



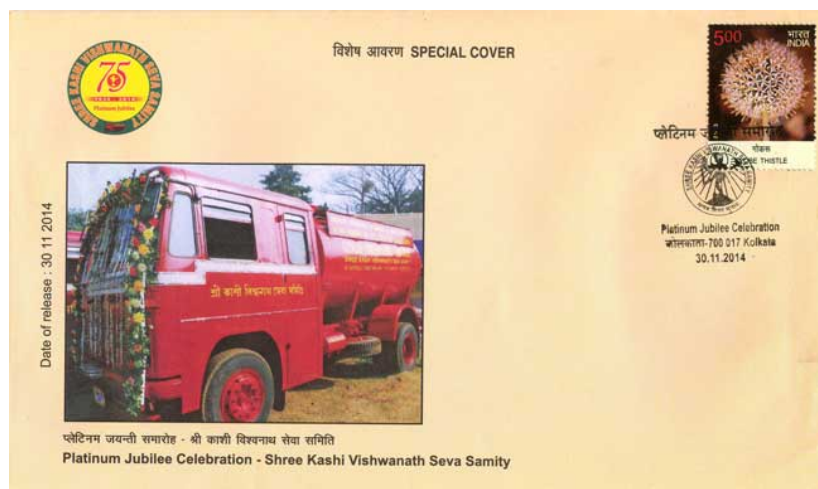
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Special Cover on Platinum Jubilee Celebration of Shree Kashi Vishwanath Seva Samiti – 30th November 2014.

Shree Kashi Vishwanath Seva Samity was established in the year 1939 as a Social Welfare Organisation to provide various special services to the people at large, in Kolkata and nearby districts. It maintains a fleet of water tankers, engaged for supplying filtered drinking water to hospitals and to gatherings of social, religious, political and other nature. It provides valuable services to Gangasagar pilgrims during Sankranti and to yatris going to Tarakeswar, organises relief camp during flood and earthquake and runs free homeopathy dispensary.

On the occasion of Platinum Jubilee Celebration of Shree Kashi Vishwanath Seva Samiti, a Special Cover was released by West Bengal Postal Circle on 30th November 2014. West Bengal Governor Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi released the Special Cover in presence of Ms. Arundhati Ghosh, Chief Postmaster General, West Bengal Postal Circle at Kala Mandir, Kolkata. (Special Cover approval no. WB/13/2014)



Courtesy: Suresh Rao, Bangalore | [The Telegraph](http://www.the-telegraph.com)

Special Cover on Founding Conference of National Confederation of Unites (NCU) - 30th November 2014.

With a view to address various employee-related issues, a national confederation of the Union for ITeS Professionals (UNITES) has been launched. 'Founding Conference of National Confederation of Unites (NCU)' a national level organisation of IT/ITES employees was held on 30th November 2014 at Hyderabad. The conference was launched by Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Minister of State for Labour & Employment. The conference was attended by about 300 members of the union from across the country.

On the occasion a Special Cover was released by Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Minister of State for Labour & Employment in presence of Shri B. V. Sudhakar, Post Master General, AP & TS Circle and Christopher NG, Regional Secretary of the Union for ITeS Professionals (UNITES) at Secunderabad on 30th November 2014.



Courtesy: Sagi Srinivas Raju, Hyderabad | [The Hindu](http://www.thehindu.com)

Special Cover on 50 Years of Academic Excellence of Lokmanya Tilak Medical College, Sion - 29th November 2014.

Lokmanya Tilak Medical College and Hospital is one of the premier medical institutions of India and proudly recognized nationally and internationally. It was started in 1947 with 10 beds initially, which has now grown into multi-specialty hospital with more than 1,400 beds. On 30th November 1964 Lokmanya Tilak Medical College was established with the first batch of 60 students.

Lokmanya Tilak Medical College and Hospital is the first major referral hospital and caters to all trauma and disasters from both major highways. It was the first Trauma Service in the country and possibly in Asia, which has been on a constant 'state of alert' for disasters. This hospital is a nodal center amongst the medical services of the Disaster management plan in the civic context. It has many firsts to its credit like human milk bank, skin bank and first emergency coronary stenting.

A special cover was released to mark 50 Years of Academic Excellence of Lokmanya Tilak Medical College on 29th November 2014 at Mumbai. (Special Cover approval no. MH/30/2014). The cover depicts the Hospital and college buildings and the College logo and the special cancellation depicts the team work logo of the hospital.



Commemorative Stamp on Sagol Kangjei (Manipuri Polo) - 29th November 2014.

Origins of Polo can be traced to origins in Manipur State c. 3100 B.C. when it was played as Sagol Kangjei. Sagol means pony / horse, kang means a ball or round object, and jei is a stick used for hitting. The game is played between two teams with 7 players on each side mounted on Ponies which are often not more than 4/5 feet in height. Each player is equipped with a polo stick made of cane having a narrow angled wooden head fixed at the striking end. The ball is made from bamboo root. The mounted players hit the ball into the goal. Manipuri polo symbolises the immense cultural heritage of the state, and great efforts have been put made to raise the standard of this popular game.



British Army Officer Lt Joseph Ford Sherer had taken one Manipuri Polo Team to Calcutta (now Kolkata) on 30th January, 1864 for an exhibition match for the first time and a full fledged first polo match was played by British officers and after refinement; it was adopted by the International Community and is now played worldwide as Polo.

This year is the 150th anniversary of the Manipuri Sagol-Kangjei or polo team's first visit to Calcutta in 1864, an event which was responsible for the evolution of the game of Polo from Sagol Kangjei. On the occasion the Manipur Horse Ridding & Polo Association (MHRPA) organized 8th Manipur Polo International 2014 tournament at Mapal Kangjeibung, Imphal from 22nd to 29th November 2014, as part of the Manipur Sangai Festival, the biggest tourism festival of the state. Two Indian teams along with seven foreign teams from Poland, Thailand, United States, South Africa, England, Mongolia and France took part in the tournament.

India Post issued a Commemorative Stamp on Sagol Kangjei on 29th November 2014 on the occasion of 150th anniversary of the Sagol-Kangjei team's first visit to Calcutta. The Stamp was released by Shri K. K. Paul, Governor of Manipur just before the start of the final match of the Manipur Polo International 2014 between India B (Manipur) and South Africa on the last day of International Polo Tournament at Mapal Kangjeibung, Imphal. The release function was attended by Shri P.K. Swain, Chief Postmaster General, North East Postal Circle and Manipur Legislative Assembly Speaker Th Lokeshwar among other dignitaries.

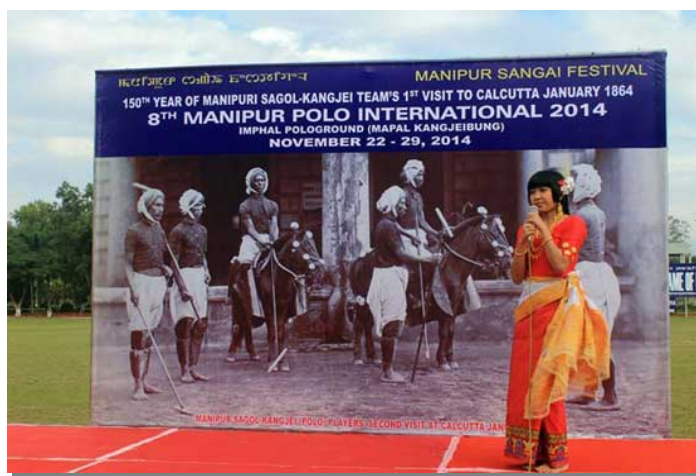


Photo Courtesy: Manipur Times | [E-Pao](#)

Commemorative Stamps on India - Slovenia Joint Issue - 28th November 2014.



