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## **Special Cancellation on The Mother's first meeting with Sri Aurobindo at Pondicherry - 29th March 2014.**

The Mother's (Mirra Alfassa) arrival in Pondicherry and her first meeting with Sri Aurobindo on 29th March, 1914, was of immeasurable spiritual significance. With Her arrival, there was a mighty mingling of two vast streams of sadhana which Sri Aurobindo and the Mother were pursuing individually. Though Mother returned home after her first arrival in Pondicherry in 1914, and came back to settle here permanently only in 1920, the first arrival holds special significance for her admirers.

The centenary of the Mother's first arrival in Pondicherry is also the centenary of her first meeting with Sri Aurobindo. Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry celebrated Centenary of the Mother's arrival to Pondicherry and meeting Sri Aurobindo on 29th March 2014 at Sri Aurobindo Ashram. The Department of Posts offered a special cancellation to commemorate the occasion. Shri Mervin Alexander, Postmaster General, Chennai, released the special cancellation at the post office connected to Sri Aurobindo Ashram. The special cancellation can be availed on any mail posted at the Ashram Post Office for two months, on request.



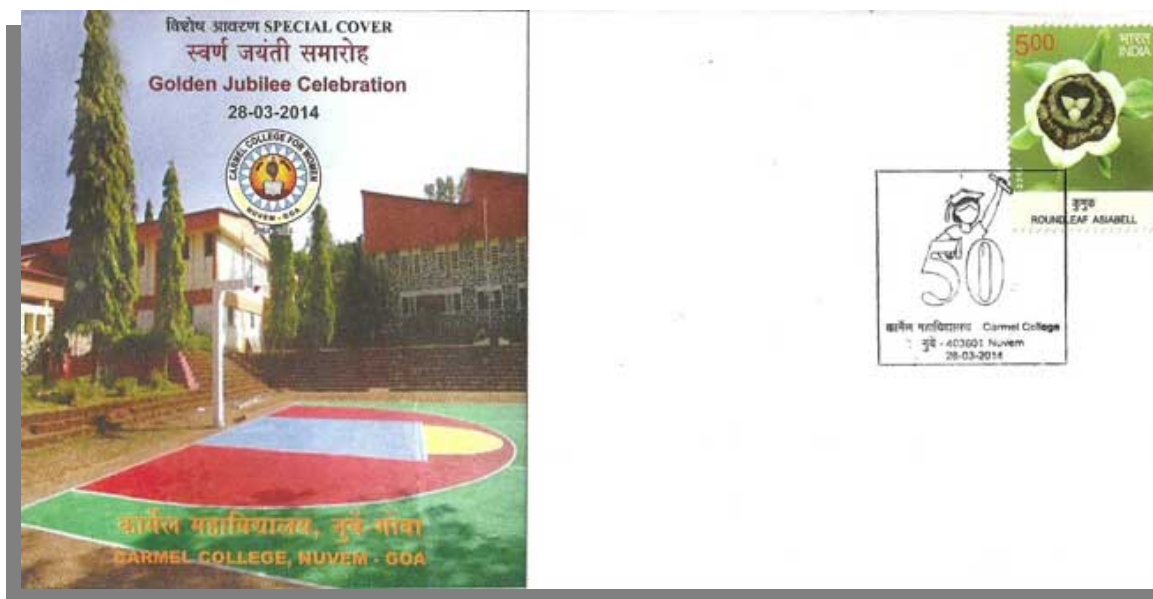
*Cover Courtesy: Pradip Jain, Patna*

## **Special Cover on Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Carmel College, Nuvem, Goa - 28th March 2014.**

Carmel College for Women, a Christian college, was established in 1964 to fulfil the long felt need for an institute for higher learning for women in Goa. The site for the college was generously donated by Mrs. Thelma Da Costa Lourenco of Margao, whose dream of a women's college has become a reality. The college is affiliated to Goa University in the faculties of Arts, Science, and Commerce. It is managed by the Sisters of the Congregation of the Apostolic Carmel, a Roman Catholic Congregation.

Carmel College for Women commenced its Golden Jubilee year with a Eucharistic Celebration by Most Rev. Filipe Neri Ferrao, Archbishop of Goa and Daman, on 19th January 2014 in the college campus. To commemorate Golden

Jubilee of the college Maharashtra & Goa Postal Circle released a Special Cover on 28th March 2014 at Nuvem, Goa. (Sp. Cover approval no. MH/08/2014)



Cover Courtesy: Ankit Agrawal, Pune

**Philatelic Bureau inaugurated at Bodhgaya, Bihar - 28th March 2014.**



Third Philatelic Bureau in the Bihar Postal Circle of India Post was inaugurated on 28th March 2014 at Bodhgaya S. O. Bodhgaya Philatelic Bureau is perhaps only Philatelic Bureau in the country, which has been opened in Sub Post Office. This has been done in view of a large number of International tourists, who visit the place. The bureau was inaugurated jointly by a local renowned philatelist Shri Anil K. Saxena and Shri J. P. Singh, Senior Superintendent of Post Office, Gaya Division. This honor to a philatelist given by India Post is commendable.

As per the Office Memorandum F. No. 1-1/2014-Phil, dated 23rd January 2014, issued by Department of Posts, Philately Division all 13 new philatelic bureaux came into effect from 1st March 2014.

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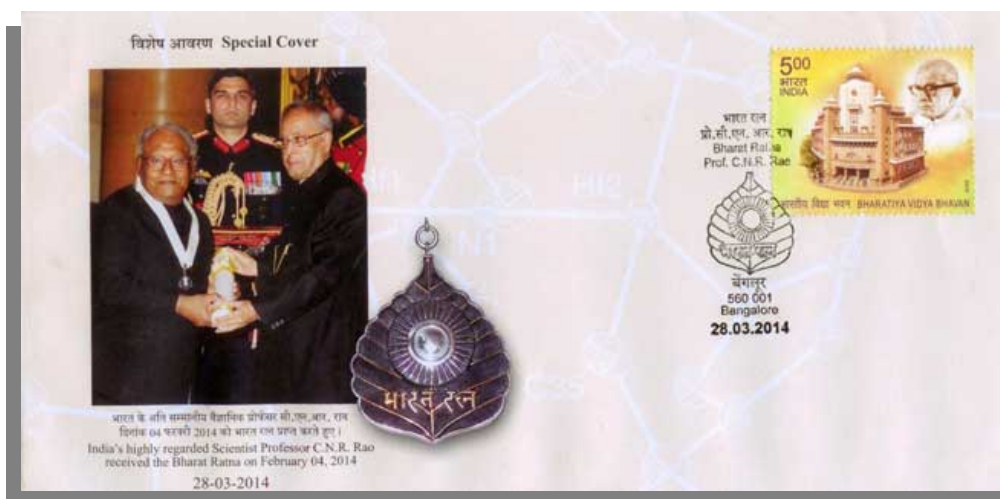
Courtesy: Anil Saxena, Gaya

**Special Cover in honour of Bharat Ratna Awardee Prof. C. N. R. Rao - 28th March 2014.**

Chintamani Nagesa Ramachandra Rao, FRS, also known as C.N.R. Rao (born 30 June 1934), is an Indian chemist who has worked mainly in solid-state and structural chemistry. Prof. Rao has honorary doctorates from 60 universities from around the world. He has authored around 1,500 research papers and 45 scientific books. He is the recipient of most of the major scientific awards, and is member of all major scientific organisations. On 16th November 2013, the Government of India announced his selection for Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award in India, making him the third scientist after C.V. Raman and A. P. J. Abdul Kalam to receive the award. He was conferred the award on 4th February 2014 by President Pranab Mukherjee in a special ceremony in the Durbar Hall of the Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

Karnataka Postal Circle issued a special cover in honour of Prof. C. N. R. Rao on 28th March 2014 in the presence of His Excellency Dr. H. R. Bhardwau, Governor of Karnataka at Khincha Auditorium, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Race

A group of people are seated on a stage during a formal event. In the background, a large portrait of a man is displayed on a screen. The stage is decorated with a red and white striped backdrop and a large portrait of a man. The audience is visible in the foreground, seated in rows.



