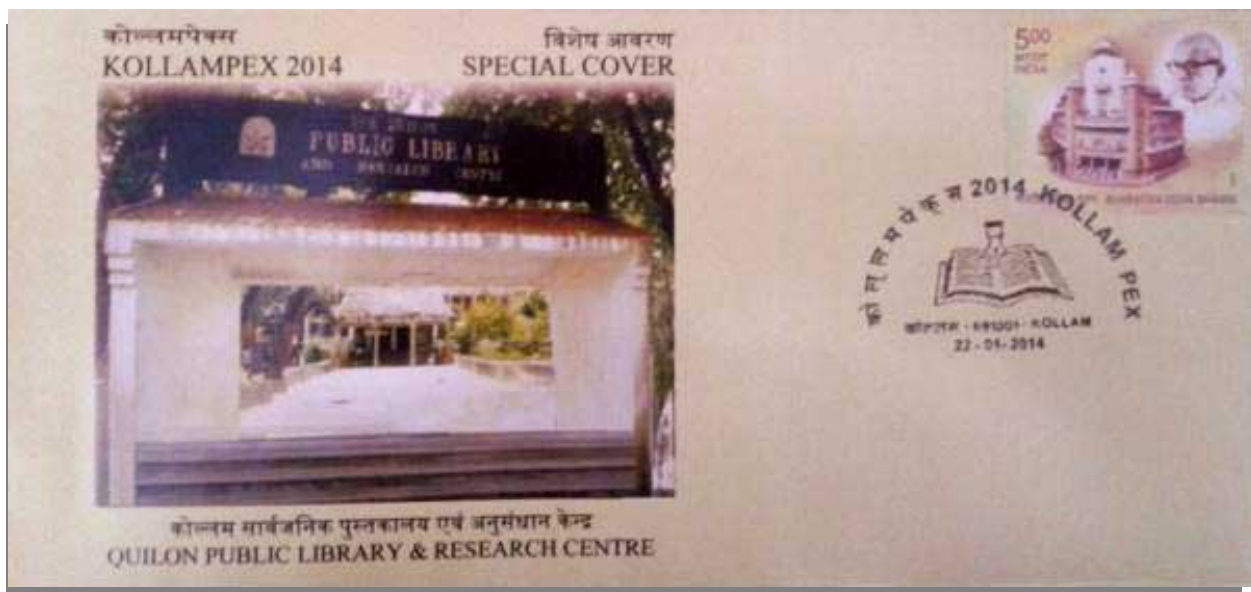


*Courtesy: P. Mohanachandran Nair, Thiruvananthapuram*

#### **Special Cover on Quilon Public Library & Research Centre (Kolampex-2014) – 22nd January 2014.**

The Quilon Public Library and Research Centre has been the horizon for the prolific lore of the myriad generations that have excelled from this part of Kerala. Quilon Public Library was established in the year 1973. The Quilon Public Library and Research Centre had played a vital role in the cultural development of the people of Kollam. In recognition of its unique contribution towards nurturing the literary and cultural life of Kollam, the postal department issued a special cover in its honour.

A special cover was released on the inaugural function of KOLLAMPEX-2014 on 22nd January 2014 by Smt. Sumathi Ravichandran PMG (Business Operations). The cover was received by Dr. Sivaramankrishna Pillai, Jt. Secretary, Quilon Public Library & Research Centre.