On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, India Post and Post of Slovenia issued a set of two stamps to mark Universal Children's Day. Throughout the world Children's day is celebrated on different days. In India it is celebrated on 14th November while in Slovenia it is celebrated on 20th November. Both the countries issued joint issues on 28th November 2014.

Every year Department of Post is organising Design a Stamp Contest across the country. 'A Day with my Grandparents' theme was chosen for the competition held in November 2013. The first, second and third prize winning entries were selected for designing the Postage Stamp, FDC and the information brochure respectively. The design on the stamp is based on the painting by Master Roshan V. Anvekar and depicts Indian child with grandparents. The First Day Cover design is based on the painting by Miss Anamika Ann Maria and the information brochure portrays a design based on the painting by Master Theerdha Gopakumar K. Painting Competition was organised for the children of Slovenia during the Shankar's International Children Competition. The winner of the competition was Miss Sara Živković. The stamp design of Slovenia Post is based on her painting which depicts Slovene Children.

Indian Stamps are in denomination of Rs. 25 and Rs. 5 each (Miniature Sheet) while Stamps of Slovenia are in denomination of 0.60 Euro and 0.34 Euro. Slovenian Stamps are available in Sheet of 16 (8 x 2) se-tenant pair and printed at Poštovní tiskarna cenin Praha, Czech Republic.

Kovaipex - 2014, District Level Philatelic Exhibition at Coimbatore - 27th - 29th November 2014.

Kovaipex - 2014, Coimbatore District Level Philatelic Exhibition was organized at Tamilnadu Agricultural University Campus, Coimbatore from 27th to 29th November 2014. It featured exhibits in 144 frames holding collections of many young and senior philatelists. During the exhibition two special covers were released on 28th November 2014.



Special Cover on Silver Jubilee of Vivekalaya Group of Institutions, Coimbatore - 27th November 2014.

Vivekalaya is an institution that functions on a greater principle, one that echoes, love, compassion, understanding and acceptance of those who are different. Our growth has been an organic one. We have stayed true to our vision to provide education and an opportunity to learn to all, no matter ability. It has been our aim to empower, enrich and encourage children to enjoy and engage in their learning.

To commemorate Silver Jubilee of Vivekalaya Group of Institutions, a Special Cover was released on 27th November 2014 at Kovaipex – 2014.



Special Cover on 40 years of Aroma Group of Companies, Coimbatore - 28th November 2014.

Aroma Group was founded in the year 1972 by Dr. R. Ponnusamy, a first generation entrepreneur hailing from Kalampalayam in Coimbatore District. The name “Aroma” which means fragrance denotes that all the products under the name Aroma will bear the quality that the name denotes. The organizations under the umbrella brand “Aroma” are Sri Mahalaxmi Dairy, Aroma Bakery and Sri Mahalaxmi Bakery. On the occasion of 40 years of services of Aroma Group a Special Cover was released, featuring products of the group. (Special Cover approval no. TN/22/2014)



Special Cover on Golden Jubilee year (1964-2014) of Mail Motor Service, Coimbatore - 28th November 2014.

Mail Motor Service in Coimbatore was started on 01.07.1964 with a fleet strength of just four tempo three wheeler vehicles to serve 29 post offices. At present, it has increased its strength to nineteen vehicles. The main function of this unit is to keep the vehicles in roadworthy condition and ensure timely conveyance of mails between post offices and Railway Mail Service Offices. Logistics Post Service, a premium service of the Department of Posts is attached to this unit to generate business and the product is well marketed by this unit. A Special Cover was released on the occasion of Golden Jubilee of Mail Motor Service in Coimbatore. The cover depicts the fleet of Mail Motor Service. (Special Cover approval no.TN/20/2014)



Special Cover on 40 Years of K. G. Hospital, Coimbatore - 29th November 2014.

K. Govindaswamy Naidu Medical Trust; which runs the KG Hospital; was founded in 1974 by K. Govindasamy Naidu, a leading industrialist and philanthropist from Coimbatore. Started as a 25-bed hospital in 1974, the hospital is today a 200-bed multi-specialty high-tech hospital offering a variety of healthcare services.

The Hospital, today, has on call more than 250 doctors, 800 nurses and Para-medical staff and is equipped with sophisticated diagnostic facilities like MRI and 3D CT scanner. The hospital is the third center in India to have successfully conducted a Cadaver Kidney transplant. K.G. Hospital has the unique distinction of having the World's Fastest and Asia's First 128 Slice Heart CT Scanner.

To commemorate 40 years of services of K. G. Hospital, a Special Cover was released on 29th November 2014 at Kovaipex-2014.



Courtesy: Viswas Menon, Madikeri | Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram | [The Hindu](#)

Kochipex-2014, Philatelic Exhibition at Vyttila, Kochi - 27th - 28th November 2014.

Kochipex-2014 was organised by Ernakulam and Aluva Postal Division on 27th and 28th November 2014 at Sahrudaya Campus Anchumury Ponnurunni, Vyttila, Kochi - 682 019. The two-day exhibition showcased the collections of special invitees and the competitors. Professor K.V. Thomas, MP of Ernakulam inaugurated the exhibition on 27th November 2014 in presence of Tony Chammany, Mayor of Kochi and Shri M Venkateswarlu, Postmaster General, Central Region, Kochi, Kerala Circle. During the exhibition philatelic quiz, painting and letter writing competition were also held for school children.

On 27th November a Special Cover on Golden jubilee year of 'Sahrudaya,' Welfare Services Ernakulam, under the aegis of Ernakulam-Angamaly archdiocese was released. The origin of the Welfare Services Ernakulam (WSE) falls back on 31st October 1965 as a result of the church's concern for the socially and economically disadvantaged, irrespective of cast, creed or religion. It is the social work wing of Archdiocese of Ernakulam. 'Sahrudaya' has been doing a marvelous job in helping the destitute across the state of Kerala for the past fifty years, with a unique vision put forth by the founder Cardinal Joseph Parecattil. (Special Cover approval no. KL-17/2014)

On 28th November a Special Cover on celebrated centenarian and jurist Shri V R Krishna Iyer was released on the occasion of his 100th birthday celebrations. (Special Cover approval no. KL-18/2014)

Vaidyanathapura Rama Krishna Iyer (b. 15 November 1914), popularly known as Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer, is a former judge in the Supreme Court of India. He was born at Vaidyanathapuram near Palakkad. In 1952, he was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly; in 1957, he became a minister in the first Communist government in Kerala, serving until 1959. Having been the minister of law, power, prisons, irrigation and social welfare in the Government of Kerala, he was instrumental in bringing about many significant changes in these sectors. In 1973, he was sworn in as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India. He was conferred with Padma Vibhushan in the year 1999.



विशेष लिफाफा SPECIAL COVER



'सह्रुदय' - सामाजिक कार्य केंद्र / 'SAHRUDAYA' - SOCIAL WORK CENTRE
कोच्चीपेक्स / KOCHIPEX 2014
27 - 28 नवंबर November 2014



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शतावु श्री. वी.आर. कृष्ण अय्यर / CENTENARIAN SHRI V.R.KRISHNA IYER
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Courtesy: Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram | [The Hindu](#)

Special Cover on 25 Years of Mothers Milk Bank - 27th November 2014.