### Philatelic Bureau Counter inaugurated at Gorakhpur - 27th March 2014.

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## Philatelic Exhibition and release of Special Cancellation at Pondicherry.



Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Department of Philately has organised a philatelic exhibition from 27th March 2014 to mark the Centennial year of the Mother's arrival to Pondicherry and meeting Shri Aurobindo. The stamps exhibits are part of the Mother's collection. On the occasion a Special Cancellation will be issued at Pondicherry to commemorate the Centennial year on 29th March 2014.

The Mother had an interest in stamps since her childhood. Pavitra-da (Monsieur St. Hilaire) was the first collector in the Aurobindo ashram. Philatelic activity was being done in Pavitra-da's own room in the main Ashram building, where Mother used to come daily. Later The philatelic department took shape and Late Shri Noren Singh was in charge of the department. After his death his sister Suprabha Nahar is looking after the philatelic department. The Mother's stamp collection, or the Department of Philately as it is now known, has stamps from many countries of the world. There is a good collection of post-independent India (British India not much), French India and some countries of Western Europe, such as France, Germany, Holland and Switzerland. There is also a good representation of modern stamps of Canada, U.S.A. Brazil and other countries.

*News Courtesy: Pradip Jain, Patna*

## Indian philately to be showcased at Collecta, Ljubljana (Slovenia) - 27th - 29th March 2014.



Slovenia Post and the Slovenia Philatelic Association will support the display of Indian stamps in the Central European nation, First Day Covers and other materials at the annual international fair COLLECTA, according to the Indian Embassy in Ljubljana.

Collecta in Ljubljana is an international collectors fair which brings together european collectors from different fields: philately, numismatics, deltiology, military, antiques, vinyl records and CDs, comics, kinder and pez sweets figurines, minerals, fossils, precious stones etc. Children receive special attention at the show, as there are special guided tours offered for them. Venue of exhibition is Ljubljana Exhibition and Convention Centre, Dunajska cesta 18, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia.

The process initiated by the Embassy of India in Ljubljana is expected to culminate with the joint issue of stamps by postal authorities of both the countries to commemorate an event significant to both partners, such as Children's Day. The popularisation of Indian philately in Slovenia is aimed at promoting awareness and curiosity about India to boost tourism and foster greater knowledge and mutual understanding, the embassy said. India Post will be in focus at this fair. Slovenia Post will also circulate the Indian stamps through major post offices to generate widespread interest in Indian philately.



*Photo Courtesy: [Collecta](http://www.collecta.si) (Photograph of Collecta 2013 Event)*

**Special Cover issued during Sandpex 2014 at Balasore - 26th March 2014.**

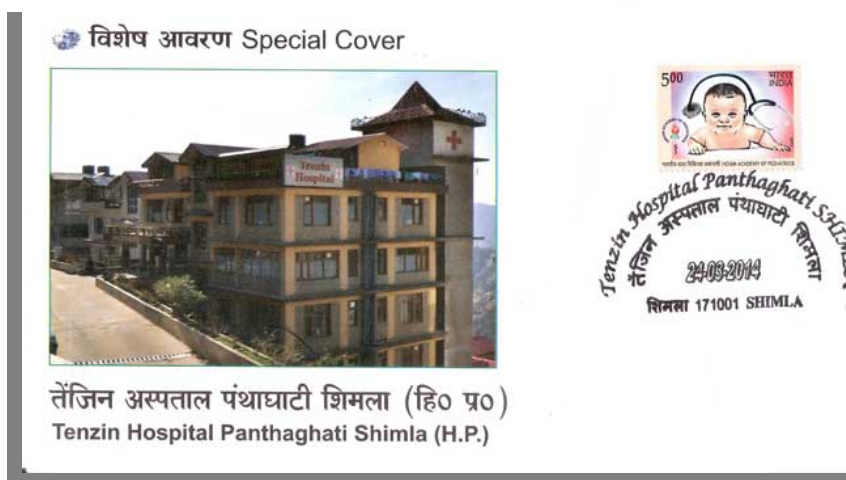
India Post, Odisha Postal Circle released a Special Cover during Sandpex - 2014 on 26th March 2014 at Balasore. (Sp. Cover Approval No. OR/02/2014). The cancellation and cover design depicts red crab on the beach.



*Courtesy: Ankit Agrawal, Pune*

**Special Cover issued during Simpex-2104 at Shimla - 24th March 2014.**

Simpex - 2014, District Level Philatelic Exhibition was organised at held at Gaiety Theater, Shimla from 23rd to 25th March 2014. During the exhibition a Special Cover on Tenzin Hospital, Panthaghati, Shimla was issued on 24th March 2014. My Stamp facility was also launched during the exhibition.



*Exhibition Photo Courtesy: Hill Post*

### **My Stamp facility inaugurated at Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.**

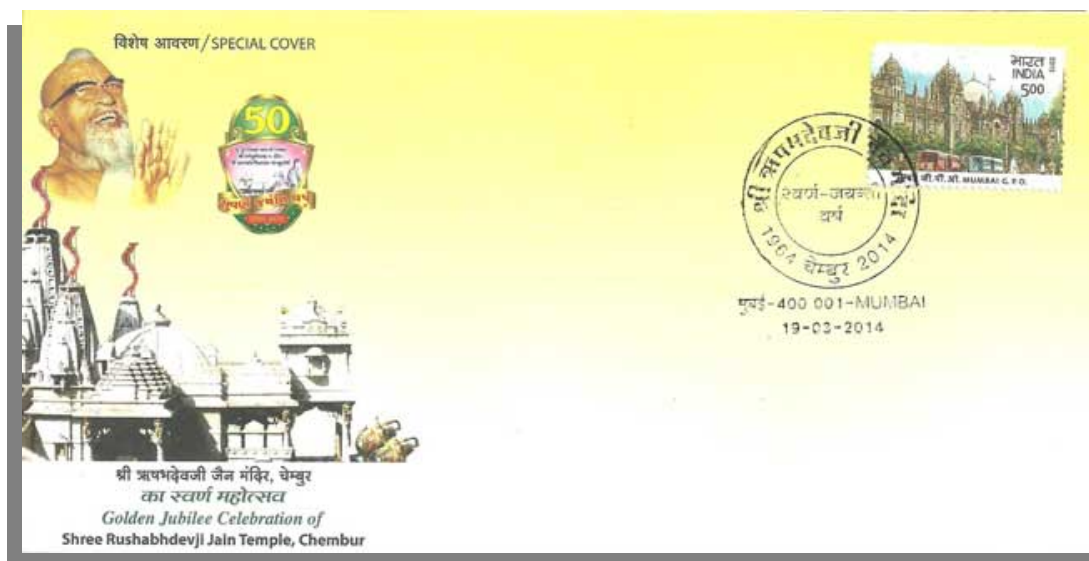
My Stamp facility was inaugurated in a ceremonial function held at Philatelic Bureau Bilaspur, on 21st March 2014. The stamp was released in presence of SSP, Bilaspur Postal Division Sri Patel, Postmaster Sri Sahu and senior and renowned philatelists Sri C. R. Andhare, Sri Naresh Agrawal, Sri Atul Jain and Sri Ajay Gupta. On this occasion Mr. Andhare spoke about formation and various activities of Chhattisgarh Philatelic Association, Bilaspur and congratulated India Post for starting this facility in Bilaspur. Mr. Agrawal quoted this day as a milestone in the postal and philatelic history of Bilaspur and emphasized that people of Bilaspur should avail this facility to the maximum. Mr. Patel appreciated and thanked all the local philatelists for their regular persuasion and contribution for development of philately. During this function a good number of postal workers, officers, stamp collectors and general public were present.