*Courtesy: P. Mohanachandran Nair, Thiruvananthapuram*

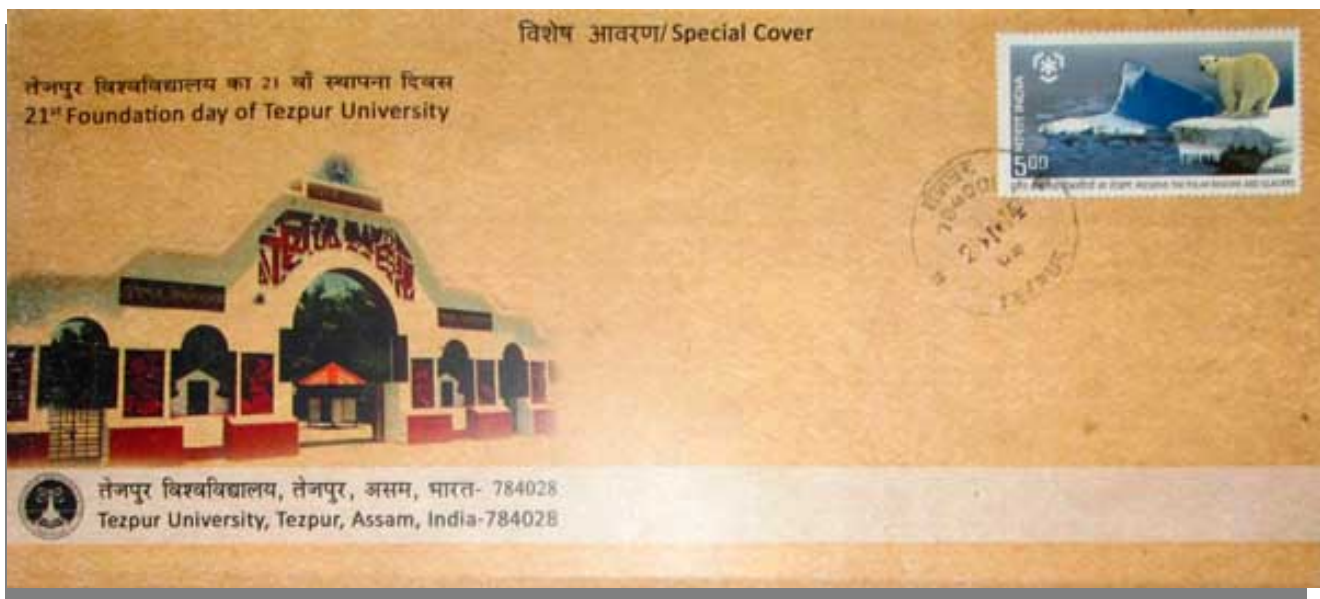
**A philatelist donates his lifetime collection to Allahabad Museum.**

Mr Ambrish Kumar, a philatelist from Allahabad has recently donated his lifetime stamp collection to Allahabad Museum and a permanent exhibition is being organized by the the museum authorities. His collection will be displayed in the museum in a separate section and visitors would see philately section too with other sections in the museum. It is great step towards promotion of philately and many more philatelists will be inspired with this great idea. The exhibition will be inaugurated on 22nd January 2014.

**Special Cover on 21st Foundation of Tezpur University, Tezpur, Assam - 21st January 2014.**

Located in a sprawling lush green campus of 262 acres in Tezpur, Assam, Tezpur University was an outcome of the Assam Accord and was established by an Act of Parliament. The foundation stone of this Central University was laid on 21st January 1994. As per its mandate, the University offers employment oriented and interdisciplinary courses to meet regional and national aspirations. With students from across the country and abroad, the University undertakes teaching and research of emerging areas of science and technology apart from engaging academically with areas that are of special and direct relevance to the region.

A Special Cover was issued to mark University's 21st Foundation Day on 21st January 2014 at Tezpur, Assam.



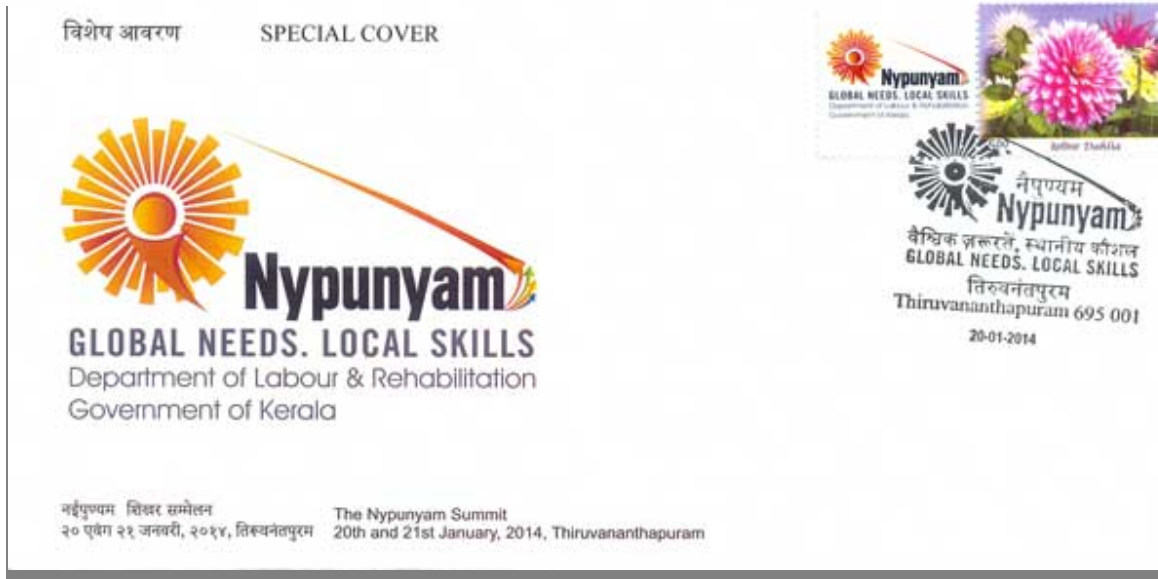
*Courtesy: Vijay Jayswal, Tezpur, Assam*

