

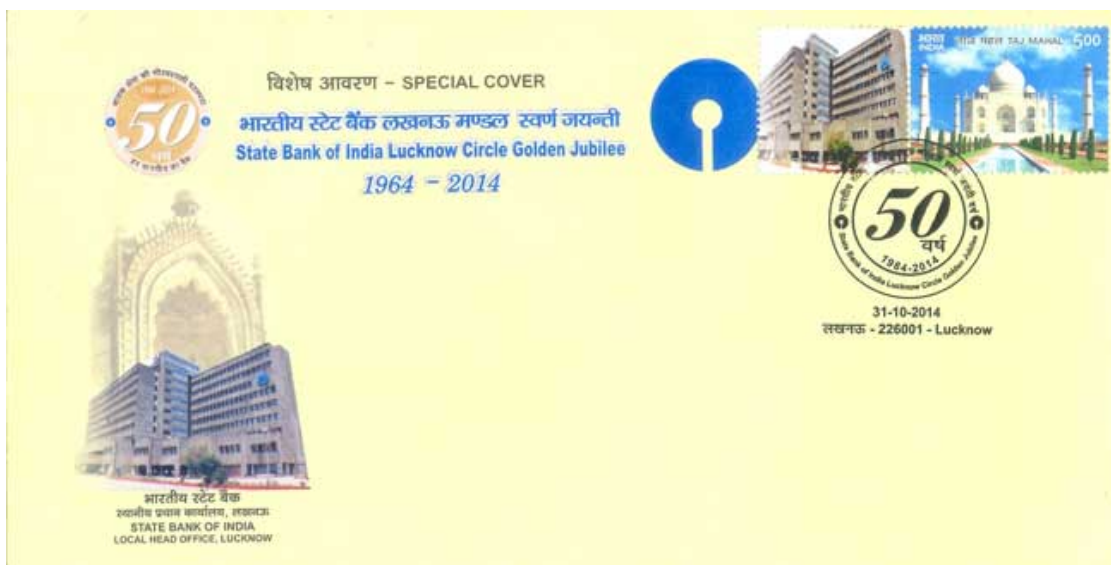


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Special Cover on Golden Jubilee of State Bank of India Lucknow Circle - 31st October 2014.

A Special Cover was issued to mark Golden Jubilee of State Bank of India Lucknow Circle on 31st October 2014 at Lucknow.



Courtesy: Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram

Depex 2014, Darjeeling Philatelic Exhibition - 30th - 31st October 2014.

'Depex 2014', Darjeeling Philatelic Exhibition was organized by the Department of Posts from 30th and 31st October 2014 at the Capitol Hall, Darjeeling. Exhibits in 70 frames were on display in the exhibition, out of which 32 frames were allotted for invitation class while 40 frames were divided into four categories. The categories included Junior School and Junior Individual while in the Senior category there were two categories; senior category within Darjeeling and senior category open competition (Outside Darjeeling).

During the exhibition, Stamp design contest and Quiz competitions were also organised. My Stamp facility was also made available during the exhibition. The Philatelic Exhibition was held at Darjeeling after 11 years. The last one was held in 2003 and was named 'Kosheli'.

In the senior category open competition (Outside Darjeeling), 5 philatelists from Sikkim, Mallbazaar, Jalapiguri, Cooch Bihar, Gangarampur etc. participated and first three positions in this category were won by Shri Shital Pradhan (first prize for his collection on "Sikkim through Philately"), Shri Roshan Prasad (second prize) and Shri Ganesh Pradhan, Shri Deepen Pradhan and Shri Padam Parajuli shared third prize jointly.



On 30th October 2014, a Special Cover on 150th years of St. Paul School, Darjeeling was released.

St. Paul School was originally founded in Calcutta by Archdeacon Corrie at the instigation of John William Ricketts, a local Anglo-Indian leader, and opened at 11 Park Street on 1st May, 1823. The school moved to its present location in Jalapahar, Darjeeling, a 150 years ago by Bishop George Edward Lynch Cotton, in 1864. Probably it is the oldest residential school in Asia, situated on a hill top at approximately 7,600 feet above sea level. A number of its students fought in both World War I and World War II. The School's architecture and unparalleled picturesque location, has found its self in many a movies, including legendary ones like Bobby, Do Anjane, Main Hoon Naa and Barfi!



On 31st October 2014 a Special Cover on Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling was released.

Established in 1958, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (also called the Darjeeling Zoo) is one of India's best zoos, and was set up for the study, conservation and preservation of the Himalayan fauna. It is the largest high altitude zoo in India. It specializes in breeding animals adapted to alpine conditions, and has successful captive breeding programs for the Snow leopard, the critically endangered Himalayan wolf and the Red panda. The zoo attracts about 300,000 visitors every year. The park is named after Padmaja Naidu, daughter of Sarojini Naidu. The zoo serves as the central hub for Central Zoo Authority of India's red panda program and is a member of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums.





Courtesy: Shital Pradhan, Sikkim



'Indian Philately Digest' wins recognition at CG Award 2014 (CG International Philatelic Promotion Awards).

Christoph Gärtner Auction House is one of the largest international auction houses, holding three to four auctions annually since 2006. In 2013 Christoph Gärtner Auction House launched CG International Philatelic Promotion Award (CG Award) for the promotion of philatelic research and the preservation of philatelic knowledge. This year also Christoph Gärtner Auction House announced CG Award 2014 competition. The competition was open to all working groups, clubs, associations, societies and publishers of philatelic magazines and newsletters publishing a periodical anywhere in the world. In the competition, print media, digital media and the promotion of young talent/public relations were considered as a whole.