*Courtesy: Naresh Agrawal, Bilaspur*

### **Special Cover on Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Shree Rushabhdevji Jain Temple, Chembur, Mumbai - 19th March 2014.**

Shree Rushabhdevji Jain Temple situated in Chembur is celebrating its Golden Jubilee year. Maharashtra & Goa Postal Circle released a Special Cover to mark the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Shree Rushabhdevji Jain Temple on 19th March 2014 at Mumbai. (Sp. Cover approval no. MH/06/2014)



*Courtesy: Ankit Agrawal, Pune*

## New Website on Indian Philately.

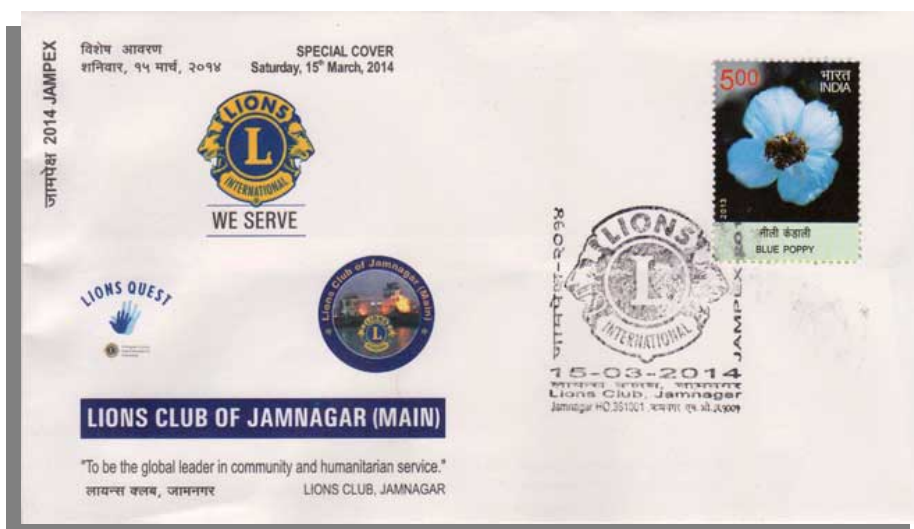
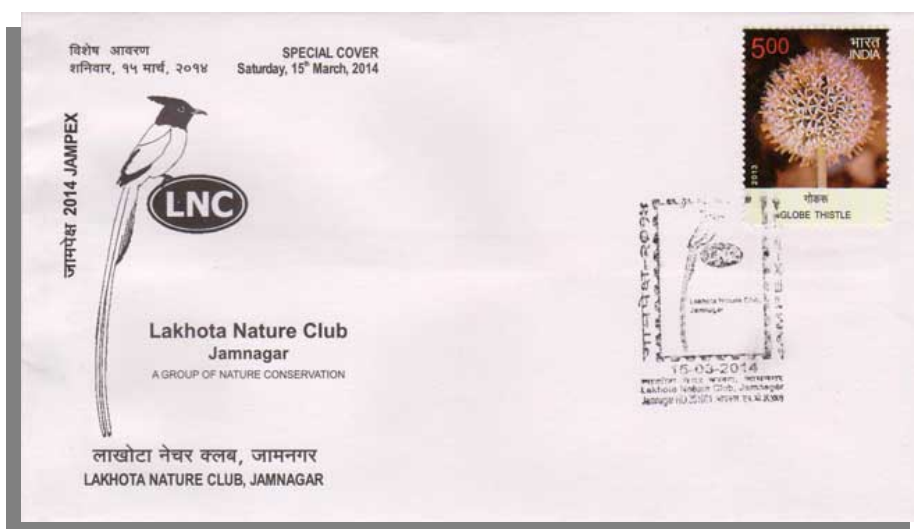
New website on some facets of Indian Philately has been launched by Shri Praful Thakkar of Ahmedabad. This website provides information on stamps, se-tenants, Miniature sheets, Sheetlets, Presentation Packs, FDCs and other information on Indian Philately.



Please visit [www.indianphilatelics.com](http://www.indianphilatelics.com)

## Jampex 2014, District Level Philatelic Exhibition at Jamnagar - 15th - 16th March 2014.

Jampex 2014, district level philatelic exhibition was successfully organised on 15th and 16th March, 2014 at Jamnagar. Fifty frame were exhibited in the exhibition. Quiz Competition and other activities were organised for students. Two Special Covers were released on 15th March 2014. One Special Cover was on Lakhota Nature Club and another was on Lions Club of Jamnagar.





Nawanagar Philatelic Society on this occasion felicitated Shri T R Nadiapara former ADPS retired from Rajkot Postal Region. Shri Nadiapara has been the relentlessly pursued philately during his career in the Postal Department and has been giving his services even after retirement. Seen in the photograph are Shri Y. R. Kapoor of NPS, Shri M R Tilva, Shri T R Nadiapara, Shri Jaydev Nansey, Convener, NPS and Shri C G Mehta of Kutch Philatelic Association.




Prize distribution was held on 16th March 2014. In senior group 1st prize to Chirag S. Mehta for 'Great Women of India', 2nd prize to Miss Riddhi V. Shah for 'Miniature Sheet of India', and 3rd prize to Miss Shailja H. Choksi for 'Great Britain Stamp Card' and in junior group 1st prize to Miss Priyanka A. Kapoor, 2nd prize to Yash A. Kapoor and 3rd prize to Yash Chudasama were awarded. Prizes were distributed by the Superintendent of Post Offices, Jamnagar Shri M R Tilva.

My Stamps were made available on both days. Two special covers were released during the exhibition. For Special Covers please contact Mr. S. P. Jadeja, (PA to SPO) Phone: +91-288-2550306.