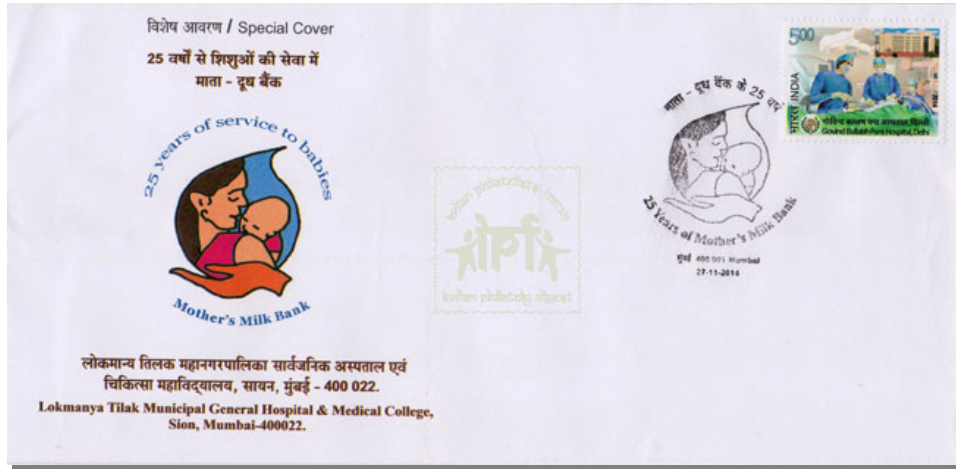
An estimated 1.3 - 4.5 million childhood deaths every year are attributed to suboptimal breast feeding practices. In India, death rate of newborns in the first month is among the world's worst-43 per 1000 live births. Breast milk is the best source of nutrition for the babies. Many women are not able to breastfeed because of a lack of awareness about proper breastfeeding methods, complications during pregnancy or malnutrition.

WHO and UNICEF, made a joint statement in 1980: "Where it is not possible for the biological mother to breast feed, the first alternative, if available, should be the use of human milk from other sources. Human milk banks should be made available in appropriate situations." A human milk bank is vital for premature babies who require temporary intervention in cases of delayed lactation, illness of the mother or even abandonment. Donation of breast milk from one woman to an unrelated infant has a long history. Before this century, the infant would have been directly breastfed by the woman who was referred to as a "wet nurse". Rules governing wet nursing have been around since 1800 BC. For example, Devki for Lord Krishna, Dharavu for Sambhaji Maharaj, and the well known incidence of Hirkani from Raigad fort. A mother's milk is tailor-made for a human baby. No other source of milk has such anti-infective properties.

A human milk bank is a service established for collecting, screening, processing, storing and distributing donated human milk. There are 517 human milk banks functioning across the world. Asia's first human milk bank was established in Sion Hospital Mumbai on 27 Nov. 1989, under the eminent guidance of Dr Armeida Fernandez, who is a pioneer in the human milk banking in India. Since then, some 25 human milk banks have been established across India. The milk collected (with the help of breast pumps) from donor mothers, who are pre-screened for various diseases such as HIV and hepatitis, is

pooled, cultured and then pasteurized for half an hour and then frozen at minus 20°C. It can last six months and proves a boon for sick and abandoned babies.

On 27th November 2014, Sion Hospital (Lokmanya Tilak Municipal General Hospital & Medical College) celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the First Human Breast Milk bank in India by felicitating its founder Dr. Armida Fernandez. A Special Cover was released by Maharashtra Postal Circle to commemorate 25 Years of Mothers Milk Bank on 27th November 2014 at Mumbai. (Special Cover approval no. MH/29/2014)



Special Cover on Vadodara Chamber of Commerce & Industry (VCCI), Vadodara - 27th November 2014.

G.I.D.C. Industrial Estate was established at Makarpura, Vadodara City in the mid 1960s. This gave rise to a number of small industries. Makarpura Industrial Estate Association was formed in the year 1969. As the saying goes “UNITY IS STRENGTH” and the Association’s membership stood at 100 members. In 1976, the name was changed to “Makarpura Industrial Area Association”. As the Association became more and more popular among trade and industrial circles, other industries in and around the city also started taking keen interest in the activities, and in 1981, the name was changed to “Vadodara Chamber of Commerce & Industry”. Today, the Chamber has membership of over 2000 industries in and around Vadodara and VCCI enjoys confidence and co-operation of all Associations, Industrial and Commercial in the city and regular interactions and meetings are organised to deliberate on important issues concerning the growth of Small Scale Industries.

VCCI exhibitions of industrial and allied products, in Vadodara are the best source for micro, small and medium enterprises as well as for international exhibitors, to promote their work and connect with the best businesses. So far eight exhibitions have been organized by VCCI. The 9th VCCI Exhibition of Industrial and Allied Products and Services is organized in Vadodara from 27th November to 1st December 2014 at Navlakhi Ground, Rajmahal Road, Vadodara.

On the inaugural day of VCCI Exhibition, a Special Cover was released by Shri Vineet Mathur, Postmaster General, Vadodara region on 27th November 2014 at Vadodara.





Special Cover on Forest Research Institute (FRI) Dehradun - 24th November 2014.

India is one of the First countries in the world to have stated scientific management of its forests. During the year 1864 the then British India Government started the Imperial Forest Department and appointed Dr. Dietrich Brandis, a German Forest officer Inspector General of Forests in 1866. In 1906, the Forest Research Institute came into existence. Silviculture was one of the five research disciplines to have been started at the initiation of forestry research at the institute. The role of Silviculturist becomes of paramount importance in the institute. The Silviculture discipline has made various efforts to mitigate many of the problems through research.

Started in 1918, the successive National Silvicultural Conferences have been providing an important forum for forest managers, forest scientists and other stakeholders of the country to come together, discuss issues of mutual interest, highlight emerging issues and concepts related to forest management, report research results and new techniques, identify gaps and underline the research needs, strike collaborations, and stay updated on developments in the field of forest management. Foresters, scientists, farmers, wood based traders and industrial entrepreneurs, miners, and other related stakeholders have found these conferences and their outcomes to be a valuable source of information on current and developing trends in silviculture and for guiding management of forests.

The 13th National Silviculture Conference was organized at Forest Research Institute, Dehradun from 24-28 November 2014, in our endeavour towards making forest management in the country more effective and more responsive to the changing demands on forests.

Uttarakhand Postal Circle issued a Special Cover during the 13th Silviculture Conference to mark the 150 years of organised Forestry in India (1864-2014) on 24th November 2014 at Dehradun. The special cover/cancellation was designed by Abhai Mishra / Rajesh Verma of Dehradun. (Special Cover approval no. UK/06/2014)





Courtesy: Abhai Mishra, Dehradun

One Day Philatelic Exhibition at Thiruvananthapuram - 21st November 2014.

The 13th Sir C V Raman memorial inter-school Science competitions and Scinde Dawk Memorial Philately Competitions was organized in Sree Narayana Central School, Thiruvananthapuram on 21st November 2014, which included science and philately exhibition, quiz, painting and investigatory project for the students of CBSE, ICSE, Kerala State board as well as for schools under Venad Sahodaya. G S Jayalal MLA inaugurated the science exhibition and Thomas Lourduraj, Director, Postal Services, inaugurated the Philately exhibition. Dr. Sreeja, associate professor, Department of Zoology, S N College, Kollam, presided the function.

Courtesy: [The New Indian Express](#)

Special Army Cover on the occasion of the presentation of President's Standards to 115 Helicopter Unit and 26 Squadron of Indian Air Force - 21st November 2014.

The Hon'ble President of India and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, awarded the prestigious President's Standard to 115 Helicopter Unit and 26 Squadron in a grand ceremonial parade held at Air Force Station Tezpur on 21st November 2014. The President's Standard is awarded to Operational Units based on their past record of performances and achievements during peace and hostilities. The Commanding Officer of 115 Helicopter Unit, Wing Commander AP Deshpande and Commanding Officer of 26 Squadron, Wing Commander S Prabhu received the Standards.

