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## Special Cover on Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Madras School of Social Work - 27th February 2013.

His Excellency Dr. K.Rosaiah, Governor of Tamil Nadu released the Special Cover at the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Madras School of Social Work at Chennai (27.2.13). Dr. Fathima Vasanth, Principal cum Secretary, MSSW received the Special Cover. Smt. Shanthi Nair, Chief Postmaster General presented the Special Cover to Governor. Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education Thiru P.Palaniappan, Dr.G.Viswanathan Founder Chancellor, VIT, Prof K.N.George Former Director, MSSW Shri A.Loyola, Secretary, Society for Social Education and Research Shri C.D. Jose President, SSER, MSSW were also present.





#### My Stamps launched at Thiruvananthapuram

A personalized stamp of His Highness Padmanabhadasa Uthiradam Thirunal Marthandavarma and customized stamp of first Travncore Anchal Stamp on its 125th Anniversary year was released by Smt. Shoba Koshi, Chief Post Master General, Kerala Postal Circle and first copy was presented to His Highness Padmanabhadasa Uthiradam Thirunal Marthandavarma on 28th Feb. 2013 at 15.30 hours in Krishnapuram Palace, Thiruvanthapuram. Large number of Philatelists, Postal Officials and public attended the function.





Courtesy: Mr. Sreejesh Krishnan

# Ananthapex - 2013

Two days District Level Philatelic Exhibition 'ANANTHAPEX-2013' is organised from 28th Feb. 2013 to 1st March 2013, by Thiruvanathapuram South Postal Division at Bhagyamala Auditorium, Chandrasekharan Nair Stadium Complex, Thiruvananthapuram. Exhibition was inaugurated by Smt. Shobha Koshi, Chief Postmaster General, Kerala Postal Circle. A Special Cover on Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Cotton Hill, Thiruvananthapuram has been issued on 28th Feb. 2013. The Cotton Hill Girls' Higher Secondary School, Thiruvanathapuram is the largest school for girls in the Government Sector in Asia, with a strength of about 6,000 students. The school offers facility for education from the lower Kindergarden to the Higher Secondary course. Since its inception, all its teachers have been women and through the years, the school has continued to maintain its standards of excellence. Its alumni includes eminent women in the field of education, administration, social work, art, music and literature. The school has made an exceptional contribution towards the empowerment of women in the State of Kerala, especially in the Capital City of Thiruvananthapuram.



On the second day (1st March 2013) of the Exhibition, Shri A. Govindarajan, Director, Postal Services (HQ), Thiruvananthapuram released a Special Cover on State Central Library, Thiruvananthapuram. State Central Library of Thiruvananthapuram was established in 1829, during the reign of His Highness Swathi Thirunal Maharaja of Travancore. It is also known as the Public Library and it is one of the oldest libraries in India. Since 1900 the Public Library is housed in a beautiful, gothic style heritage building in the heart of the Capital, it has many rare books and gazettes. It is the first State Library to be fully computerised in the country.



Courtesy: Mr. Sreejesh Krishnan

### 'Magh Purnima' Special Cover - 25th February 2013.

On the occasion of "Magh Purnima" a special cover was released at Allahabad on 25th February 2013 by Department of Posts. Hon. Justice Shri Arun Tandon and Lt. Col. A K Gupta, Postmaster General, Allahabad region and Shri Krishan Kumar Yadav, Director, Postal Services, Allahabad region released the cover. Film star Vivek Oberai, Swami Chidanand Muni and National President of Akhil Bhartiya Anti-Terrorism Association Mr Maninder Singh Bitta also attended the release function and were presented Sp. Cover.

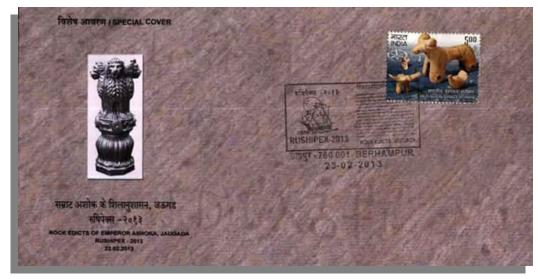




#### Rushipex - 2013

A District Level Philatelic Exhibition was held at Berhampur 23rd to 24th February 2013. Two Special Covers were released during the exhibition. This was the Second District Philatelic Exhibition from Odisha Postal Circle.