*Courtesy: Jaydev Nansey, Jamnagar | Hitesh Choksi, Jamnagar*

#### **Extension of First Day Cancellation availability from 4 weeks to 8 weeks.**

Philately Division of India Post has decided to extend the availability of First Day Cancellation from 4 weeks to 8 weeks with effect from 1st April 2014. This change has been notified vide Postal Directorate Office Memorandum, F. No. 38-1/2014-Phil, dated 14.03.2014 issued by Director, Philately. Instructions mentioned in Philatelic Handbook related to first day cancellation are modified in accordance with this order.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
<p>In order to promote and expand philately and related products, it has been decided that Circles will manufacture and provide first day cancellation to all philatelic counters under their jurisdiction, wherever feasible. Philately division will provide the design of cancellation to all Circles/philatelic bureaux as per usual practice.</p>
<p>To facilitate the availability of first day cancellation to philatelic counters, it has been decided to provide first day cancellation for 8 weeks instead of four weeks w.e.f. 01.04.2014. The instructions mentioned in Philately Handbook related to first day cancellation are modified in accordance with above orders.</p>
<p>This issues with the approval of Secretary (P).</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">             (Rashi Sharma)            Director (Philately)         </p>
<p>All CPMGs/ Addl. DG APS</p>



### Special Covers to mark India Aviation 2014 - 12th March 2014.

Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India, Jointly with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry organised the 4th Edition of India Aviation 2014 from 12th - 16th March, 2014 at Begumpet Airport, Sardar Patel Road, Hyderabad. Conference on Civil Aviation sector with focus on policy issues and business aspects was held concurrent to the exhibition.

During the India Aviation 2014 exhibition, two special covers were released from Hyderabad. One cover was on Air Bus A380 at India Aviation 2014 and second cover was on 4th International Exhibition and Conference on Civil Aviation. (Sp. Cover approval nos. AP/01/2014 & AP/O2/2014)

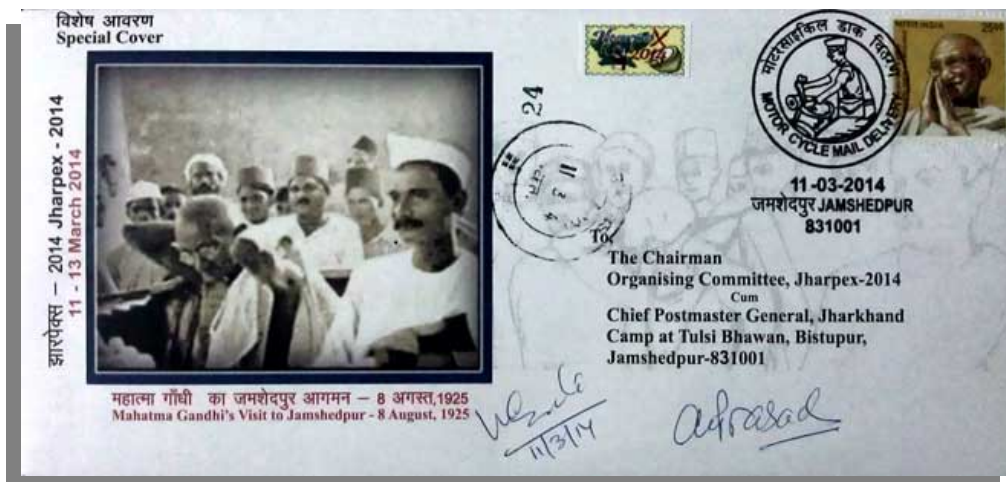
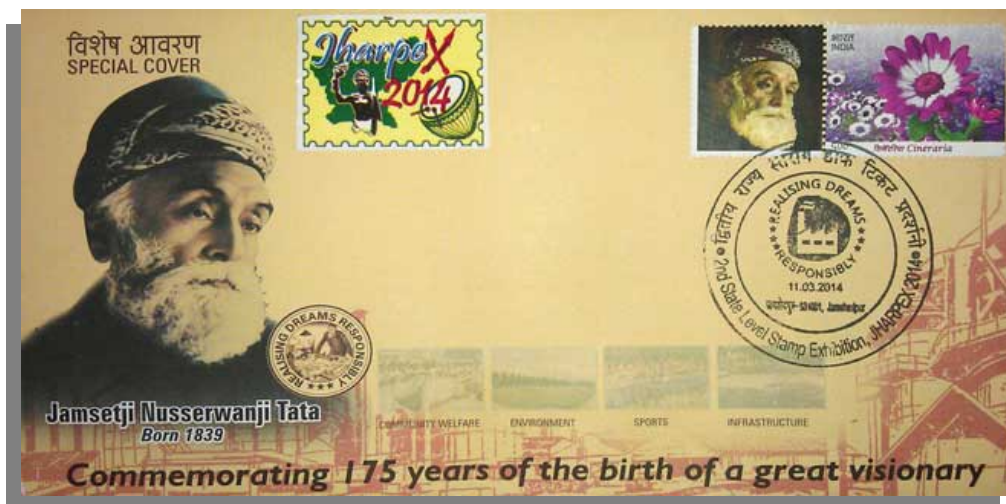


Cover Courtesy: Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram

### Jharpex - 2014, State Level Philatelic Exhibition at Jamshedpur - 11th - 13th March 2014.

Jharpex - 2014, Jharkhand State Level Philatelic Exhibition, was inaugurated on 11th March 2014 at Tulsi Bhavan, Jamshedpur. It was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Padma Bhushan Dr. J.J. Irani and the Chief Postmaster General, Jharkhand Postal Circle.

On this very occasion two Special Covers were released on 11th March 2014. One Cover was issued to commemorate 175 years of the birth of a great visionary, Jamshedji Nusserwanji Tata and Second Cover was a Motorcycle Mail Delivery Carried Cover carried by Motor Cycle to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's visit to Jamshedpur in August 1925. My Stamps were also introduced during the Exhibition.



On 12th March 2014, a Special Cover on Zimmedaar Nagrik, Zimmedaar Shahar, the JUSCO's citizens' awareness campaign was released. JUSCO's Mission is providing "quality services for life". Its services include water, power, infrastructure, public health and horticulture services. JUSCO works alongside civic bodies, large and small industries, local government bodies, communities and individuals to deliver value through sustainable solutions.





On 13th March 2014 two Special Covers on State Bank of India and Coal India were released.