115 Helicopter Unit, raised on 1st April 1967, is endowed with a glorious history and a rich operational legacy. Its active participation in the Indo-Pak war of 1971 had won them many accolades. Due to its renowned and remarkable role in Disaster Relief Operations during natural calamities, the Unit was aptly christened as 'The Hovering Angels'. The Unit's history is replete with tales of courage, valour and sacrifices.

26 Squadron (Warriors) was formed on 1st January 1968 at Adampur. Since its inception, it has etched numerous tales of valour and fortitude as a frontline fighter Squadron of the Indian Air Force. The Warriors also played a very active role in the Indo-Pak war 1971 providing close air support to Indian Army. The Squadron actively participated in the Kargil conflict of 1999 and was responsible for guarding northern skies during Op Prakaram.

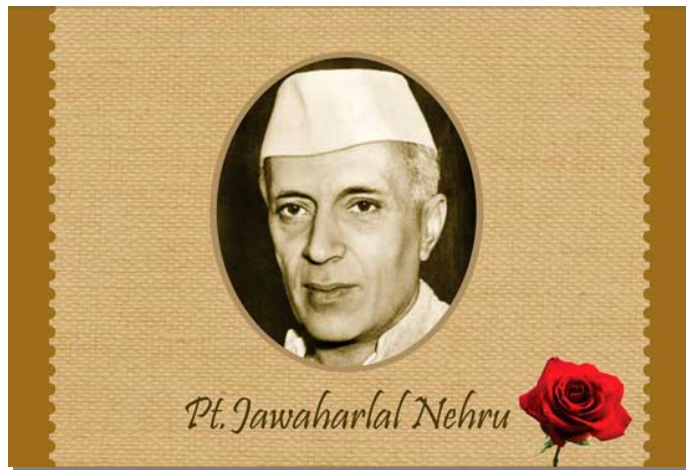
On the occasion the President, Shri Pranab Mukherjee released a Special Army Cover at Tezpur, Assam on 21st November, 2014 in presence of the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha.

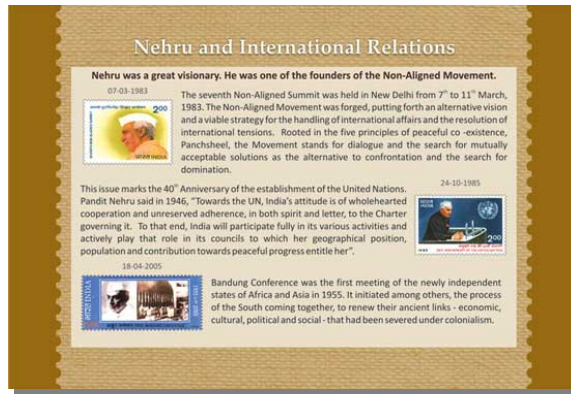


Courtesy: PIB

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Booklet issued on the occasion of his 125th Birth Anniversary.

On the occasion of the 125th Birth Anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Department of Posts brought out a collection of stamps issued on Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The booklet was released on 14th November 2014. This booklet contains original stamps issued on Jawaharlal Nehru since 23.10.1985. It is priced at Rs. 1000. The booklet is designed by Nenu Gupta and is available online at [Snapdeal](http://Snapdeal.com) Portal.





Malappurampex - 2014, Philatelic Exhibition - 19th - 20th November 2014.

Malappurampex - 2014, Malappuram District Level Philatelic Exhibition held on 19th and 20th November 2014 at DTPC Hall, Kottakunnu, Malappuram, Kerala.

A Special Cover on the occasion of Malappurampex - 2014 was released on Conolly's Plot on 19th November 2014. The Cancellation depicts the hanging bridge on Chaliyar River. (Special Cover approval No. KL-16/2014)

Nilambur in the Malappuram district is situated close to the Nilgiris range of the Western Ghats on the banks of the Chaliyar River. It is about 40 Km. from Malappuram. Conolly's Plot, the oldest Teak Plantation in the world is 2 km from Nilambur Town. The plot was named in memory of H. V. Conolly, then Malabar District Collector, between 1841 and 1855 during the British Rule, who was instrumental in planting teak in the entire Nilambur area. The longest Hanging Bridge in Kerala, across the river Chaliyar will take one to the Conolly plot.



Special Cover on World Diabetic Day – 17th November 2014.

World Diabetes Day is celebrated on November 14th—the birthday of Frederick Banting, whose work with Charles Best led to the discovery of insulin in 1921. The day was first introduced in 1991 to raise awareness about diabetes: its causes, its prevention and the devastating effects it has on human lives and healthcare systems worldwide.

For creating awareness about Diabetes, a Special Cover was released by Karnataka Postal Circle on 17.11.2014 at Bangalore (Special Cover approval no. KTK/34/2014)



Cover Courtesy: Sushil Mehra, Bangalore

Special Cover on Dr. A. S. Rao, on the occasion of his Birth Centenary Celebration - 16th November 2014.

The Union Minister for Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu along with the Minister of State for Labour and Employment (Independent Charge), Shri Bandaru Dattatreya released a Special Cover on Dr. A.S. Rao on his Birth Centenary Celebrations at Hyderabad on 16th November, 2014. Shri B. V. Sudhakar, Chief Postmaster General, Andhra Pradesh Postal Circle was also present on the occasion.

Ayyagari Sambasiva Rao (popularly known as A. S. Rao) (b. 1914 – d. 2003) was an eminent Indian scientist and founder of the Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL), Hyderabad. Shri Rao represented India at many international conferences on scientific development including UN conferences on peaceful uses of atomic energy. He also served on the editorial and advisory boards of many scientific journals including many international journals of repute. He was awarded Padma Shri in 1960.





Courtesy: [The Global Innovations](http://TheGlobalInnovations.com) | Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram

'Philately Mahotsav', Philatelic Exhibition at Mahrajganj, UP - 16th November 2014.

One Day Philatelic Exhibition was organized at Pandit Deendayal Inter College, Mahrajganj, UP on 16th November 2014. On the occasion Shri Deo Brata Tripathi, Sr. Superintendent of Post Offices, Gorkhpur Division, Shri Sardar Singh Yadav, Senior Postmaster, Gorakhpur, Shri Sandeep Chaurasia, President, Gorakhpur Philately Club and philatelists Shri A. K. Singh, Shri Raman Kumar Mandal, Shri Anil Gupta, Shri Ambrish Pandey were present. Many School children visited the exhibition. My Stamp Counter was also opened at the venue. Philatelic Workshop was organised for students by Sandeep Chaurasia, Raman Kumar Mandal and Ambrish Pandey and philatelic kits were presented to the students by Gorakhpur Philately Club. On the occasion a quiz competition was also organised by the Members of Gorakhpur Philately Club.

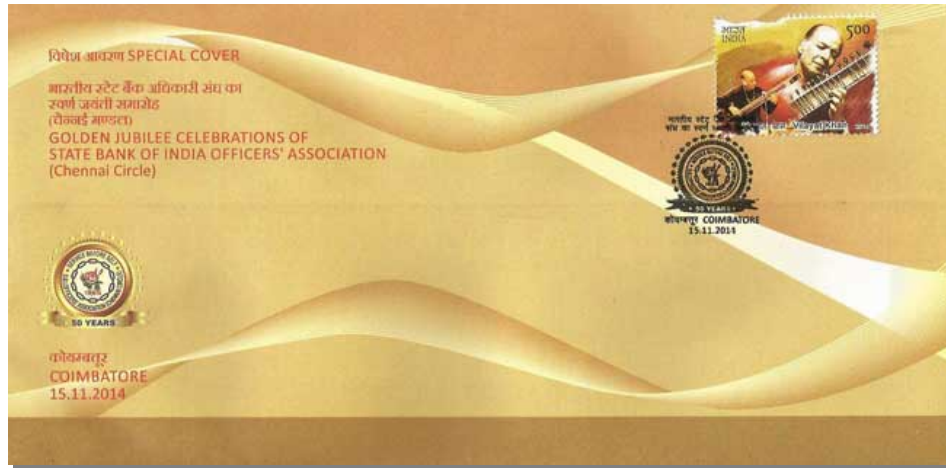


Courtesy: Sandeep Chaurasia, Gorakhpur

Special Cover on Golden Jubilee Celebrations of State Bank of India Officers' Association, Chennai Circle - 15th November 2014.