Special Cover issued on 23rd Feb. 2013 depicts the Rock Edicts of Emperor Ashoka, Jaugada in Ganjam district and second cover was issued on Kabirsurya Baladeba Rath (1789-1845) on 24th Feb. 2013. He was born in 1789 A.D. at Badakhemundi of Ganjam. His father, Ujwola Rath was a famous Poet and writer of Badakhemundi royal palace. Kabisurya enriched Odia literature especially Odishi music to an appreciable height. His notable literary creations are Kishore Chandranana Champu, Sangita Kalpalata, Chandrakala etc. He had the singular merit of being conferred the title of 'Kabisury'; which literally means poet laureate by Gajapati King of Puri Sri Mukundadeba. He distinguished himself as an able administrator of royal estate during British reign in India





Inpex 2013 - National Philatelic Exhibition, Mumbai, 21 - 25 February 2013

A National Philatelic Exhibition 'INPEX 2013' organised by Philatelic Society of India, in association with India Post held at the World Trade Centre, (Expo Center), Cuffe Parade, Mumbai-400 005 from 21st February to 25th February, 2013. About 800 Frames were displayed with 100 dealers booth. Special covers, Booklets and Souvenir were released during the exhibition.

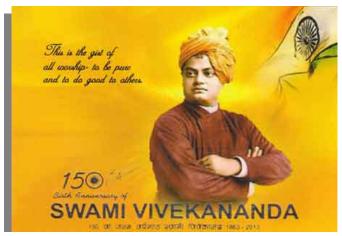
21st Feb 2013 - Thursday (1st Day), Mr. Sunil Prabhu, Mayor of Mumbai ianugurated Inpex 2013 at World Trade Centre, Mumbai.





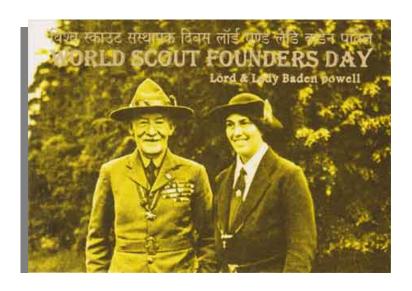
A Special Cover on The Vision of India the Country and a Booklet on 150 years of Swami Vivekananda released on 21.02.2013.



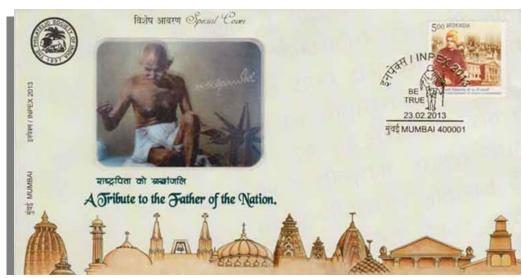


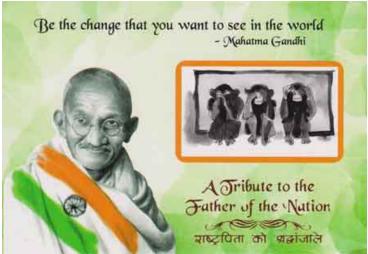
Special Cover on Think Green for Pollution free Nation and a Booklet on World Scout Founders Day released on 22.02.2013.