The Award Ceremony of the 2nd "CG International Philatelic Promotion Award" was held on 24th October, 2014 on the occasion of the Briefmarken-Börse Sindelfingen 2014. (Leading philatelic fair held every year in Germany under the patronage of AIJP - Association Internationale des Journalistes Philatelique).

The judging panel consisted of Mr. Patrik Maselis, Belgium (Président Club de Monte-Carlo), Mr. Rainer von Scharpen, Germany (Generalsekretär der AIJP, BDPh e.V. - Leiter der Bundesstelle Literatur), Mr. Henk Slabbink, Belgium (Président Académie Européenne de Philatélie) and Mr. Walter Marchart, Germany (ehemaliger 2. Vorsitzender des BDPh e.V., aktiver Juror Philatelistische Literatur). Christoph Gärtner Auction House was not involved in the assessment process.

We have pleasure to inform our members, readers and well wishers that **'Indian Philately Digest'** (*Digital publication of Indian Philatelists' Forum*) has won 5th position in Digital media section of competition. It is a matter of honour and pride for all of us at Indian Philatelists' Forum. Indeed it is great encouragement to continue our commitment to promote Indian Philately. We dedicate the award won by our Indian Philatelists' Forum to all our members, contributors and readers.

Other Indian winners are Rainbow Stamp News (4th Position), Rainbow Stamp Club (10th Position) both in digital media section and GPA news (33rd Position) in print media section. We congratulate Mrs. Jeevan Jyoti (Rainbow Stamp News/Rainbow Stamp Club) and Gujarat Philatelists' Association for winning awards.

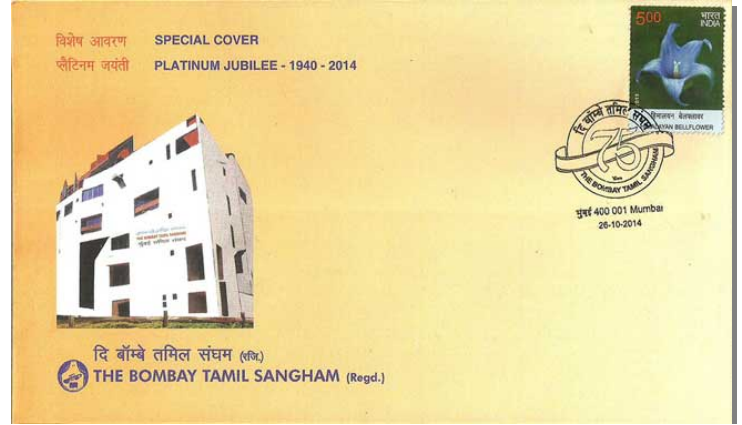
In digital media section there were 14 entries and in print media section there were 49 entries in the competition.

For more information visit: [CG Award 2014](#)

Special Cover on Platinum Jubilee of the Bombay Tamil Sangham - 26th October 2014.

Mumbai Tamil Sangham a confluence of Tamil speaking Mumbaites has been serving literary, cultural and social needs for the past 65 years. Mumbai Tamil Sangham is fore-runner among The Tamil literary associations in the country; dedicated to the development of interests in 'IYAL' (prose & poetry in Tamil and other languages), 'ISAI' (Classical music, folk and other forms), 'NATAKAM' (Conventional theatre as well as modern and experimental)

To mark the Platinum Jubilee of the Bombay Tamil Sangham a Special Cover was released by Maharashtra & Goa Postal Circle on 26th October 2014 at Mumbai. (Special cover approval no. MH/27/2014)



Courtesy: Ankit Agrawal, Pune



Commemorative stamp on Anagarika Dharmapala - 25th October 2014.

Anagarika Dharmapala (b. 17 September 1864 - d. 29 April 1933) was a Sri Lankan Buddhist revivalist and writer. He was one of the founding contributors of non-violent Sinhalese Buddhist Nationalism and Buddhism. He was also a pioneer in the revival of Buddhism in India after it had been virtually extinct there for several centuries, and he was the first Buddhist in modern times to preach the Dharma in three continents: Asia, North America, and Europe. Along with Henry Steel Olcott and Helena Blavatsky, the creators of the Theosophical Society, he was a major reformer and revivalist of Ceylonese Buddhism and an important figure in its western transmission. At the latter stages of his life, he entered the order of Buddhist monks as Venerable Sri Devamitta Dharmapala.

The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee released a commemorative stamp on Anagarika Dharmapala at the function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 25th October 2014 to mark 150th birth anniversary of Anagarika Dharmapala. The Union Minister for Communications & Information Technology and Law & Justice, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad was also present at the stamp release function.



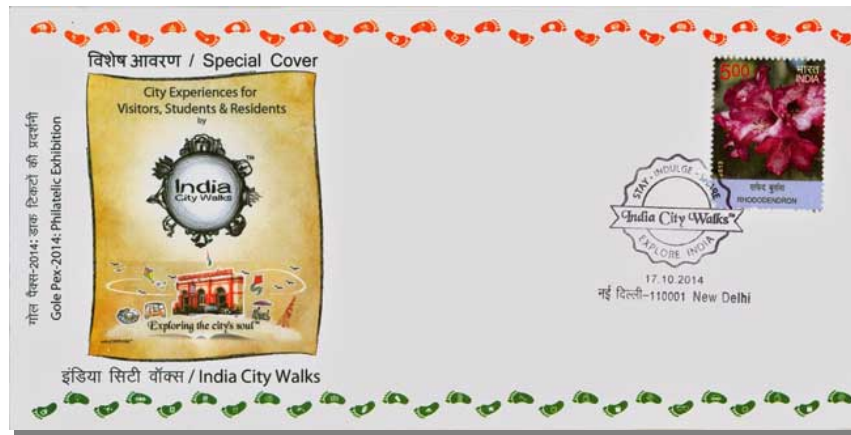
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GolePex-2014, District Level Philatelic Exhibition at New Delhi - 17th - 18th October 2014.