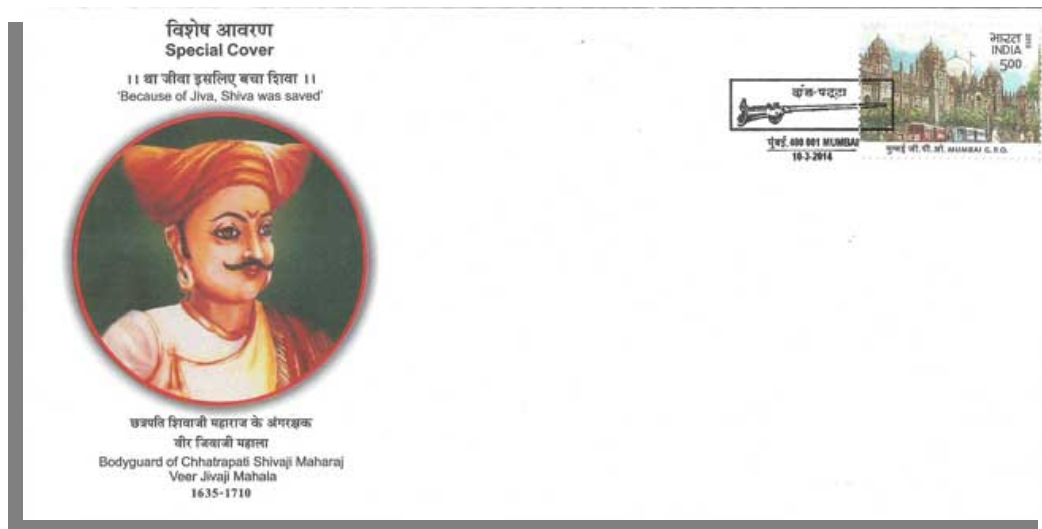
Courtesy: [Rainbow Stamp Club](#) | Anil K Saxena



### Special Cover on Veer Jivaji Mahala - 10th March 2014.

Jivaji Mahala was Chhatrapati Shivaji's bodyguard. This expert swordsman played most crucial role in battle of Pratapgad. He escorted Chhatrapati Shivaji when he went at the base of Pratapgad to meet Afzalkhan. It was Jiva's responsibility to safeguard his master from every attempt of treachery.

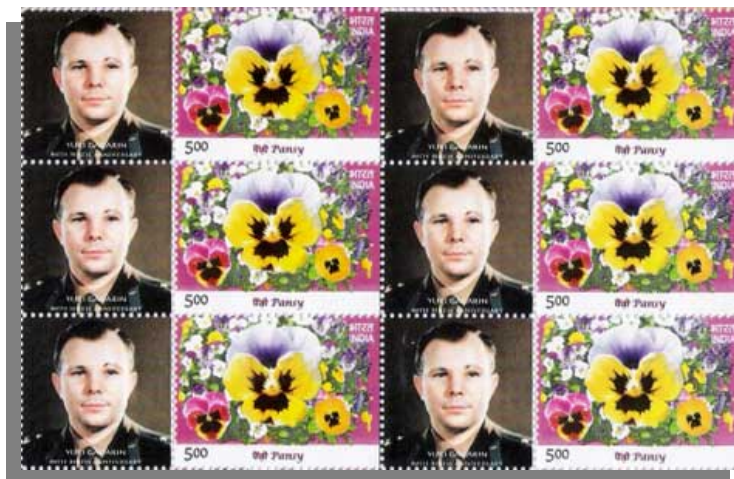
Maharashtra & Goa Postal Circle released a Special Cover on 10th March 2014 in honour of Veer Jivaji Mahala at Mumbai.



*Courtesy: Ankit Agrawal, Pune*

### My Stamp in honour of Yuri Gagarin's 80th Birth Anniversary - 9th March 2014.

My Stamp in honour of Yuri Gagarin's 80th birth anniversary was presented at the Russian Centre of Science and Culture (RCSC) in Trivandrum on 9th March 2014. My Stamp was released by N. Sakthan Nadar, Deputy Speaker, Kerala State Legislative Assembly. On the occasion Shri Nadar said "Russia is a leader in the development of space science technology. The first Indian cosmonaut Rakesh Sharma could enter the outer space thanks to the cooperation between Russia and India. This co-operation in the field of space technology is a model for the entire world. After his space flight Yuri Gagarin was given a red carpet welcome in India. Gagarin's space flight was considered as a greatest milestone in the space science technology." The contribution of Yuri Gagarin to space exploration was lauded by numerous representatives of India's scientific community.



*Source: [Russian & India Report](#)*

## Uphilex - 2014, State Level Philatelic Exhibition at Lucknow - 7th - 9th March 2014.

Uphilex 2014, the 11th Uttar Pradesh State Level Philatelic Exhibition was inaugurated on 7th March 2014 at the UP State Archives (Rajkiya Abhilekhagar) , B-44, Mahanagar Extension, Lucknow by Governor Shri B. L. Joshi. The three-day exhibition, continued till 9th March. During the the exhibition, a philatelic workshop and quiz contest, on-the-spot painting contest were organized for students.

A Special Cover on World famous Lucknow's Chikankari (Embroidery) Art (Approval No. UP/03/2014) and 6 Stamp Booklets based on 6 Miniature Sheet of 100 Years of Indian Cinema were issued on 7th March 2014. Cost of Presentation Pack of 6 Booklet is Rs. 600/- (500 Nos. Issued)

Two Special Covers were issued on 8th March 2014 to commemorate International Women's day (Approval No. UP/04/2014) and Lucknow's famous Zardozi art of Mughal's & Nawab's period (Approval No. UP/05/2014). On 9th March a special cover was released to commemorate Famous hand art of Moradabadi brass work carving handicrafts (Approval No. UP/06/2014).

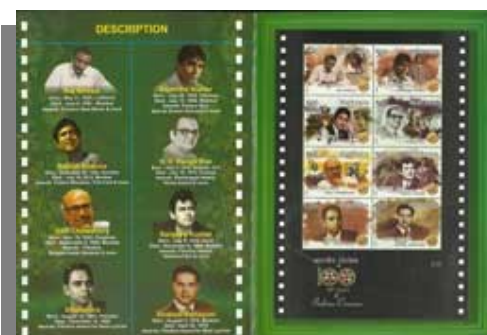
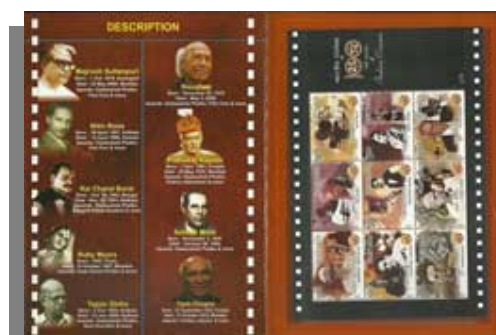
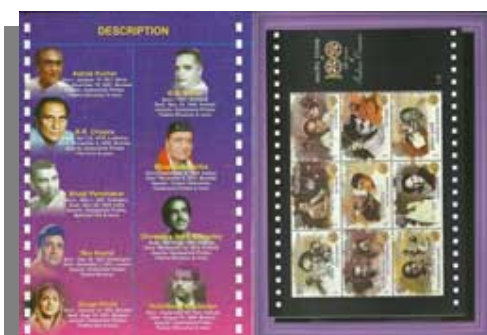
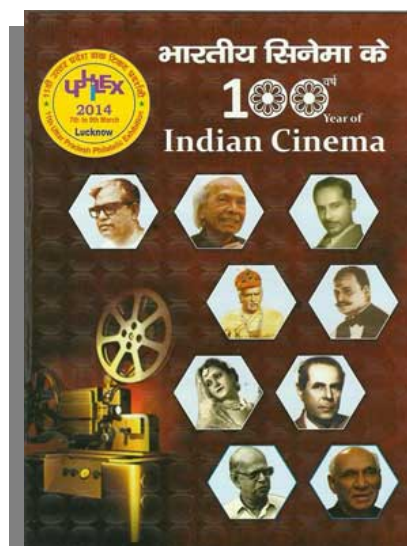
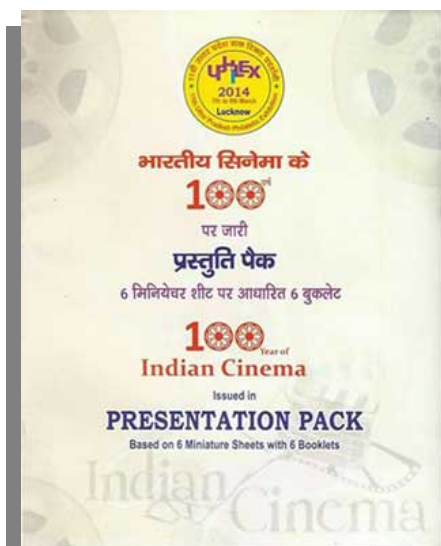
Shri Ashutosh Tripathi, Chief Postmaster General, UP circle has informed that "A Philatelic Museum is also on the anvil at Lucknow GPO. The one-of-its kind museum is likely to be in shape by March-end."