**Special Cover on Nypunyam - Global Needs - Local Skills - Summit 2014 - 20th January 2014.**

The first edition of the International Skills Summit "Nypunyam" was conducted by the Department of Labour and Rehabilitation, Government of Kerala at The Leela, Kovalam, Trivandrum, Kerala, India on 20th and 21st January 2014. The summit was a part of a project to establish international institutions in various sectors on a Public Private Partnership Mode to create 50,000 skilled personnel per year. This paradigm shift in the skill development initiatives in Kerala is in accordance with the Prime Minister's National Skill Development Policy to skill 500 million persons by 2022.

On 20th January 2014, The Chief Postmaster General, Kerala Postal Circle Smt. Shanthi S. Nair released a Special Cover on 'NYPUNYAM - GLOBAL NEEDS - LOCAL SKILLS', and handed over the First Cover to Honourable Minister of State for Labour & Employment Shri Kodikunnil Suresh at Rajiv Gandhi Convention Centre, Hotel Leela Palace, Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram during "Nypunyam Summit 2014",

International Skills Summit - 20th -21st January 2014.

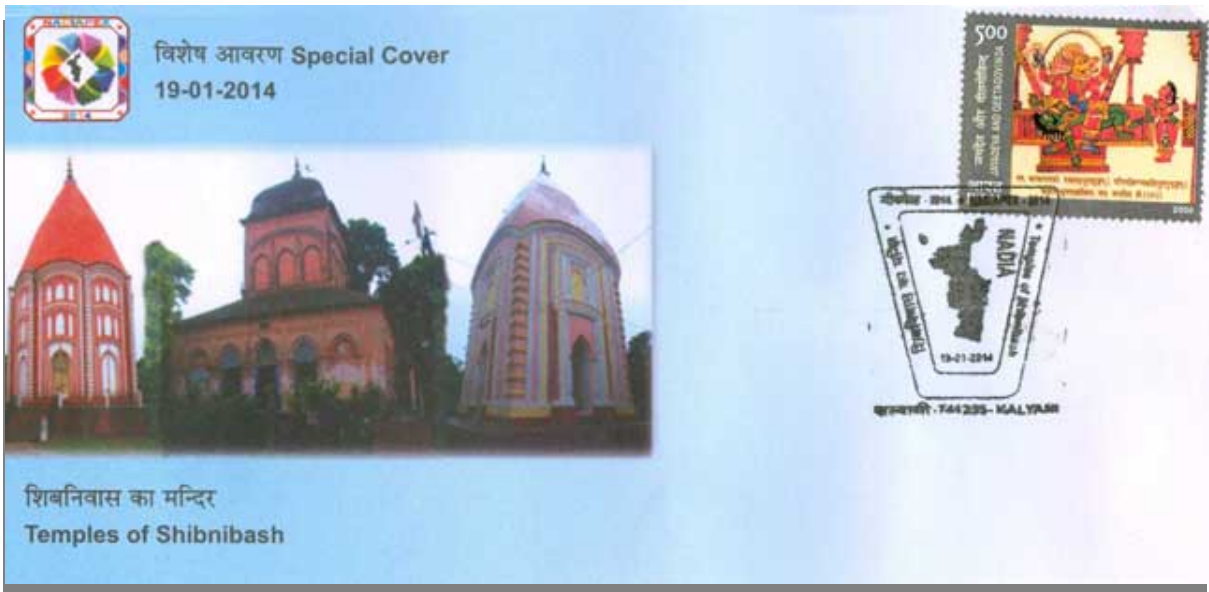
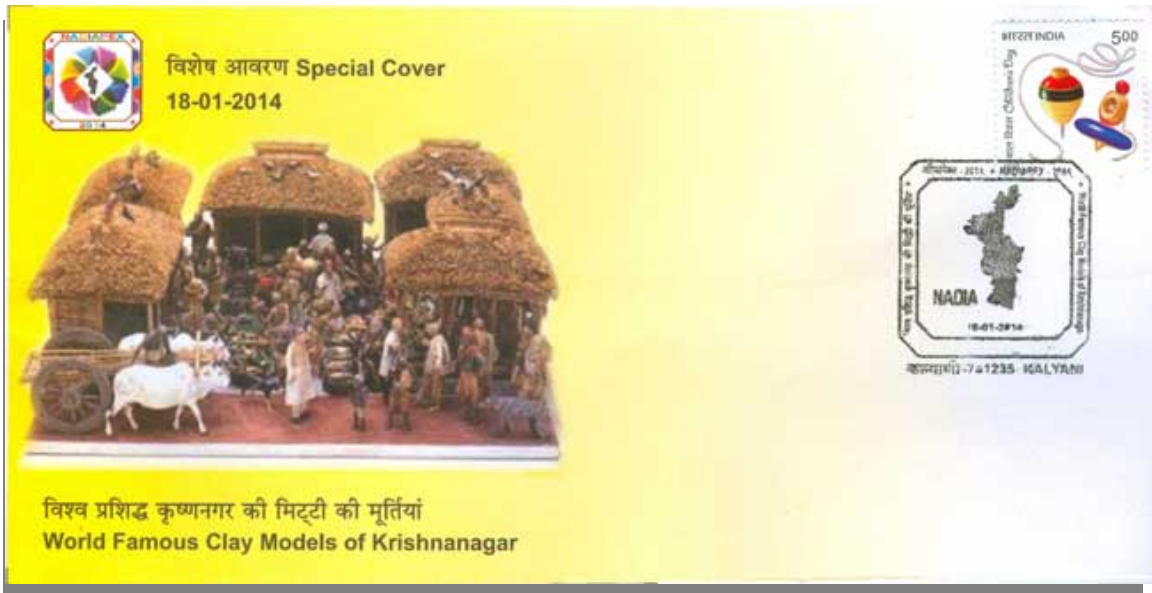


*Courtesy: Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram*

**Special Covers issued during Nadiapex - 2014, regional level philatelic exhibition at Kalyani (West Bengal) - 17th - 19th January 2014.**

'Nadiapex - 2014', regional level philatelic exhibition was organised by Nadia South and Nadia North Postal Division from 17th to 19th January 2014 at Netaji Subhas Regional Institute of Co. op. Management, Central Park, Kalyani (West Bengal). During the exhibition three special covers were released on Clean City Kalyani, World famous clay models of Krishnanagar and Temples of Shibnibash.





*Courtesy: Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram*