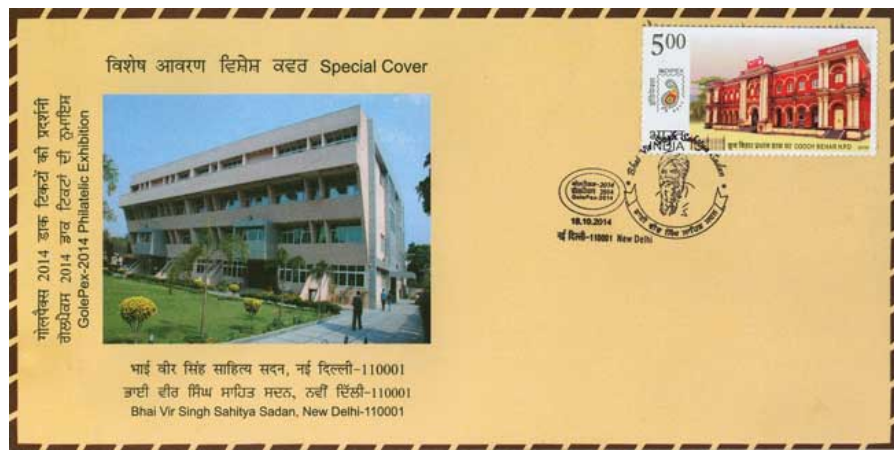
GolePex-2014, District Level Philatelic Exhibition held on 17th and 18th October 2014 at Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan, Bhai Vir Singh Marg, Near Gole Market, New Delhi - 110 001. During the exhibition My Stamp facility, Painting Contest and Philatelic Quiz were also organised. Three Special Covers were also released during the exhibition.

On 17th October 2014, two special covers were released. One Special Cover was on Swachchh Bharat (Clean India) Mission (Special Cover approval no. DEL/13/2014) and second cover on India City Walks. India City Walks through its innovative theme walks offers local experiences to explore the cities, towns, villages and environs of India like never before. India City Walks supports youth engagement initiatives to get generation closer. India City Walks is a unit of YEXLORE. (Special Cover approval no. DEL/12/2014).





On 18th October 2014, a Special Cover on Bhai Vir Singh and Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan was released. Bhai Vir Singh (b. 5 December 1872, d. 10 June 1957) was a poet, scholar and theologian and a figure in the movement for the revival and renewal of Punjabi literary tradition. He is acknowledged as the father of modern Punjabi literature. (Special Cover approval no. DEL/15/2014)



Courtesy: Dr. Pankaj Kumar Agarwal, Noida.

Schoolpex - 2014, 18th Inter-school Stamp Exhibition at Jaipur - 17th - 18th October 2014.

18th Interschool Stamp Exhibition, Schoolpex 2014 was organised on 17th and 18th October 2014 at St Xavier's School, Jaipur. It was inaugurated by Shri Moses Philumen, President of Rotary Club, Jaipur Main at Junior Hall, St Xavier's School. Shri Dushyant Mudgal, IPS, Director Postal Services (HQ), Jaipur was the Guest of Honour and the function was presided by Father John Ravi SJ, Principal St Xavier's School, Jaipur. Members of Philatelic Society of Rajasthan, Senior Philatelists from Rajasthan, Staff Members accompanied by participants, students and Stamp Dealers were present at the function. The function is also aligned with parents teacher meet of St. Xavier's School hence lots of parents also had opportunity to enjoy beautiful world of stamps.

Exhibition was divided into Junior and Senior Category and there were 150 exhibits from 15 schools all over Rajasthan on various themes and country collection which included stamps on Roses, Cricket, Cars, Cartoons, Lady Diana, Gandhiji, Stamps made of various material etc. Letter writing, Stamp Quiz Competition, Philately Seminar, Dealer's Stall and PSR meeting etc. were other attraction of the event. Late Shri O. P. Bhatnagar Trophy for Best School was given to BVB Vidyashram, Late Shri A S Mittal Trophy for Best in Senior Category was given to Master Vaibhav Bhatnagar of Mahaveer Public School and Late Dr. Jaya Bhargava Trophy for best in Junior Trophy was given to Master Shivam Bhargava of Hindustan International Academy.

On the occasion specially pre-approved design of 'MY Stamp' and MY Stamp Folders were released by Guest of Honour Shri Dushyant Mudgal. The facility of 'MY Stamp' with special My Stamp Folders was provided with 3 pre-approved design of Jain Saraswati Statue, St Xavier's School Building and Maharishi Bhrigu Statue for the convenience of students who wish to buy only 1 stamp instead of complete sheet of 12. The Folder was provided free of charge with every single 'MY Stamp' purchase on first cum first serve basis till stock lasts. Regular Personalised My Stamp facility was also made available during the event.

Shri Rajesh Paharia, General Secretary, Philatelic Society of Rajasthan reported that it is only Stamp Exhibition in the world which is conducted annually exclusively for school students uninterrupted since last 17 years.