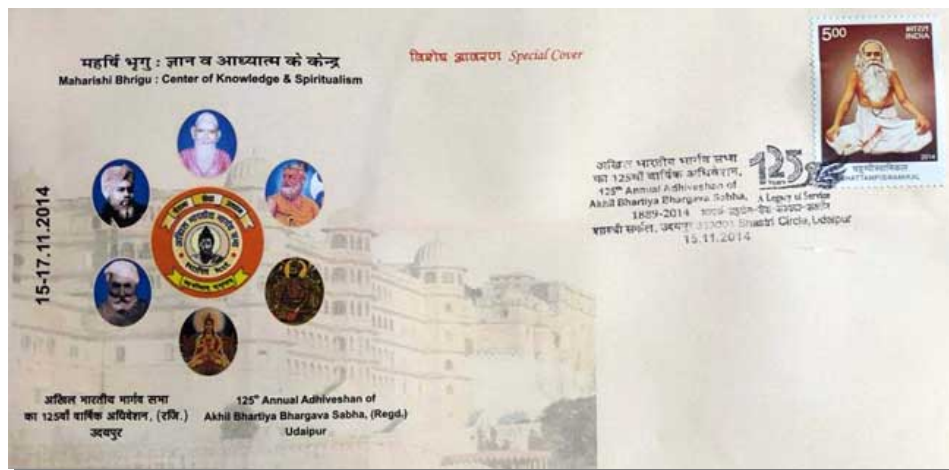
State Bank of India Officers' Association (SBIOA), the Saviour and Protector of the Supervising and Managerial staff viz, officers of the State Bank of India was formed in 1965. It is a registered Trade Union of the S.B.I Officers working in the three states of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Pondicherry. Motto of the State Bank of India Officers Association (Chennai Circle) is Service before Self.

On the occasion of Golden Jubilee Celebrations of State Bank of India Officers' Association, Chennai Circle a Special Cover was issued on 15th November 2014 at Coimbatore.



Special Cover on 125th Annual Conference of Akhil Bhartiya Bhargava Sabha - 15th November 2014.

125th Annual Conference of Akhil Bhartiya Bhargava Sabha was held at Udaipur from 15th to 17th November 2014 at Udaipur. To mark the occasion a Special Cover was released on 15th November 2014 at Udaipur.



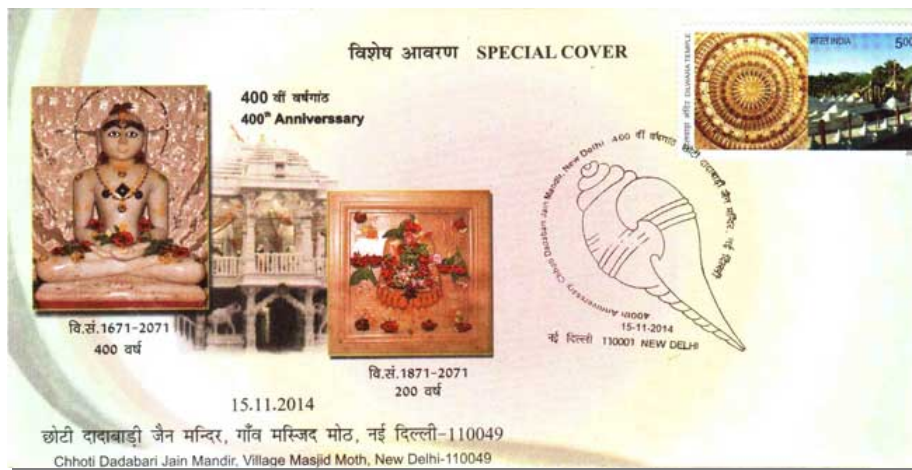
Courtesy: Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram

Special Cover on 400th Anniversary of Chhoti Dadabari Jain Temple, New Delhi - 15th November 2014.

Chhoti Dadabari Jain Temple located in South Extension-II, Masjid Moth, New Delhi is an example of modern Jain architecture in India.

A Special Cover and Special Cancellation Cachet was ceremoniously released by Shri Ashok Kumar, Director- New Delhi G.P.O. in the august presence of Hon'ble Shri Pravesh Sahib Singh Verma, M.P. and Shri Lalit Kumar Nahata, the Convenor of Special Cover Committee, on 15th November, 2014 at Chhoti Dadabari Jain Mandir, South Extension Part-II,

New Delhi on the historic occasion of 400th Anniversary of Anjan Shalaka Pratistha of idol of Jain Teerthankar Bhagwan Neminath ji as well as 200th Anniversary of annointantion of pious Foot Prints (Pujaniya Charan Paduka) of famous Jain Acharya, Dada Gurudev Shri Jin Kushal Suriiji M.S.



Courtesy: Dr. Pankaj Kumar Agarwal, Noida | Sudhir Jain, Satna

Special Cover on Golden Jubilee of K. B. N. College, Vijayawada - 14th November 2014.

Philatelic & Numismatic Welfare Association, Krishna District, Vijayawada organised Nuphila Expo - 2014 an exhibition cum sale of stamps, coins and currency notes from 14th to 16th November, 2014 at K.B.N. College, Kothapet, Vijayawada - 520 001.

During the Expo a Special Cover on Golden Jubilee of Kakaraparti Bhava Narayana College, Vijayawada was released. College emblem is used as a special cancellation on cover. This symbolizes college is the sacred temple of learning, consciously devoted, in pursuit of the ideal. The Sun rays, the book and the burning lamp represent the divine attributes which aim in dispelling darkness and spreading light. (Special Cover approval no. AP/15/2014)

K. B. N. College was established in 1965 in Vijayawada. It has bagged many laurels to its credit and created many responsible citizens. Its reputation speaks of the endeavors to excel in offering the best education to all classes of students and moulding them into future leaders.



Courtesy: Sagi Srinivas Raju, Hyderabad

Special Cover on Karnataka Rajyotsava - 14th November 2014.

Kannada Rajyotsava or Karnataka Formation Day is celebrated on 1st November every year. This was the day in 1956 when all the Kannada language-speaking regions of South India were merged to form the state of Karnataka. The Rajyotsava day is listed as a government holiday in the state of Karnataka and is celebrated by Kannadigas across the world.

59th Karnataka Rajyotsava was celebrated in the state on 1st November 2014. On the eve of the 59th Karnataka Rajyotsava, the state government issued a special gazette notification to change the names of following 12 cities and towns of Karnataka.