**Commemorative Stamp on Food Corporation of India - 14th January 2014.**



Food Corporation of India was set up on 14th January 1965 having its first District Office at Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu, and headquarters at Chennai under the Food Corporations Act 1964 to implement effective price support operations for safeguarding the interests of the farmers, Distribution of food grains throughout the country for Public Distribution System and maintaining satisfactory level of operational and buffer stocks of food grains to ensure National Food Security Regulate market price to provide food grains to consumers at a reliable price. Each year, the Food Corporation of India purchases roughly 15-20 per cent of India's wheat output and 12-15 per cent of its rice output. The purchases are made from the farmers at the

rates declared by the Govt. of India.

India Post issued commemorative stamp to mark Golden Jubilee of Food Corporation of India on 14th



January 2014.

### Special Cover to mark Silver Jubilee of Janaseva Foundation, Pune - 13th January 2014.

Janaseva Foundation was founded on 15th January 1988 and started functioning from January 1990. It began modestly by organizing health camps in rural parts of Maharashtra but soon set up a rural hospital and an oldage home. Over the years, the Foundation rapidly expanded its activities and has to its credit today a wide range of charitable projects. The ideals of service, affection, compassion and love held close to their heart by such prominent figures in India's recent history as Mahatma Gandhi, Sane Guruji, Mother Teresa and Baba Amte have been its perennial source of inspiration and would ever guide its path in years to come. The Foundation is a Charitable Trust registered under Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950. The Head Office of the Foundation is located in Pune city.