 <p>MY STAMP AN INNOVATIVE PRODUCT OF INDIA POST</p> <p>Now, You can have your personalised photo on India Postage stamps sheetlet of 12 Stamp for just Rs. 300/-</p> <p>For Further Details Contact : O/o The Chief Postmaster General, Rajasthan Circle, Sardar Patel Marg, C-Scheme, Jaipur-302007 Ph.: 0141-2372020</p>	 <p>18th Interschool State Level Philately Exhibition</p> <p>Organised by Philatelic Society of Rajasthan & St. Xavier's School Jaipur</p> <p>Date : 17 to 18 Oct. 2014 Venue : St. Xavier's School, Jaipur</p> <p>Print Qty : 500 Price : RS 25.00</p>	<p>Jain Saraswati</p> <p>The statue shown on 'MY Stamp' is 12th century world famous Jain Saraswati at Bara Digambar Jain Mandir, Ladnun (Rajasthan) . This temple has unique history of originating from underground excavation which has completed 1000 years in year 2014. The occasion is grandly celebrated from 1st Oct 2014 to 8th October 2014 by release of Jain Saraswati MY Stamp, Special Cover and Cancellation by India Posts , Rajasthan Circle</p>	<p>Jain Saraswati MY Stamp</p> 
<p>St. Xavier's School , Jaipur</p> <p>India's prestigious school, St. Xavier's Senior Secondary School, Jaipur was founded in July, 1941 It is under management of, The Society of Jesus, founded by St. Ignatius of Loyola in 1540 active in the field of education throughout the world. In India, the Society of Jesus is at present responsible for more than one hundred high schools and 25 colleges. St. Xavier's School has started preparations for celebrating 75 years of inception.</p>	<p>St. Xavier's School MY Stamp</p> 	<p>Maharishi Bhrigu</p> <p>Maharishi Bhrigu was one of the seven Saptarishis, first compiler of predictive astrology and author of Bhrigu Samhita. One of his important temple and statue is situated at Bharuch which is named after Bhrigu-Kaksh where Maharishi Bhrigu told Ganesh Puran to Somkaran Maharaj. Akhil Bhartiya Bhargava Sabha is celebrating 125th annual adhiveshan in Udaipur on 15.11.2014</p>	<p>Maharishi Bhrigu MY Stamp</p> 

Courtesy: Rajesh Paharia, Jaipur

Special Cover on Judicial Complex at Muvattupuzha - 17th October 2014.

Muvattupuzha town is named after the Muvattupuzha river which flows through it. The name is made up of three Malayalam words: 'Moonnu', which stands for 'three', 'aaru' - Small River, and 'puzha', which also means river. 'Aaru' is a word that is usually used for rivers in the southern half of Kerala, while the term 'puzha' is used in the northern parts. The three rivers in this case are the Kothamangalam river or Kothayaar, Kaliyar and Thodupuzha aaru, which merge to form a single river. This place is called 'Thriveni Sangamam' in Malayalam which means 'the point of confluence of three rivers'.

The Judicial Complex at Muvattupuzha, the Cradle of Triveni Sangamam - actually a monument, which reveals the golden reign of the Kings of Travancore, which is proudly and prestigiously kept up even today, since last 135 years.

Shri Oommen Chandy, Chief Minister of Kerala inaugurated new Muvattupuzha Judicial Complex. A Special Cover on New Judicial Complex of Muvattupuzha was issued at Muvattupuzha on 17th October 2014. (Special Cover approval no. KL-12/2014)

function held at conference hall of Kohima Head Post Office.

The folk fusion band of Nagaland, Abiogenesis' vocalist Arenla Subong and guitarist Moa Subong and Som Kamei, Director of Postal services Nagaland jointly launched 'My Stamp' featuring their own photos.



Courtesy: [Eastern Mirror](#)

Philately Day Celebration at Imphal – 13th October 2014.

As part of the National Postal Week observance under the aegis of Department of Post, Manipur Postal Service Division, a workshop on philately was held to mark the Philately Day on 13th October 2014 at Imphal Head Post Office. On the occasion the Philatelic Bureau of Imphal also launched 'My Stamp' facility.

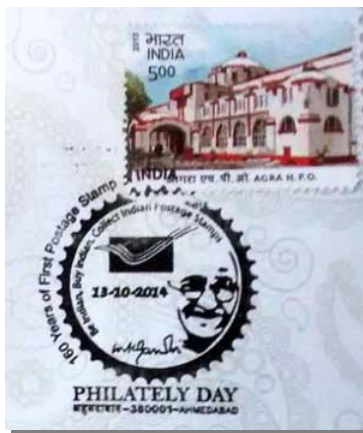
The programme was attended by Philatelist Dr. K Heera, Director of Manipur Postal Service Division T Mang Min Thang and R Kumar, Superintendent of Post as the chief guest, president and guest of honour respectively.

Courtesy: [The Sangai Express](#)

Special Cancellation on Philately Day at Ahmedabad – 13th October 2014.

India Post is celebrating National Postal Week from 9th to 15th October 2014 and 13th October is celebrated as Philately Day as a part of National Postal Week.

A Special Cancellation has been provided at Ahmedabad Philatelic Bureau on the occasion of Philately Day on 13th October 2014.



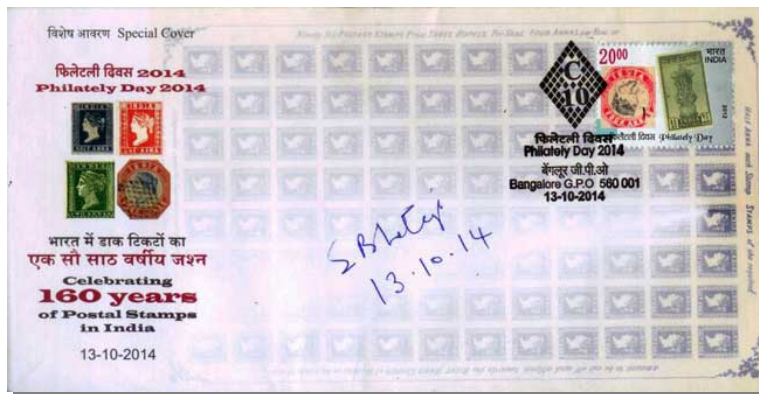
Courtesy: [Jatin Trivedi, Vadodara](#)

Special Cover on 160 years of Postal Stamps in India, Bangalore – 13th October 2014.