Old Name	New Name
Bangalore	Bengaluru
Belgaum	Belagavi
Bellary	Ballari
Bijapur	Vijayapura
Chikmanglur	Chikkamagaluru
Gulbarga	Kalaburagi
Hospet	Hosapete
Hubli	Hubballi
Mangalore	Mangaluru
Mysore	Mysuru
Shimoga	Shivamogga
Tumkur	Tumakuru

To commemorate Karnataka Rajyotsava, a special cover was issued by Karnataka Postal Circle on 14th November 2014. (Special Cover approval no. KTK/33/2014)

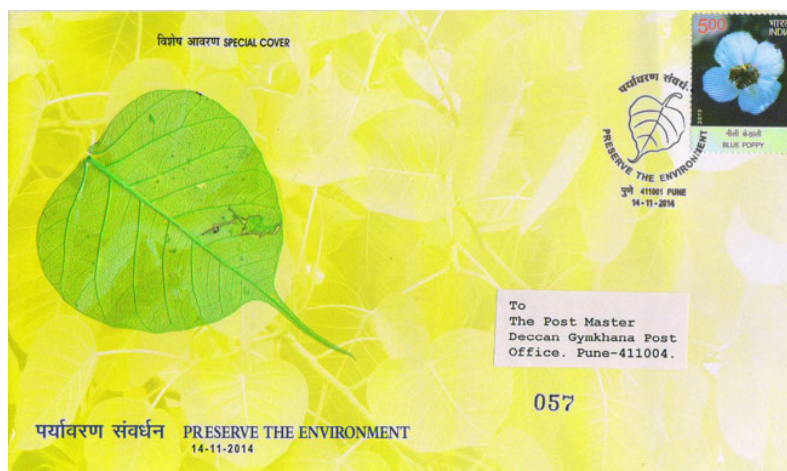


Cover Courtesy: Sushil Mehra, Bangalore

Special Cover on Preserve the Environment – 14th November 2014.

International Collectors' Society of Rare Items, Pune organized a philatelic exhibition 'Phila-Coinex Pune 2014' at Sonal Hall, Next to Garware College, Karve Road, Pune from 14th to 16th November 2014.

A Special Cover released was released on the occasion on 14th November 2014 at Pune. The cover promotes environmental preservation. It was jointly released by International Collector's Society of Rare Items, Pune and Department of Posts, Maharashtra Postal Circle. Pictorial Cancellation and cover shows a Peepal Leaf.



Courtesy: Sushil Mehra, Bangalore

Special Cover on Centenary Celebration of the Government Model Primary School, Maragodu - 14th November 2014.

The Government Model Primary School at Maragodu, Madikeri was started in the year 1914. To commemorate 100 years of dedicated service in the field of education, a Special Cover was released at Madikeri on 14th November 2014. (Special Cover approval no. KTK/32/2014)

The cover depicts the school premises and building along with the 100 years logo with the alphabets 'Aa' and 'Aaa' in Kannada script. The special cancellation also depicts the alphabets 'Aa' and 'Aaa' in Kannada script on the pages of an open book.



Courtesy: Viswas Menon, Madikeri

Ananthapuripex-2014, Thiruvananthapuram District Level Philatelic Exhibition at Thiruvananthapuram - 13th - 14th November 2014.

Thiruvananthapuram District Level Philatelic Exhibition 'Ananthapuripex-2014' was organised by Thiruvananthapuram North Postal Division on 13th and 14th November 2014 at Bhagyamala Auditorium, Chandrasekharan Nair Stadium, Palayam, Thiruvananthapuram.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Smt. K Chandrika, Mayor of Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation. During the inaugural function, a Special Cover on 125 years of first Anchal Stamps was released by Smt. Sumathi Ravichandran, Postmaster General, Mails and Business Development, which was received by Mayor Smt. K Chandrika. The Special cover was brought out to mark the completion of 125 years of the release of Anchal Stamps. (Special Cover approval no. KL-13/2014)

The former Indian State of Travancore had an independent Postal system called Anchal Service. In 1861 (1036 Malayalam Calender Era) Ayilyam Tirunal Maharaja opened the Anchal System to the public. The first adhesive Anchal stamps of denominations 1 Chakram, 2 Chakrams and 4 Chakrams were introduced on 16.10.1888 during the reign of Sree Moolam Tirunal Maharaja. The special cover depicts photos of the Anchal stamps, with Chakram in Malayalam, Padmanabhaswami Temple, The Kings procession etc. in the background. The special cancellation depicts line drawing of the Randu Chakram stamp.



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On 14th November 2014 a Special Cover on 150 years of Fort Mission Girls' High School was released by Shri A Thomas Loudraj, Director of Postal Services (HQ). The cover was received by Smt. Helen Violet L R, Headmistress, Fort Mission Girls' School. (Special Cover approval no. KL/14/2014)

Fort Girls' Mission High School, Thiruvananthapuram was founded by Ms. Augusta Mary Blanford of Church of England Zenana Missionary Society on 3rd November 1864 with the blessings of Ayilyam Tirunal Rama Varma. The school was initially known as "Vadake Kottaram Pallikkoodam" and later changed as Zenana Mission School. On its elevation to the status of Girls' High School in 1951, its name was changed as Fort Girls' Mission High School.





India created history by becoming the first country in the world to reach the red planet's orbit in the first attempt and also became the first Asian country to have sent its space craft successfully into Mar's orbit. The Mars Orbiter Mission - Mangalyaan was launched on 5th November 2013 and after completing its ten month long journey, it was successfully put into Martian orbit on 24th September 2014.

The valedictory function witnessed the release of a Special Cover on Mangalyaan Indian Mars Orbiter Mission. The Special cover was released by Smt. Sumathi Ravichndran, Postmaster General, Mails and Business Development. The cover was received by Padmashree M. Chandradathan, Director, Vikram Sarabhai Space Center, Thiruvananthapuram, who was responsible for the launch of the Indian Mars Orbiter Mission, Mangalyaan. (Special Cover approval No. KL/15/2014) The cover depicts the Mangalyaan launcher, the Mars and the Indian Flag. The Special Cancellation depicts the Mars Orbiter between Earth and Mars.

Awards and prizes were given to prize winners at the valedictory function. Various competitions were also conducted during the exhibition. The exhibition also gave the public a chance to feature on stamps through 'My Stamp' facility.



Courtesy: Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram | Viswas Menon

India Post pays tribute to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on the occasion of his 125th Birth Anniversary.

On the occasion of the 125th Birth Anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications & IT is bringing out a collection of stamps issued so far showcasing India's First Prime Minister. Pt. Nehru is the architect of modern, independent India whose thoughts and ideas have left an indelible imprint on the national psyche and continue to be of relevance even today.

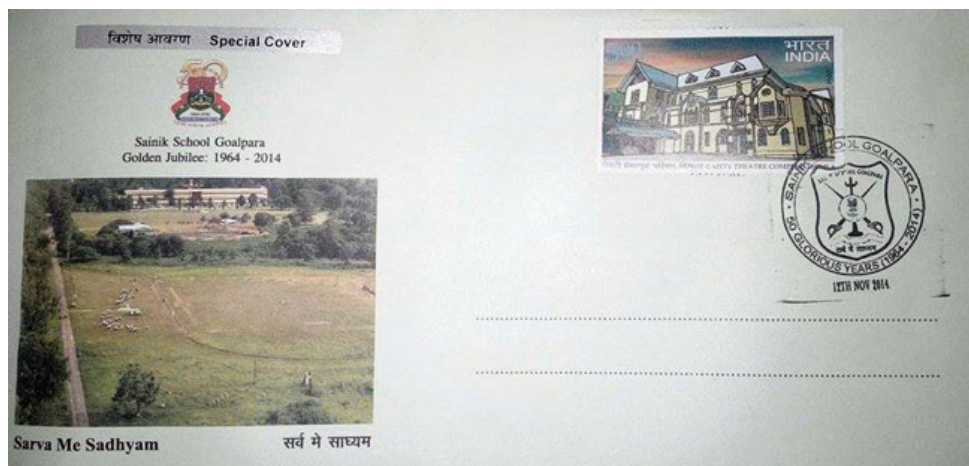
Department of Posts salutes the vision of Pandit Nehru by bringing out this collection which contains some of the most beautiful and evocative stamps capturing him in a variety of moods.