Special Cover : 7th March 2014 : Lucknow's Chikankari (Embroidery) Art

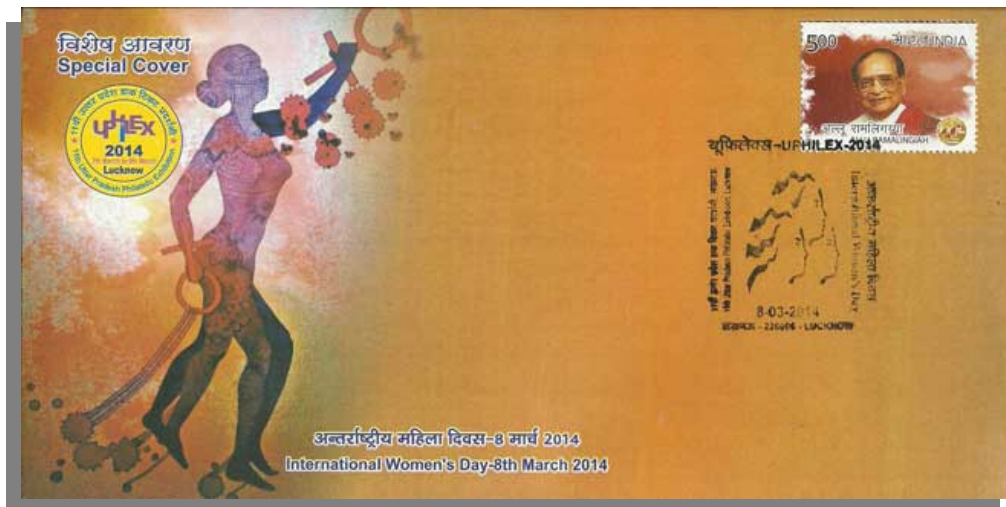








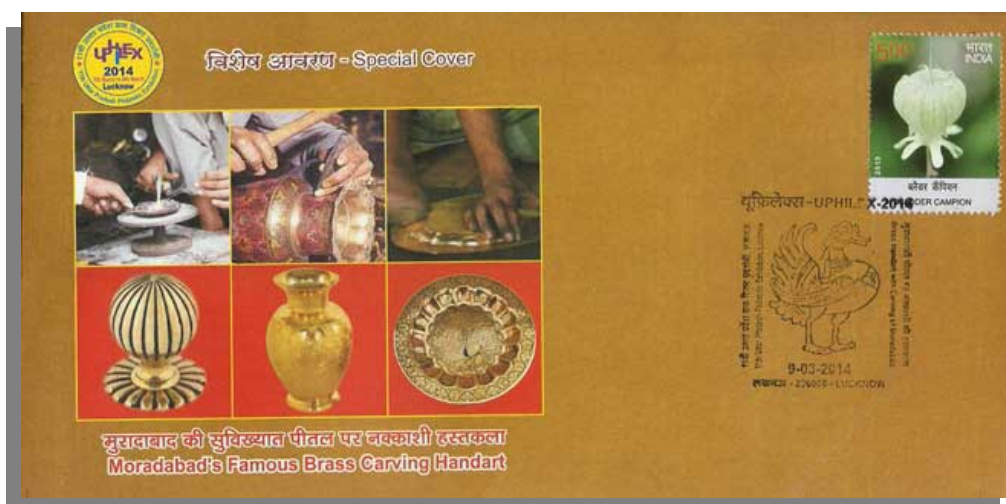
Special Cover: 8th March 2014 : International Women's day



Special Cover : 8th March 2014 : Lucknow's famous Zardozi art of Mughal's & Nawab's period



Special Cover : 9th March 2014 : Moradabadi brass work carving handicrafts



Courtesy: Ashwani Dubey, Gorakhpur

### **Nagapex-2014, State Level Philatelic Exhibition at Dimapur, Nagaland - 7th - 8th March 2014.**

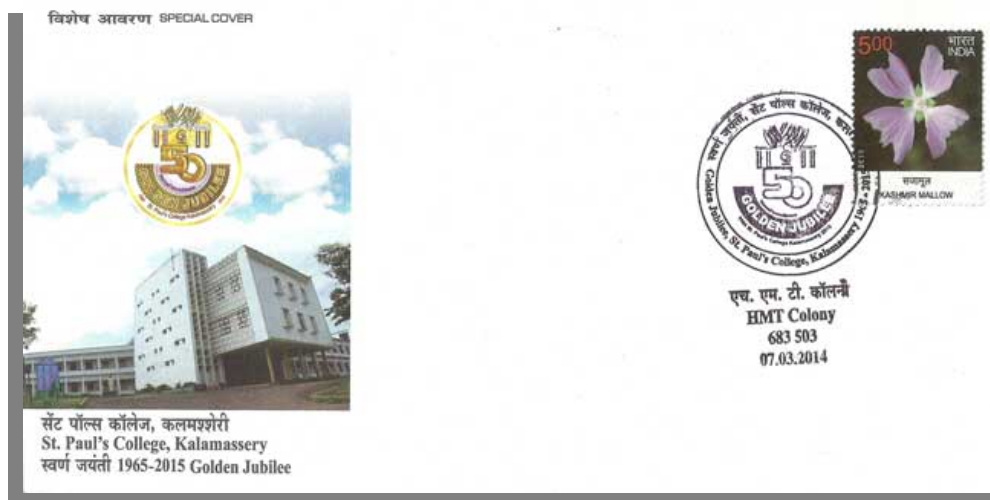
The Department of Posts, Nagaland division organised a State Level Philatelic Exhibition 'Nagapex-2014' on 7th and 8th March 2014 at Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Dimapur. Governor of Nagaland, Dr. Ashwani Kumar inaugurated the exhibition and also released a special cover on the occasion. During the exhibition Philatelic workshop, letter writing and stamp design competitions are also organised.



### **Special Cover on Golden Jubilee of St. Paul College, Kalamassery - 7th March 2014.**

St Paul's College, Kalamassery, managed by the Archdiocese of Verapoly and affiliated to MG University, is celebrating golden jubilee this year. Philatelic and Numismatic Exhibition was organised by Philatelic Club of St. Paul's College in connection with the jubilee celebration on 14th and 15th February 2014.

Kerala Postal Circle issued a Special Cover on 7th March 2014 to mark the Golden Jubilee of St. Johns College, Kalamassery.