As a part of Philately Day celebration, a function was organized at Meghdoot Auditorium, Bangalore GPO on 13.10.2014. On the occasion a special cover on 160 years of Postal Stamps in India was released by Shri M. S. Ramanujan, Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Postal Circle. (Special Cover approval no. KTK/28/2014)

The special cover depicts the images of the half anna, one anna, two annas and four annas stamps issued in 1854. In the background the cover features a sheet of 96 stamps of half anna queen's head stamp and the special cancellation depicts the 'C10' diamond numeral postmark.

A mini philatelic exhibition was also organized at the venue. Rare exhibits and philatelic gems from the collections of Dr. Sita Bhateja and Shri Athani Mahalingeshwara were on display in 5 frames. The Famous Inverted Head on Cover, the only known piece in the world from the collection of Dr. Sita Bhateja was also exhibited in the exhibition.



Four Annas First Printing
Reconstructed Sheet



Four Annas Head Inverted Classic Variety. Only known cut square
head inverted example to exist on cover.



Half Anna, Die III, 1855, 'E' Stone. The largest known used block of 32 is unique.



One Anna Die I first day of usage. (2nd October 1854, Ghazepore to Calcutta), (Stamp was issued on 1st October 1854 but since it was Sunday, hence 2nd October was the first day of its usage)

Courtesy: Jagganath Mani, Bangalore | Viswas Menon, Madikeri

Philately Day Celebration and Philatelic Exhibition at Gorakhpur – 13th October 2014.

As a part of Philately Day celebration a small philatelic exhibition was organised at Gorakhpur Head Post Office on 13th October 2014. The exhibition was inaugurated by Shri Rakesh Kumar, Postmaster General, Gorakhpur Postal Region. After the exhibition local Philatelists were honored by the Postmaster General by presenting memento and certificates of Participation. Local philatelists Shri Sandeep Chaurasia, Shri Ashwani Kumar Dubey, Shri Raman Kumar Mandal, Shri Suneel Mishra, Shri Anil Gupta, Shri A.K.Singh, Shri Ambrish Pandey, Ritika Gupta etc. were present on the occasion. Shri Debabrata Tripathy, Sr. Supdt. of Post Offices and Shri Sardar Singh Yadav were also present during the function.



Courtesy: Sandeep Chaurasia, Gorakhpur | Ashwani Kumar Dubey, Gorakhpur

Philatelists' meet organized by Philatelic Bureau, Vadodara - 13th October 2014.

On the occasion of Philately Day, a Philatelists' meet was organized by Vadodara Philatelic Bureau and Vadodara Head Post Office at Vadodara H. O. Members of Baroda Philatelic Society, local philatelists, Philatelic Bureau in-charge Mr. Sameer and staff members of Department of Posts were present in the meet.

On the occasion Ms. Meeta Shah, Sr. Superintendent of Post Offices, Vadodara (East Division) briefed about philatelic activities organized by Department of Posts and Vadodara Philatelic Bureau. She also launched two gift items, a ceramic mug depicting Vadodara Head Post office and a wooden ball point pen with the name of Vadodara Philatelic Bureau on the occasion. Shri Prashant Pandya, President Baroda Philatelic Society addressed the philatelists and discussed about promotion of philately. Shri Timir Shah, Secretary, Baroda Philatelic Society and members also shared their thoughts about promotional activities to be carried out to promote the hobby in school children.

As a gesture of thanks all philatelists were presented with a memento by Vadodara Philatelic Bureau. Shri A. Marimuthu, Sr. Postmaster, Vadodara H. O. conveyed vote of thanks. The meet was followed by light refreshment.

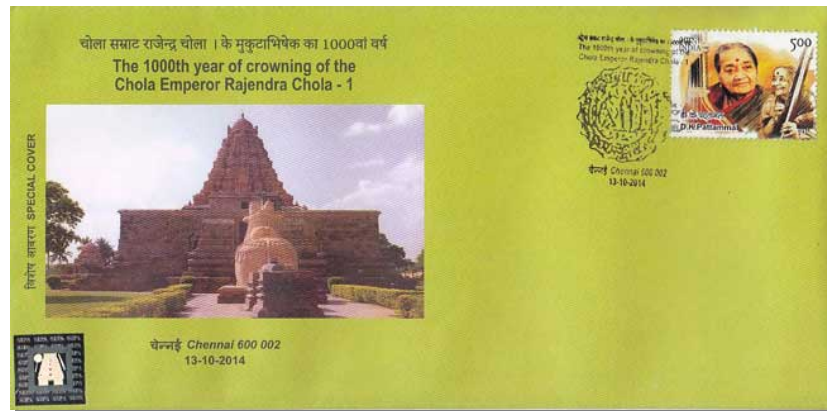


Philately Day Celebration and release of Special Covers on 1000th Year of crowning of the Chola Emperor of Rajendra Chola-1 and India's First stamp issued in 1852 at Chennai - 13th October 2014.

On the occasion of Philately Day a function was organised at Philately Hall of Anna Road HPO, Chennai. Shri T. Murthy, Chief Postmaster General, Tamilnadu Postal Circle was the chief guest of the function. On the occasion Tamilnadu Postal Circle organized Philatelic Workshop and around 150 students from various school participated in the workshop. The workshop was conducted by Shri P Shreedharan and assisted by Shri Mahesh Parekh of South India Philatelists' Association (SIPA). All participants were presented a Starter Kit by the Department of Post. As a noble gesture the CPMG handed over personalized stamps to each of 30 Special Children at free of cost.