Courtesy: [India Post](#)

Special Cover on Golden Jubilee of Sainik School, Goalpara, Assam – 12th November 2014.

Sainik School, Goalpara initially started its operation from a temporary campus at Goalpara town and late on in the year 1976 it was shifted to its permanent campus in Mornoi, situated 18 km from Goalpara town en route capital Guwahati. It was established on 12th November, 1964 under the Ministry of Defence. It is a residential school for boys, providing Public School Education with an aim to prepare them to join Defence Services. It is affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi. The Primary aim of the school is to prepare boys academically, physically and psychologically for entry into the National Defence Academy (NDA) at Khadakvasala, Pune. The motto of this school is 'Everything is Possible'. The idea of sainik schools were presented by the then defence minister V. K. Menon in 1961.

A Special Cover was released to mark the Golden Jubilee of Sainik School, Goalpara. The cover was released by Assam Chief Minister Shri Tarun Gogoi at the Golden Jubilee celebration function held at its School Campus, Goalpara on 12th November 2014.



Cover Courtesy: Vishal Sanaganeria, Guwahati

Commemorative Stamp on UTI (Unit Trust of India) - 12th November 2014.

To mark UTI's Golden Jubilee Year, the Hon'ble Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad released a Commemorative Stamp at the function held at Hotel Leela Palace in Delhi on 12th November, 2014. Ms Anjali Devasher, Member PLI, Postal Services Board, Department of Posts and Mr Leo Puri, Managing Director, UTI AMC were present on the occasion.



UTI was set up by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and functioned under its Regulatory and administrative control. It commenced its operations from 1st February, 1964 with the objective of mobilizing savings of the community and providing the small investors with a means of acquiring a stake in the industrial growth of the country. The first scheme launched by UTI was Unit Scheme 64. UTI Mutual Fund is a SEBI registered mutual fund whose Sponsors are State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda and Life Insurance Corporation of India. UTI Mutual Fund is one of the largest mutual funds in India with investor accounts of 9.58 million under its 128 domestic schemes / plans as on September 30, 2014.

On 1st February, 2014, UTI completed 50 years of its glorious journey in pioneering wealth creation. 50 years marks a major milestone in the history of UTI and its eventful journey over the past 5 decades has been chronicled in UTI's Coffee Table Book which was unveiled on 2nd February, 2014.



Photo Courtesy: PIB

Special Cover and Customised 'My Stamp' to commemorate 150 years of the Eden Gardens - 11th November 2014.

Eden Gardens cricket ground in Kolkata is the home of the Bengal cricket team and the Indian Premier League's Kolkata Knight Riders, as well as being a venue for Test, One Day International and Twenty20 International matches. The largest cricket stadium in India by seating capacity, it is widely acknowledged to be one of the most iconic cricket stadiums in the world. Eden Gardens has been called "cricket's answer to the Colosseum".

To commemorate the 150th year of inception of the historic Eden Gardens of Kolkata a Special Cover and Customised 'My Stamp' were released at the function organized by the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) at the Eden Gardens. The Stamp has an image of Eden Gardens. Customised Stamp was also released bearing portrait of CAB President Shri Jagmohan Dalmiya, former head of the world cricket governing body ICC and its India affiliate BCCI to mark his contribution. (Special Cover approval no. WB/12/2014). A Special Folder was also issued by CAB for Special Cover depicting Eden Gardens in front, Photographs of Leading Cricketers of Bengal and Stamps issued on cricket on inner side and photograph of Shri Jagmohan Dalmiya on back. The Special Cover and folder has been designed by wellknown philatelist Shri Dipok Dey of Kolkata.

The function was graced by the legendary spin trio - Bishan Singh Bedi, EAS Prasanna and Bhagwat Chandrasekhar - as also former Indian skippers Ajit Wadekar, Dilip Vengsarkar, Sourav Ganguly, West Indies' fast bowling great Michael Holding etc.

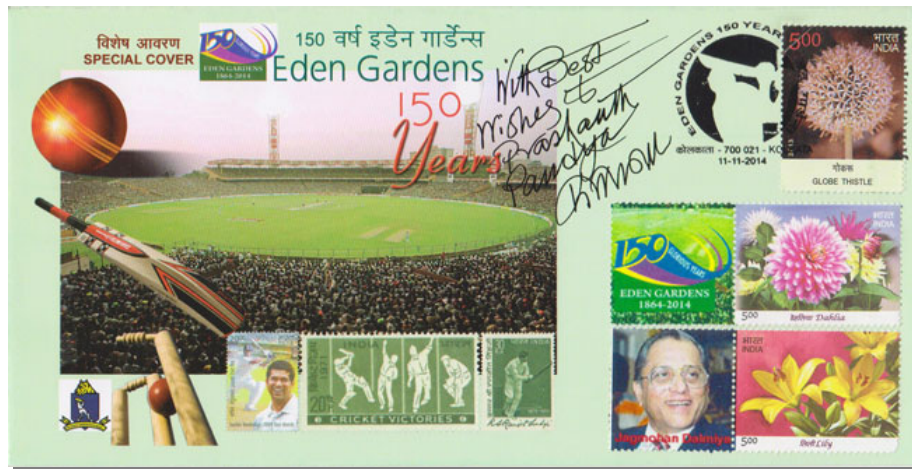


Photo Courtesy: Rediff.com | The New Indian Express | Dipok Dey, Kolkata

Philatelic Exhibition 'Cheluvu Kannada Nadu: Karnataka in Philately' at Bangalore - 1st - 10th November 2014.

Philatelic Exhibition depicting the visual history of Karnataka was organized by Karnataka Postal Circle with the co-operation of Karnataka Philatelic Society at 'Vismaya' Hall of MG Road Metro Station, Bangalore from 1st to 10th November 2014. 20 Frames on 'Karnataka Theme' from the collections of Shri Mahalingeshwar Athani, Shri M. R. Prabhakar, Shri Jagannath Prakash, Shri Girish, Shri Prakash Chandra, Shri Jagannath Mani and other members of Karnataka Philatelic Society were exhibited during the exhibition.

Karnataka Postal Circle and M. G. Road, Metro felicitated Shri Mahalingeshwar Athani, Senior KPS member on 10th November, the last day of the function at MG Road Metro.



Courtesy: Jagannath Mani, Bengaluru.

Special cover on Felicitation to Winners of Commonwealth Games & Asian Games, Bangalore - 6th November 2014.

Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Government of Karnataka felicitated players of Karnataka who participated and won medals in Commonwealth Games 2014 held in Glasgow and Asian Games 2014 held at Incheon, South Korea.

A Special Cover was issued by Karnataka Postal Circle to mark the felicitation to Winners of Commonwealth Games & Asian Games at Bangalore on 6th November 2014. (Special Cover approval no. KTK/31/2014)



Courtesy: Suresh Rao, Bangalore

Special Cover on Birth Centenary of KSN Adiga - 5th November 2014.

Karnataka Bank Limited, a leading Scheduled Commercial Bank in India, was incorporated on 18th February, 1924 at Mangalore. KSN Adiga was an important personality associated with the Karnataka Bank, who served as Chairman from 1958 to 1979 and from 1980 to 89. Born on 5th November, 1914, KSN Adiga's association with the bank began in 1945 as a Director on the board.