Maharashtra & Goa Postal Circle issued a Special Cover to mark Silver Jubilee of Janaseva Foundation, Pune on 13th January 2014 at Pune.



Cover Courtesy: Ankit Agrawal, Pune

### Special Cover on 80th Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji's visit to Payyanur - 12th January 2014.

In connection with 80th Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji's visit to Payyanur, a Philatelic and Numismatic Exhibition 'Gandhismrith 2014' was organized by Cannanore Philatelic Club from 11th to 13th January 2014 at Gandhi Park Hall, Payyanur, Kerala. On the occasion Kerala Postal circle released a special cover at Payyanur on 12th January 2014. For more information please Contact: K. V. Mukundan Master (M): +919447486928 or Roop Balram (M) +91 8281959028.





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**Shri G. Madan Mohan Das Veteran Philatelist passes away - 11th January 2014.**



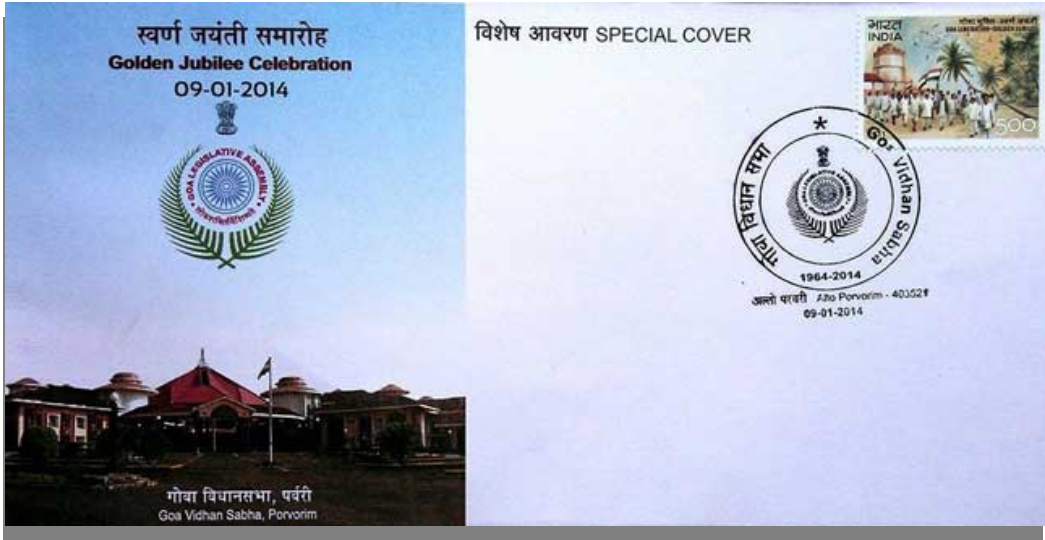
Shri G. Madan Mohan Das Veteran Philatelist and past President of of South India Philatelists' Association passed away on 11th January 2014 at 0.15 am at Secunderabad. Indian Philately has lost a great philatelist who actively worked for the promotion of philately throughout his life and organized many stamp exhibitions. He was also an editor of SIPA Bulletin. Shri Das had won many International awards and was appointed Commissioner and member of Jury in several stamp exhibitions.

May his soul rest in peace.