South India Philatelists' Association (SIPA) brought out two special covers on the occasion. One cover on 1000th year of crowning of the Chola Emperor of Rajendra Chola-1 and another cover on India's First Stamps issued in 1852. The Special Covers were released by Shri T. Murthy, Chief Postmaster General and were handed over to Shri G. Balakrishnadas,

President of SIPA and Shri Ronald Nelson, Secretary of SIPA respectively. (Special Cover approval nos. TN/15/2014 and TN/16/2014)



Courtesy: Minu G. Koruthu, Chennai | [Rainbow Stamp Club](#)

Mobile Philatelic Exhibition on the occasion of National Postal Week at Chandigarh – 9th – 15th October 2014.



As a part of National Postal Week celebrations, Chandigarh Postal Division has organised a Mobile Philatelic Exhibition in a Mobile Van to provide information related to philately and postal services. Shri Bishon Singh, Sr. Superintendent of Post Offices, Chandigarh flagged off the Van from GPO, Sector-17, Chandigarh on 9th October 2014. This Exhibition van will move to many places in Chandigarh & Mohali and cover the schools and educational institutions. The main purpose of this exhibition is to popularize Philately among the students.

In total 12 frames consisting of 200 sheets and around 2000 stamps on various themes are on display in the mobile van. Well known philatelist of Chandigarh Shri Rakesh Walia has volunteered for this good cause and he is also conducting philatelic workshops in Schools. MY STAMP facility is also provided at this exhibition.



Courtesy: Rakesh Walia, Chandigarh | [Face2News](#)

Philatelic Exhibition on Art & Culture (Paintings) at NGMA, Bangalore - 9th – 30th October 2014.

In collaboration with India Post, Karnataka Philatelic Society has organized a Philatelic Exhibition on Art & Culture at National Gallery of Modern Art, Bangalore. The exhibition was inaugurated by Shri M. S. Ramanujan, Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Postal Circle on 9th October 2014. The exhibition will remain open till 30th October 2014.

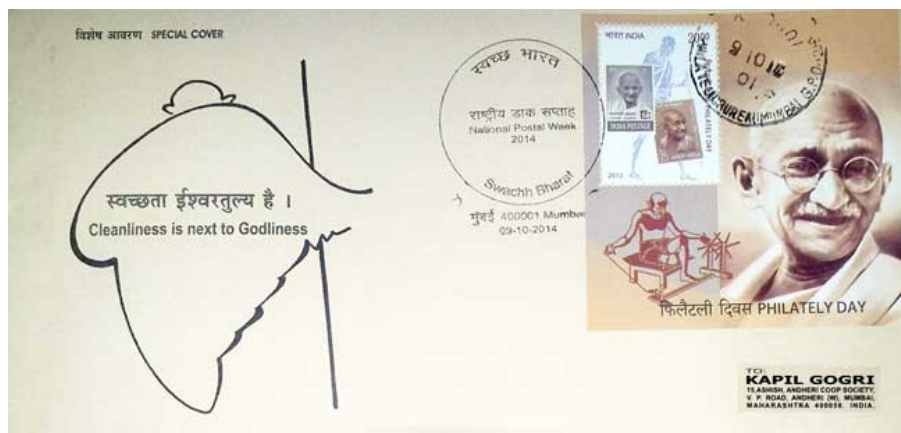
In conjunction with the exhibition, NGMA had also organised a philatelic talk by Shri M.S. Ramu, Senior Philatelist on 12th October 2014.



Photo Courtesy: M.S. Ramu, Bangalore

Special Cover on the occasion of World Post Day, Mumbai - 9th October 2014.

As a part of National Postal week celebration from 9th to 15th October 2014 and 9th October being the World Post Day, Maharashtra Postal Circle released a Special Cover on "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" on 9th October 2014 at Mumbai. Shri CH.Vidyasagar Rao, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra and Shri P.K Bisoi, Chief Postmaster General, Maharashtra Postal Circle jointly released the Special Cover and Shri CH.Vidyasagar Rao, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra unveiled the blow up of Special Cover. Many philatelists were present at the function. Exhibits of few collectors have also been put on display at the Philatelic Museum, Mumbai GPO.



Cover Courtesy: Kapil Gogri, Mumbai | Photo Courtesy : AIAIASP Blog

Special Cancellation on World Post Day - 9th October 2014.

India Post is celebrating National Postal Week from 9th to 15th October 2014 and 9th October is celebrated as World Post Day as a part of National Postal Week.

World Post day happens each year on 9th October, remembering this date for the establishment of Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1874 in Bern, Switzerland. The UPU was the start of global communications revolution, people could write to others all over the world. 9th October was first declared World Post Day at the 1969 UPU Congress in Tokyo, Japan. Since then, World Post Day is celebrated all over the world to highlight the importance of the postal services.

A Special Cancellation has been provided at Vadodara Philatelic Bureau on the occasion of World Post Day on 9th October 2014.



Special Cover on Silver Jubilee of Agarwal Club, Pune - 5th October 2014.

Agarwal Club, Pune is an organisation of like minded Agarwal community to spread brotherhood among the members and to serve the Agarwal community. It was formed by Shri Rajkumar Bansilal Agarwal and his 15 friends in Pune on 8th September 1990.

Agarwal Club is celebrating Silver Jubilee of its formation. On this occasion a Special Cover was released on 5th October 2014 at Pune. (Special Cover approval no. MH/24/2014)



Courtesy: Suresh Rao, Bangalore

Jainism Philatelic Group (JPG) members meet at Khajuraho (M.P.)