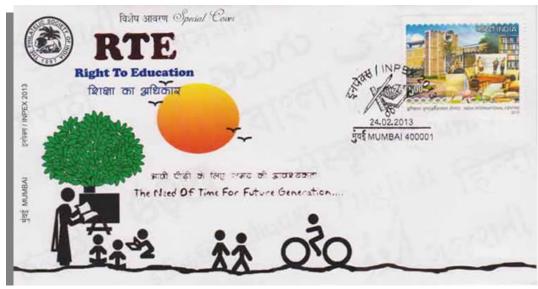


A Special Cover and a Booklet released on A Tribute to the Father of the Nation on 23.02.2013



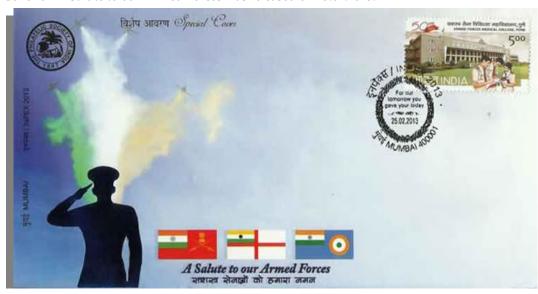


A Special Cover on Right to Education and a Booklet on 65 years of Independence were released on 24.02.2013 by Shri Milind Deora (Minister of State with the Ministry of Information Technology and Communications).





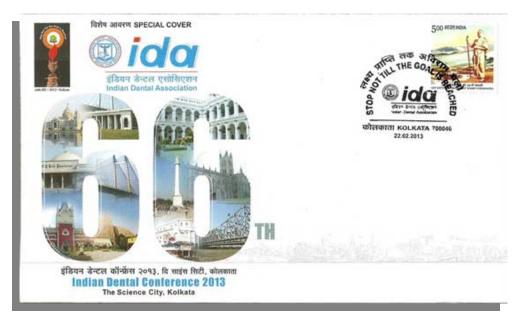
A Special Cover on A Salute to our Armed Forces was released on 25.02.2013.



Inpex 2013 Award List & Medal Tally: http://www.indianphilately.net/inpex2013awlst.html

#### Special Cover to commemorate Indian Dental Conference 2013, The Science City, Kolkata - 22nd Feb 2013.

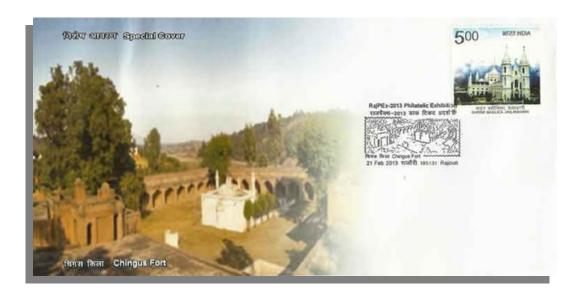
66th Indian Dental Conference 2013 was held from 21st to 24th December 2013 at Kolkata. Theme of the conference was 'Stop not till the goal is reached'. The conference was organised by Indian Dental Association. The highlights of the IDA conference were; the scientific programme, trade exhibition and a national and international forum for the review and discussion of the advancement of oral health, oral health care and all other subjects relevant in achieving IDA's objectives. A special cover was released on 22nd Feb. 2013 to commemorate this conference.

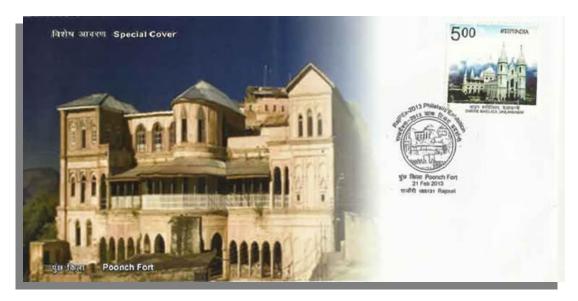


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#### Rajpex - 2013

Jammu & Kashmir Postal Circle organized first ever philatelic exhibition at Rajouri on 21st February 2013. The exhibition was inaugurated by Shri John Samuel, Chief Postmaster General, Jammu & Kashmir Circle at Himalayan Degree College, Rajouri. Two special covers on Chingus Fort and Poonch Fort were released during the two day exhibition. Design a Stamp Contest, Quiz Contest, Letter writing competition ition and Philatelic Workshop was also organized during the exhibition. About 10,000 schools going children from different schools of Rajouri visited the exhibition.