**Special Cover on Golden Jubilee of Goa State Assembly (Vidhan Sabha) - 9th January 2014.**

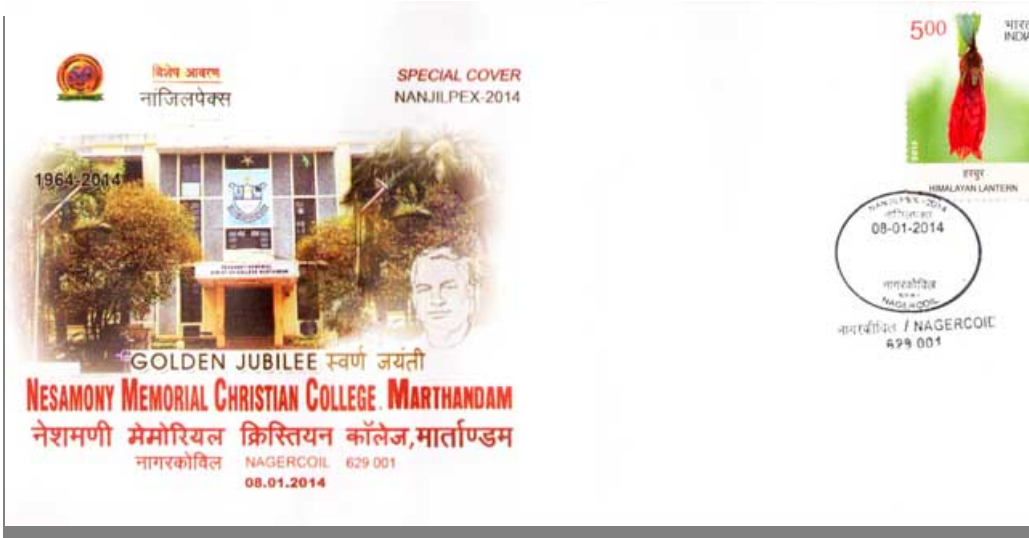
The Goa Legislative Assembly is the unicameral legislature of the state of Goa in western India. Following the end of Portuguese rule in 1961, Goa was placed under military administration headed by Lt. Gen. Candeth. But on 8th June 1962, military rule was replaced by civilian government when the Lt. Governor formed an informal Consultative Council of 29 nominated members to assist him in the administration of the territory. The Council first met on 24th September 1962 in a meeting open to the public. The Assembly first convened on 10th January 1964 in the Secretariat building (Adil Shah's Palace). When Goa became a state of India in 1987, the number of seats in the Assembly was increased to 40.

The Goa state assembly celebrated its Golden Jubilee on 9th January 2014. The programme held at Kala Academy where all four surviving MLAs of the first Goa legislative assembly of 1964 - Atchut Usgaonkar, Gajanan Raiker, Mohammed Ali Jiwani and Theotonio Pereira were felicitated. A book, 'history of the official language' by Suhas Belekar and a reference book 'Architects of Goa Vidhan Sabha' comprising the profiles of all Goan legislators were released at the function. A Special Cover on the Goa legislative assembly was released at the function by the department of posts.



**Special Cover on Golden Jubilee of Nesamony Memorial Christian College, Marthandam (NanjilPex 2014) – 8th January 2014.**

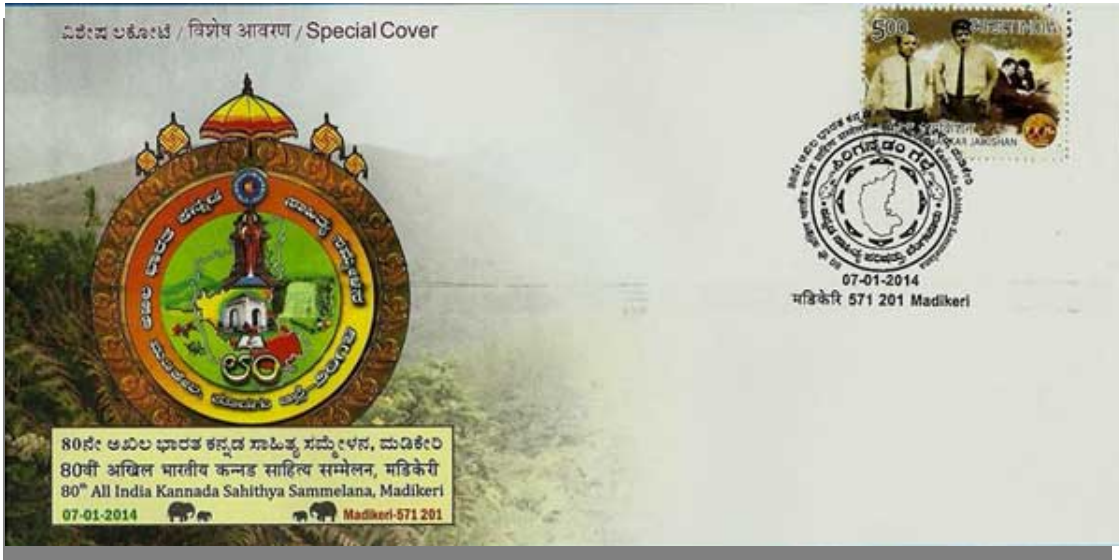
Nesamony Memorial Christian College is an institution of Arts and Science in Marthandam, the second busiest town of the district of Kanyakumari. The college was run by Kanyakumari Diocese of the Church of South India. It is one of the three colleges of the southern districts, along with Scott Christian College, South Travancore Hindu College, to be accredited by NAAC as a 5 Star institution. In June 1984, the College was re-named as Nesamony Memorial Christian College in recognition of the yeoman service rendered by the late Thiru.A. Nesamony M.A,B.L to the Kanyakumari Diocese of the Church of South India. During 'NanjilPex 2014' the district level philatelic Exhibition held at Nagercoil, a Special Cover was issued to mark the Golden Jubilee of Nesamony Memorial Christian College, Marthandam on 8th January, 2014.