Jainism Philately Group (JPG), an organization of Philatelists collecting Jainism and allied themes, had organized members meet and get together at Khajuraho (M.P.) on 5th October 2014. Total 91 persons attended this meet from

various States. A meeting of members was organised in the Jain temples complex presided by the National Chairman Mr. Sudhir Jain (Satna, M.P.) and was conducted by Vice Chairman Dr. Pradip Jain (Balod, Chattisgarh). Mr. Pramod Kumar Jain (Pondicherry) gave welcome speech. During the meeting members had given valuable suggestions to promote the hobby of philately and also for the improvement of services of Department of Posts.

Members also celebrated 60th birthday of Shri Sudhir Jain and congratulated him on the occasion.



Courtesy: Sudhir Jain, Satna

Presentation of Indian Philately at THÜBRIA 2014, Philatelic Exhibition, Germany: 3rd - 5th October 2014.



THÜBRIA 2014, philatelic exhibition was held at Greiz, a small town situated in Eastern Thuringia in Germany from 3rd to 5th October 2014. More than 70 exhibits in 400 frames were on display at the exhibition.

Our well wisher Mr. Wolfgang Beyer (Vice Chairman of the German Collector Group ArGe Zoologie) from Germany had organized a presentation of Indian

Philatelic material viz. philatelic books, commemorative stamps, miniature sheets, Customised My Stamp Sheets, Meghdoot Postcards and Special Covers from India during the exhibition.



Courtesy: Wolfgang Beyer, Germany.

Special Cover on Golden Jubilee of Mail Motor Service in Pune - 2nd October 2014.

Mail Motor Service, Pune is most vital part of Department of Posts. This is lifeline to procure mail to all post offices. This lifeline is working day and night since 1964 and completing 50 years of service. To mark the occasion a Special Cover was

released on 2nd October 2014 at Pune. (Special Cover approval no. MH/25/2014)



Courtesy: Suresh Rao, Bangalore

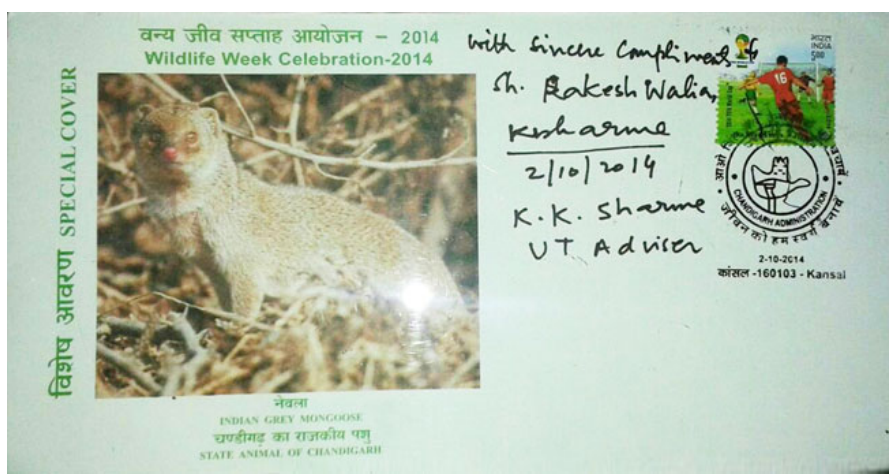
Special Cover on Wildlife Week Celebrations 2014 at Kansal - 2nd October 2014.

As a part of Wildlife Week, 2014 celebrations, Department of Forest and Wildlife, UT, Chandigarh organized "Nature and Wildlife Trek" on 2nd October, 2014 coinciding with the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi inside Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary.

On this occasion, the chief Guest Shri K.K. Sharma, Advisor to Administrator and Shri Kulbir Singh, Chief Postmaster General, Punjab Postal Circle jointly released a Special Cover on State Animal 'Indian Grey Mongoose' of UT Chandigarh at Kansal Loghut. (Special Cover approval no. PB/02/2014)

The Indian grey mongoose or common grey mongoose (*Herpestes edwardsii*) is a species of mongoose mainly found in southern Asia, in India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and some other parts of Asia. In North Indian languages (Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, etc.) it is called Nevalaa. The Indian grey mongoose or common grey mongoose, is medium sized tawny or yellowish grey with a lighter underside, darker feet (this separates it from the synoptic Small Asian Mongoose), and dark red tail tip. They have a reddish tint to their heads. Their tail length equals their body length. Males are significantly larger than the females. Mongooses can see colours, unlike most mammals, which have only partial colour vision. The Indian grey mongoose was declared as State animal of U. T. Chandigarh in the year 2009.





Cover Courtesy: Rakesh Walia, Chandigarh.

India Ahimsapex-2014 at Lucknow concluded on 2nd October 2014.

Lucknow Philatelic Society had organised a One Frame Thematic Philatelic Exhibition 'India Ahimsapex-2014' on Rashtrapita Mahatma Gandhi and Freedom fighters of India with the help of India Post, U. P. Postal Circle at U. P. Rajkiya Abhilekhagar, Lucknow from 30th September 2014 to 2nd October 2014.

During the exhibition Philatelic Workshop, Philatelic Quiz, Spot painting competition were also organized for school children. The exhibition consisted of 122 frame exhibits. Out of 122 frames 63 frames were in Senior Class and 26 frames were in Youth Class. 1 exhibit was absent in the Senior Competitive Class. 33 frames were exhibited in the Invitee Class.