Karnataka Bank celebrated the birth centenary of KSN Adiga, former chairman of the bank, on 5th November 2014 at its Corporate Office near Mahaveera Circle, Mangaluru (Mangalore). As part of the celebration, the bank released a special cover and a customized my stamp on 5th November 2014. Shri M. S. Ramanujan, Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Postal Circle, handed over the Special cover and My Stamp to the former Prime Minister Shri H.D. Deve Gowda. D. Surendra Kumar, former Director of the Bank, Ananthakrishna, Chairman of the bank, and other family members of KSN Adiga were present during the programme. The bank also opened its 625th branch at Kakkunje village (birthplace of KSN Adiga) in Udipi district of Karnataka on 5th November to commemorate his birth centenary.



Photo Courtesy: [The Hindu](#)

Commemorative Stamp on Liver Transplantation in India - 4th November 2014.

The Department of Posts released a commemorative stamp on Liver Transplantation in India on 4th November 2014 on the occasion of 15 years of Liver Transplantation in India. The Stamp was released by Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Communications & IT in a function held at Hotel Lalit, New Delhi. Shri S. K. Sinha, Member Postal Services Board and Dr. Pratap C. Reddy Chairman Apollo Hospital Group were also present in the function.



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The only definite treatment for liver failure is a liver transplantation. During a liver transplant, the diseased liver is removed and replaced with a healthy one. The first successful Liver Transplantation was performed on a child in 1967. Since then, there has been tremendous progress in the complicated process of liver transplantation, which in 1983 was confirmed to be a valid procedure in cases of end stage liver disease (ESLD), in a consensus by the National Institutes of Health. The first successful liver transplantation in India was performed at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi on 15th November, 1998 and since then around 4,500 such transplants has been done in the

The liver performs various functions that are essential for the well being of the body. Two types of liver transplant are possible: living donor transplant and cadaveric transplant. In living donor transplant, a portion of the liver is removed from a healthy person and placed into the patient. Since the liver has the capacity to regenerate, both the donor and the recipient liver portions grow to a normal size in a few weeks. In a cadaveric transplant the donor is a brain dead person.



Photo Courtesy: PIB

Special Cover on 'WAZA 2014 - Biodiversity is Us' - 3rd November 2014.

Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Shri Prakash Javadekar released the Special Cover on WAZA 2014 - Biodiversity is Us jointly with Shri Vasumitra, Chief Postmaster General, New Delhi at the inauguration of 69th Annual Conference of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) on 3rd November, 2014 at The Ashok Hotel, New Delhi. (Special Cover approval no. DEL/11/2014)

The goal of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) is to guide, encourage and support the zoos, aquariums and like-minded organisations of the world in animal care and welfare, environmental education and global conservation.

69th Annual Conference and Technical Congress of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) is held at The Ashok Hotel, New Delhi from 2nd - 6th November 2014. Over 180 participants from 35 different countries have taken part in the 69th Annual Conference of World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) to discuss the growing importance of biodiversity conservation. The conference theme coincides with the WAZA campaign 'Biodiversity is Us', a project run by WAZA and its members around the globe. It aims to educate and inspire the world's zoo and aquarium visitors to take action for biodiversity.



Photo Courtesy: PIB | Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram

Special Cover on Second death anniversary of Late Shri Kailashpati Mishra - 3rd November 2014.

On the second death anniversary of Late Shri Kailashpati Mishra, Department of Posts issued a Special Cover on 3rd November 2014 at Patna. Union Law, Justice, Communications and IT Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, released the Special Cover jointly with BJP leaders Shri Murli Manohar Joshi, Syed Shah Nawaz Hussain, Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh, Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan, and other BJP leaders at the function held at Shri Krishna Memorial hall, Patna. Shri Radha Mohan Singh thanked for issuing a special cover on Shri Kailashpati Mishra, and requested to issue a commemorative stamp on the departed leader by next year.

Shri Kailashpati Mishra (b. 5 October 1923 – d. 3 November 2012) was a leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party and a former Governor of Gujarat and for a short duration Governor of Rajasthan. He was born in Dudharchak, Buxar, Bihar, into a Bhumihar Brahmin family. He was a bachelor and popularly called the "Bhishmapitamah" of Bihar. He was affiliated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh from 1944 onwards, and was jailed after the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi. He took part in the Quit India Movement in 1942 and was arrested for the same and was a member of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh from 1943. He won the Assembly election for Bikram Patna, and was Finance Minister in Bihar Government. Mishra was also appointed Bihar's finance minister in 1977-78 when the Janata Party government was in power.



Cover Courtesy: Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram

Special Cover on Diamond Jubilee of National Federation of Postal Employees - 2nd November 2014.

The Post and Telegraph Trade Union movement initiated in India during 1905 later became recognised as National Federation of Post and Telegraph Employees (NFPTE) on 24th November 1954 after years of uncompromised struggles and sacrifices for the benefit of the whole working class in general and P & T employees in particular. Consequent upon separation of P&T Department, to Department of Posts and Department of Telecommunications in February 1986, NFPTE was bifurcated to National Federation of Postal Employees (NFPE) and National Federation of Telecom Employees (NFTE).

As an affiliate of National Federation of Postal Employees, New Delhi, the All India Postal Employees Union, Group-C, Bhubaneswar Divisional branch celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of National Federation of Postal Employees on 2nd November 2014 at NALCO Auditorium, Bhubaneswar. The Diamond Jubilee celebration was inaugurated by Sri Jual Oram, Hon'ble Union Minister, Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India as Chief Guest.

To mark the Diamond Jubilee of National Federation of Postal Employees a Special Cover was released by Sri Jual Oram, Hon'ble Union Minister, Tribal Affairs on 2nd November 2014 during Diamond Jubilee Celebration function held at Bhubaneshwar. (Special Cover approval no. OD/09/2014)





Courtesy: Ankit Agrawal, Pune

Assampex - 2014, Assam State Level Philatelic Exhibition, Guwahati - 1st - 2nd November 2014.

Assampex-2014, State Level Philatelic Exhibition organized by Assam Postal Circle at Don Bosco School Auditorium, Pan Bazaar, Guwahati was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Shri B.B. Dave, Chief Postmaster General, Assam Circle, in presence of Dr. Mridul Hazarika, Vice Chancellor of Guwahati University who was the guest of honour on 1st November 2014.

During the exhibition stamp design competition and philatelic quiz competitions have also been organized to motivate children and students. 32 philatelists from all over the Assam state have participated in the exhibition. Well known philatelists Shri Dipok Dey and Shri Madhukar Deogawanka are the members of Jury at the Exhibition.

Five Special Covers on Assam Tourism, 100 years of Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Guwahati, Centenary Celebration of MCME School, Guwahati, Platinum Jubilee year of Handique Girl's College Guwahati and GLP Social Circle, Guwahati were released on 1st November 2014. One Special Cover on 37 Years of Marwari Yuva Manch, Guwahati Branch was released on 2nd November 2014.

In addition to Pictorial Special Cancellations, normal date cancellations with name of exhibition and place "Assampex-2014/01.11.2014/Guwahati-781 001" in two different sizes were also provided during the exhibition.





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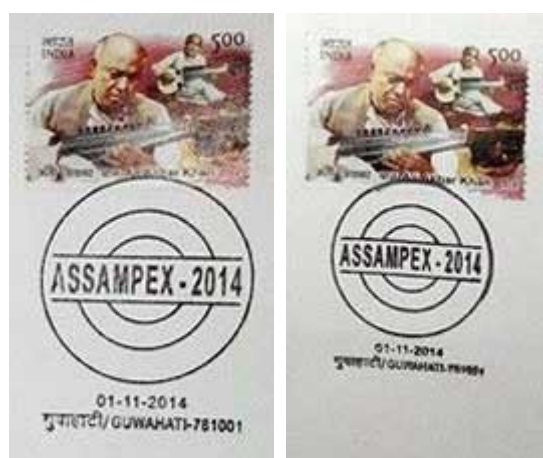
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