**Special Cover on 80th Kannada Sahithya Sammelana, Madikeri - 7th January 2014.**

Kannada Sahithya Sammelana, (Kannada Literature Conference) is the premier gathering of writers, poets and kannadigas. It is held with the aim of preserving and developing Kannada language, its literature, arts, culture and music. It was started in 1915 by H. V. Nanjundaiah and held at Bangalore for the first time. The 80th All-India Kannada Sahitya Sammelana got under way with much fanfare at Madikeri, Kodagu on 7th January, 2014. The three-day conference was inaugurated by Kodagu district in charge minister H C Mahadevappa.

A special cover was released to commemorate the 80th Akhila Bharatha Kannada Sahithya Sammelana held at Madikeri on 7th January 2014.



*Courtesy: Viswas Menon, Madikeri*

**Special Cover to mark Golden Jubilee of Joy Senior Secondary School, Jabalpur - 6th January 2014.**

Cicero. Joy school was founded in 1986 by the visionary in the field of education, the late Mrs. Vimla Maben. It is a private institution-an English medium Senior Secondary co-education School (Level I to XII) run by the Joy Education Society, Jabalpur. Initially the school began its journey by being affiliated to the local state board and later in 2003 it became a part of the Central Board of Secondary Education. The school motto, Children need Models, not Critics has been effectively used by the children who brought laurels to this institution in various school activities. A Special Cover was released to mark Golden Jubilee of Joy Senior Secondary School, Jabalpur on 6th January 2014.



*Courtesy: Vijay Kumar Jain, Jaipur*

**Special Cover on Rotary School, Virajpet, Karnataka- 3rd January 2014.**

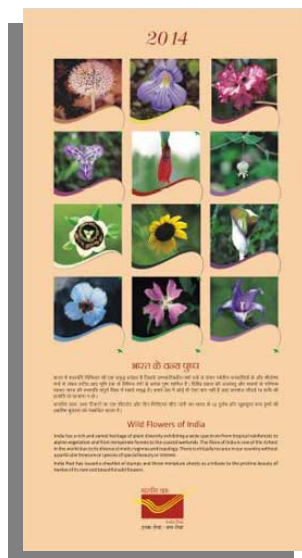
Rotary School, Virajpet is a private Co-educational English Kannada Medium School, located in Virajpet,

Kodagu District . It is one of the Old School in this area. It was Established in the year 1988. To mark the Silver Jubilee of establishment of the school, a Special Cover was released on 3rd January 2014 at Virajpet, Karnataka.



**India Post 2014 Desk Calendar:**

Department of Posts has released India Post 2014 Desk Calendar based on the theme of “Children's Day”. India Post 2014 Desk Calendar are available at various Philatelic Bureaux in the country at the price of Rs. 80/- each.



**India Post 2014 Wall Calendar:**

Department of Posts has released India Post 2014 Calendar based on the theme of “Wild Flowers of India”. India has a rich and varied heritage of plant diversity exhibiting a wide spectrum from tropical rainforests to alpine vegetation and from temperate forests to the coastal wetlands. The flora of India is one of the richest in the world due to its diverse climatic regimes and topology. There is virtually no area in our country without a particular treasure or species of special beauty or interest. India Post had issued a sheetlet of stamps and three miniature sheets as a tribute to the pristine beauty of twelve of its rare and beautiful wild flowers. India Post 2014 Calendar is inspired by these postage stamps. India Post 2014 Calendar will be available at various Philatelic Bureaux in the country at the price of Rs. 250/- each.

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