On 2nd October 2014 closing ceremony and Prize distribution function was held at the venue. Shri Prem Kumar Tripathi, Postmaster General, B.D, Uttar Pradesh Postal Circle was chief guest of the function. Prizes were distributed to all the winners by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries on the dais.

3 Gold, 2 Vermeil, 2 Large Silver, 11 Silver, 15 Silver Bronze, 27 Bronze medals and 20 Diploma were awarded to the winners in the Competitive Class. The Jury panel consisted of Shri Vivek Kumar Daksh, Director Postal Services (HQ), Shri Dhananjay Desai from Ahmedabad, Shri Prashant Pandya from Vadodara and Shri Dinesh Sharma from Lucknow. A souvenir was also released during the closing ceremony by Chief Guest and other dignitaries.





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Special Covers on Wildlife Week 2014 Celebrations and Silver Jubilee of Gangotri National Park at Dehradun: 1st October 2014.

In the year 1952 with a view to preserve the fauna of India, particularly to take urgent steps to prevent extinction of any species, the Government of India established an Indian Board of Wild Life (IBWL). In order to arouse a general awakening in the common man in favour of protection of wildlife, the Indian Board of Wild Life (IBWL) decided to observe the Wildlife Week and since then Wildlife Week is celebrated all over the country in the month of October from 2nd to 8th October every year (Or in first week of October). As being a mega-storehouse country, India has stored a variety of fauna species. The Government of India organizes a variety of activities during this great period through the environmentalists, activists, educators who encourage and accelerate the people mind to become aware of the wildlife conservation.

As a part of Wildlife Week, 2014 celebrations, on 01st October 2014 a function was organized by the forest department at the auditorium of Indian Council for Forestry and Education (ICFRE). Shri Harish Rawat, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand was the Chief Guest of the function. Two Special Covers were released during the function. One on the Wildlife Week and second on the Silver Jubilee of Gangotri National Park.



The special cover on Wildlife Week depicts the state animal “Musk Deer” and state bird “Himalayan Monal”. The cancellation portrays tiger pug marks. Musk deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*) live mainly in forested and alpine scrub habitats in the mountains of southern Asia, notably the Himalayas. The Himalayan monal (*Lophophorus impejanus*) also known as the impeyan monal, impeyan pheasant, and danphe, is a bird in the pheasant family, Phasianidae.



Silver Jubilee of Gangotri National Park: Established in 1989, the Gangotri National Park is located in the Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand. It is spread in a massive 2390 sq. kms area and provides some of the most magnificent views of the coniferous forests that surround it. It falls under the bio-geographical zone and is located at an altitude of 1,800m to 7,083 meters above sea level. The forest of the park is mostly temperate and the vegetation consists of chirpine, deodar, fir, spruce, oak and rhodendron. The park consists of some high ridges, deep gorges and some beautiful cliffs as well. The landscape of the park is mainly dominated by alpine scrub, although one can also find oak and betula as well. The park contains more than 15 species of mammals and 150 species of birds. This also includes some of the rare and beautiful species like the Snow Leopard, Black Bear, Brown Bear, Musk Deer, Blue Sheep, or Bharal, Himalayan Tahr, Himalayan Monal, Koklass and the Himalayan Snowcock.

On the 25th anniversary of Gangotri National Park (GNP) a Special Cover was issued on 1st October 2014. The cancellation on cover depicts Himalayan Tahr. The Himalayan tahr (*Hemitragus jemlahicus*) or common tahr is a large ungulate related to the wild goat and the only extant member of the genus *Hemitragus*. The Himalayan tahr is native to the Himalayas in southern Tibet, northern India, and Nepal. The Himalayan tahr has been introduced as an alien species to New Zealand, parts of South America, South Africa, and to the southwestern United States. Efforts in each of these regions are being made to control the Himalayan tahr population and to reduce its impact on the native ecosystem.



Courtesy: Abhai Mishra, Dehradun

Special Cover on Ladnu Digamber Bara Jain Temple and idol of deity Saraswati : 1st October 2014.

Ladnu, (also known as Ladnun) is located in Nagaur district in Rajasthan. The ancient Digambara Bara Jain Temple, situated in the heart of the city of Ladnun, houses several artistic and rare idols of Jain Thirthankara, beautiful images, engraved pillars, rare pieces of art and old Jain dharma manuscripts. The temple has excellent historical background,

sculpture and architecture has the idol of the deity Saraswati, one of the finest of that time. It has the inscription of the year 1229 AD. There is an inception found on the door which indicates that the temple is built on Ashad Sukla 8, Samvat 1136. This writing indicates that the temple is more than 1000 years old.

On the occasion of completion of 1000 years of its inception of the Jain temple, a grand function has been organised from 1st to 8th October 2014 at Ladnun. To commemorate the event, a Special Cover was released on 1st October 2014 by Shri M. L. Rajpurohit, Sr. Supdt. of Posts, Nagaur City, Shri Rajesh Paharia, General Secretary, Philatelic Society of Rajasthan, Shri Subhash Patni, Secretary, Ladnun Bara Jain Temple Trust at Ladnun PO. Members of Philatelic Society of Rajasthan, Ladnun Bara Jain Mandir trust and India Post employees along with press representatives were present also on the occasion. 'My stamp' on world famous Saraswati Statue situated in temple was also released with the Special Cover. Later in evening Local MLA Shri Manohar Singh and Shri M. P. Patni, President, Ladnun Bara Jain Mandir Trust re-released the cover for sale at venue which was covered live by Paras Channel and Ahimsa channel.

The cover with 'Saraswati Statue My Stamp' along with information sheet is available at Rs 35.00 per cover and with other commemorative stamp and information sheet at Rs 15.00 per cover. Postage at actual is extra.



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