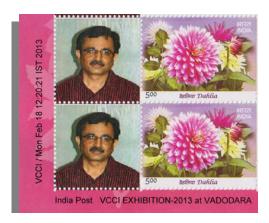
Courtesy: Mr. Chander M. Bhat

### My Stamps sold at VCCI- 2013, Vadodara



'VCCI 2013', 8th Mega Industrial Exhibition was held from 14th to 18th February 2013 at Vadodara. India Post had made special arrangements to sell 'My Stamps' during the exhibition. 'My Stamp' Sheetlets were bearing inscription 'India Post VCCI EXHIBITION-2013 at Vadodara' at bottom and 'VCCI/Day/Month/ Date/Time/Year' on left side of sheetlet.





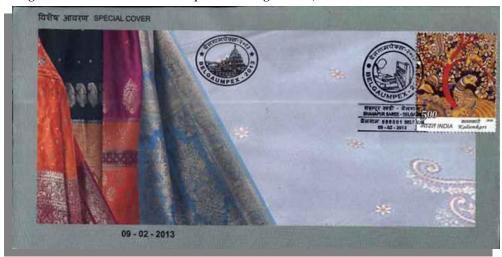
## 'Belgaumpex - 2013', Special Covers

'Belgaumpex-2013' a district level philatelic exhibition was organised at Belgaum from 8th to 10th February 2013. Three Special Cover were released during the Exhibition.

08/02/2013: The cover illustration depicts 800 year old Belgaum Fort built during 1204 AD. A standing testimony to the legacy and tradition of Belgaum City.



09/02/2013: The cover illustration depicts Shahapur saree which has gained worldwide recognition due to its authentic design, attractive colours and unique blend of gold and/or silver borders.



10/02/2013: The cover illustration depicts Krantiveer Sangolli Rauanna (15-08-1798 to 26-01-1831) as a symbol of strength, valour and dedication who sacrificed his life for his motherland.

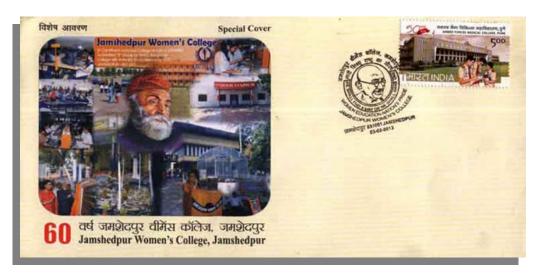


Release of Special Cover on 60 years of Jamshedpur Women's College - 3rd Feb. 2013.

Department of Posts, Jharkhand issued a Special Cover on 3rd February 2013 on the occasion of 60 years of Jamshedpur Women's College. Established in 1953 with the cooperation of the Tatas and vision of Perin C.

Mehta, Jamshedpur Women's College has now envisaged on its phenomenal growth towards providing quality education for women.

Jamshedpur Women's College has come up with the first Gandhian Study Centre to promote research on the Father of the Nation. The centre was inaugurated on 24th August 2011. The college offers a one-year MPhil and a three-year (maximum five years) PhD programmes. Gandhian philosophy, politics, economics and education are the broad areas of research. The University Grants Commission (UGC) is funding the courses.



Courtesy: Mr. Sreejesh Krishnan

## Special Cover to mark World Wetlands Day - 2nd Feb. 2013.

World Wetlands Day occurs on February 2, every year. It marks the date of the signing of the Convention on Wetlands, called Ramsar Convention, on 2 February 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the shores of the Caspian Sea. WWD was celebrated for the first time in 1997 and made an encouraging beginning. Each year, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and groups of citizens at all levels of the community have taken advantage of the opportunity to undertake actions aimed at raising public awareness of wetland values and benefits in general and the Ramsar Convention in particular. On February 2, 2013 a special cover was released at Srinagar to mark Wordl Wetlands Day.



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