*Cover Courtesy: Ankit Agrawal, Pune*

### **Special Cover on Golden Jubilee Celebration of INS Gomantak - 7th March 2014.**

On completion of 50 years of Commissioning, INS Gomantak celebrated its Golden Jubilee in the month of March 2014. A special cover was issued by Maharashtra & Goa Postal Circle on 7th March 2014 to mark the occasion at Vasco-Da-Gama, Goa.



*Courtesy: Ankit Agrawal, Pune*

### **New Philatelic Bureau inaugurated at Srinagar G. P. O. and Leh H. O. - 6th March 2014**

Shri Chandra Prakash, Chief Postmaster General of J & K Circle, inaugurated new Philatelic Bureau at Srinagar General Post Office on 6th March 2014. A special cover was also released during the inauguration of Philatelic Bureau at Srinagar on 6th March 2014.

It is reported that New Philatelic Bureau is also opened at Leh H. O. (J & K)

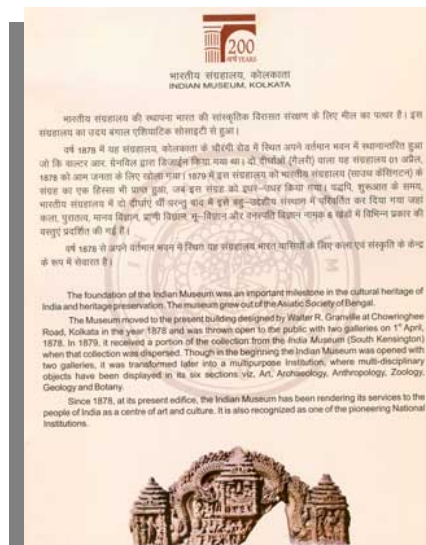


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## Presentation Pack of Indian Museum, Kolkata

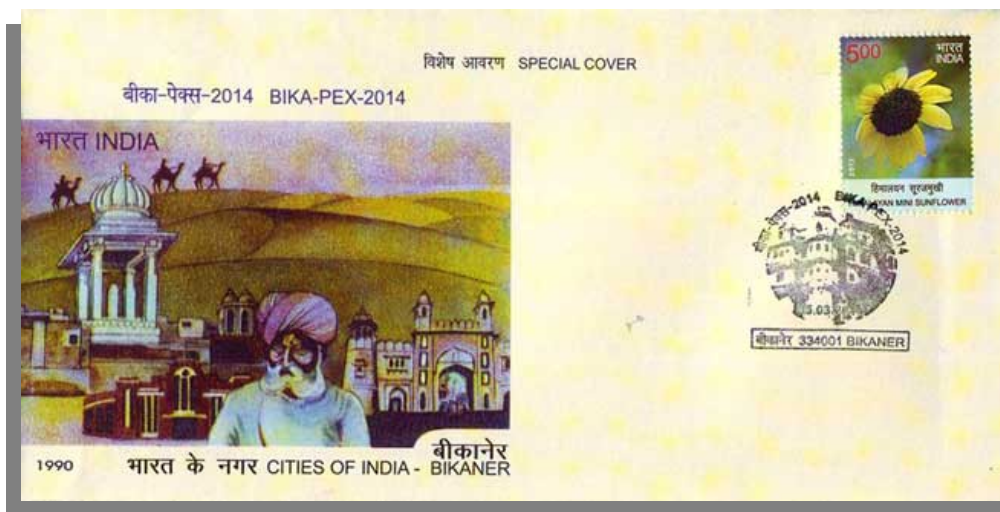
India Post has made a Presentation Pack of Indian Museum Kolkata issue which now available at Philatelic Counters. Approx size of pack is A4 and priced at Rs. 75 ( with Stamps) and Rs. 30 without stamps.



*Courtesy: Suresh R., Bangalore*

## Special Cover issued during Bikapex-2014 exhibition held at Bikaner - 5th March 2014.

District Level Philatelic Exhibition held at Bikaner from 5th to 7th March 2014. A Special Cover was issued on 5th March 2014 during the exhibition.



*Courtesy: Rishabh Sharma, Bikaner*

## Special Cover on 80 Years of Kannada Cinema issued at Bangalore - 3rd March 2014.

The Cinema of Karnataka, sometimes colloquially referred to as Chandanavana in Kannada, is a part of Indian Cinema. The first Kannada talkie film 'Sati Sulochana' was released on 3rd March 1934 followed by Bhakta Dhruva (aka Dhruva Kumar). Both Sati Sulochana and Bhakta Dhruva were major successes. Sati Sulochana was shot in Kolhapur at the Chatrapathi studio; most filming, sound recording, and post-production was done in Chennai.

The Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy celebrated the 80th anniversary of Kannada film industry by organising a photography and stamp exhibition from 1st to 3rd of March at the Metro Kala Kendra in Bangalore. On the occasion a Special Cover was released on 3rd March 2014 to commemorate 80 Years of Kannada Cinema at Bangalore. (Sp. Cover approval no. KTK-03/2014).



*Photos Courtesy: Jagannath Mani, Bangalore | Cover Courtesy: Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram*

### Postage stamp as ode to Kuka Movement.

The Union government has decided to release a commemorative postage stamp this year on the 19th century Kuka Movement. Communication and IT minister Kapil Sibal in a communique to BJP MP Avnash Rai Khanna - who raised the issue in Rajya Sabha on December 18, 2013 through special mention — has said that Punjab chief minister had already been asked to appoint a nodal officer to coordinate with the Union government on the issue.

Khanna stated that principal secretary S S Channy, who has recently been given the charge of home department, has been appointed as nodal officer by the state government. "Kuka Movement was one of the first freedom movements in India, which started in the 19th century, even when in rest of the country a popular participation was yet to be raised against the British rule. It was the original non-cooperation movement in India that began in Punjab. The postage stamp is only a small gesture to celebrate its importance and originality," said Khanna.

*Source: [Times of India](http://timesofindia.com)*

### **New Philatelic Bureau inaugurated at Tirupati H. O. - 1st March 2014**

A new Philatelic Bureau is inaugurated at Tirupati H. O. on 1st March 2014. On the occasion T. A. V. Sharma, Superintendent of Post Offices (Tirupati Division) informed that this happens to be the second bureau in the Rayalaseema region, the first one was established at Kurnool.



### **Special Cover issued during Angapex-2014 at Bhagalpur - 1st March 2014.**

Bhagalpur Postal Division (Bihar) issued a Special Cover during Angapex-2014, philatelic exhibition on 'Tilha Kothi' also known as "Rabindra Bhawan" which was built by the first Commissioner of Bhagalpur, Augustus Cliveland. (Sp. Cover approval No. BH/04/MARCH/2014) Renowned Nobel laureate Rabindra Nath Tagore had composed a few lines of the famous "Gitanjali" here. These days it is the centre of study of history, culture, archaeology and regional subjects of Tilka Manjhi University.

The cancellation depicts Tilka Manjhi. Baba Tilka Manjhi (or Tilka Murmu) was the first Santal leader who took up arms against the British in the 1789, around 100 years before Mangal Pandey. He organized the Santals to form the Mukti Dal (liberation group) to fight against the resource grabbing and exploitation.



*Cover Courtesy: Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram*

### **Special Cover issued during Vaishali Stamp Festival 2014 - 1st March 2014.**

Vaishali Stamp Festival was organised on 1st and 2nd March 2014 at Hajipur, Bihar. During the event a Special Cover was released on 'Amrapali' historic dancer of Vaishali. (Special Cover approval no. BH/03/MARCH 2014)



Special Cover depicts Amrapali and Buddha. 'Amrapali', also known as "Ambpalika" or "Ambapali", was a nagarvadhu (Royal Courtesan) of the Republic of Vaishali in ancient India around 500 BC. Following the Buddha's teachings she became an arihant. She is mentioned in the old Pali texts and Buddhist traditions, particularly in conjunction with the Buddha staying at her mango grove. Ambapali vana which she later donated to his order, and wherein he preached the famous Ambapalika Sutta. Cancellation design depicts Amrapali - Vaishali's Nagarvadhu.



*Courtesy: Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram*

#### **New Philatelic Bureau inaugurated at Aurangabad H.O. - 1st March 2014.**

India Post inaugurated new Philatelic Bureau at Aurangabad H. O. (Pincode 431001) on 1st March 2014. Dr. P.V.S.Reddy, Postmaster General, Aurangabad Region released the special cover to commemorate the inauguration of Aurangabad Philatelic Bureau. Special cover depicts the front view of Aurangabad H.O. building along with a cartoon sketch of boy & girl holding the banner of Aurangabad Philatelic Bureau with some stamps on it. The cancellation design is of the logo of Indian Philately - The Swan bird.

Please contact Sr. Postmaster, Aurangabad H.O. - 431 001 (Phone No.: 0240 - 2331031) for requirement of Special Cover. Cost of each special cover is priced for Rs.15/- . Money Order can be sent in name of: Sr. Postmaster, Aurangabad H.O. - 431 001.





*Courtesy: Deepak Modi, Jalna*

### **13 New Philatelic Bureaux in India approved.**

As per the Office Memorandum F. No. 1-1/2014-Phil, dated 23rd January 2014, issued by Department of Posts, Philately Division, 13 new philatelic bureaux at Tirupati H.O., Bodhgaya S.O., New Delhi H.P.O., Delhi G.P.O., Krishna Nagar H.P.O., Gurgaon H. O., Dharamsala H.O., Srinagar G.P.O, Leh H. O., Aurangabad H.O., Bareilly H. O., Gorakhpur H.O., and Nainital H.O. has been approved by the competent authority and all 13 new philatelic bureaux will come into effect from 1st March 2014.

[Office Memorandum F. No. 1-1/2014-Phil. dated 23.01.2014.](#)

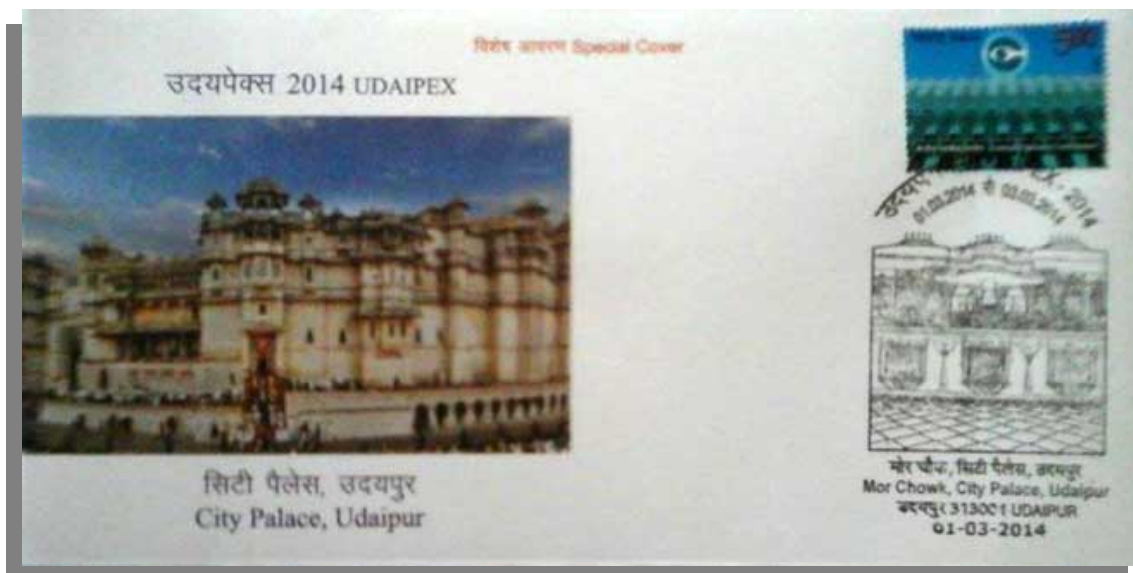
List of Present Philatelic Bureaux in India can be viewed at <http://www.indianphilately.net/pbureau.html>

### **Special Covers issued at Udaipex - 2014, held at Udaipur, Rajasthan - 1st - 3rd March 2014.**

Udaipex-2014, Fourth District Level Philatelic Exhibition of Udaipur District is organized by Postal Department from 1st to 3rd March 2014 at the Information Center (Suchna Kendra) at Chetak Circle, Udaipur. Around 12 Senior and 5 Junior collectors are participating in the Exhibition. On 2nd March 2014, a painting competition will be organized for both junior and senior kid groups at the venue.

A Special Cover on City Palce with the Cancellation depicting Mor Chowk of City Palace, Udaipur was released on 1st March 2014.





A Special Cover on Maharan Pratap Statue with the Cancellation depicting Bhamashah Statue, Moti Magri, Udaipur was released on 2nd March 2014.



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**Special Cover to mark National launch of ATM Service by India Post - 1st March 2014.**

The country's first Post Office Savings Bank ATM was inaugurated in Chennai on 27th February 2014 by Finance Minister P. Chidambaram. On 1st March 2014 two ATM were launched in New Delhi. The department will open 2,800 more such ATMs by March 2015 which is part of its core banking system (CBS) project. The initiative is part of modernisation project under which around 1.6 lakh post offices will be equipped with core banking system by 2015.

To mark the National launch of ATM service by India Post a Special Cover was released on 1st March 2014 at New Delhi.





*Courtesy: Vijay Kumar Jain, Jaipur*

### **Jagjit Singh Stamp presentation ceremony & Stamp exhibition on Legendary Indian Musicians and musical instruments - 1st March 2014.**

Jagjit Singh Stamp presentation ceremony and a Stamp exhibition on Legendary Indian Musicians and musical instruments was organised at Bhartiya Nritya Kala Mandir New Complex, Opp. Time of India, Fraser Road, Patna on 1st March 2014. Stamp Album of Jagjit Singh stamps were presented to eminent musician and former chairman of Sangeet Natya Kala Academy, Gajendra Narayan Singh, historian Maruti Nandan Tiwary and Bal Manohar Jalan on the occasion. The event was followed with 'Jagjit Singh - a tribute', Ghazal rendition by Shri Rajesh Jaiswal. Several Ghazals of Jagjit Singh were rendered by Rajesh Jaiswal to pay a tribute to Legendary Ghazal Singer Jagjit Singh. The event was organised by Phila-Art, Patna.



*Courtesy: Pradip Jain, Patna*

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