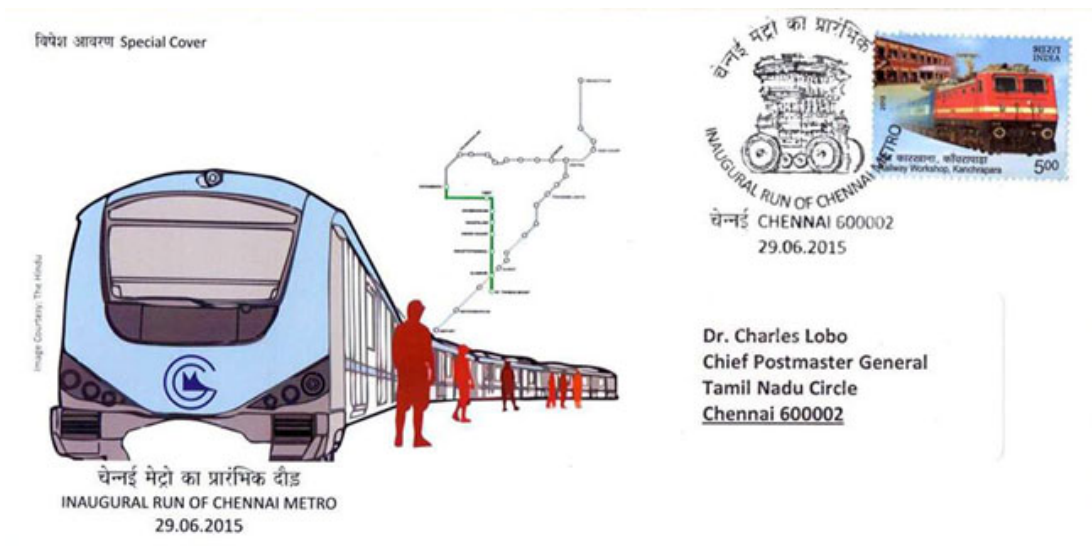


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Special Carried Cover on Chennai Metro Rail – 29th June 2015.

The Chennai Metro Rail was inaugurated by Tamilnadu Chief Minister J. Jayalalitha, from her office via video conference on 29th June 2015. Steered by A. Preethi, a 28-year-old woman and a diploma holder in engineering, the first train of the Chennai Metro Rail started from Alandur Station and headed to Koyambedu, a 10.1 km stretch which takes an hour by road. The train covers the distance in 19 minutes, with a 30 second halt at each station. Each Chennai Metro Rail train can carry about 1,200 people.

To commemorate the inaugural run of Chennai Metro Rail between Koyambedu and Alandur, Tamilnadu Postal Circle released a Special carrier cover featuring the Chennai Metro Rail design and route etc. (Special Cover approval no. TN/17/2015) The special cover was released by Shri Mervin Alexander, Postmaster General, Chennai City Region. Special covers were carried during the first journey of the new train. Design of the special cover was taken from The Hindu newspaper. Back side of cover carries information about passenger capacity of each train, speed, travel time and number of stations etc. and delivery marks.





Courtesy: [The Hindu](#) | [SAPost](#)

Special Cover on Shri B. Ramachandra Adityan – 28th June 2015.

B. Ramachandra Adityan was a managing editor of Malai Murasu, popular Tamil evening newspaper. He was the eldest son of Daily Thanthi founder Si. Balasubramania Adityan. He was also instrumental in launching weeklies and magazines such as Devi, Kanmani and Penmani and Tamil daily Kathiravan. Mr. Adityan played a vital role in rescuing Tamilnad Mercantile Bank after the bank went out of the control of Nadar community to the Essar group in 1990s. The Nadar communities were the original promoters of TMB. He passed away on 16th October 2013 due to prolonged illness.

A special cover was released in memory of B. Ramachandra Adityan at Kayamozhi in Tuticorin district by J. Charukesi, Post Master General, South Zone, Madurai and was received by Mr. R. Sarath Kumar, Tenkasi MLA on 28th June 2015.





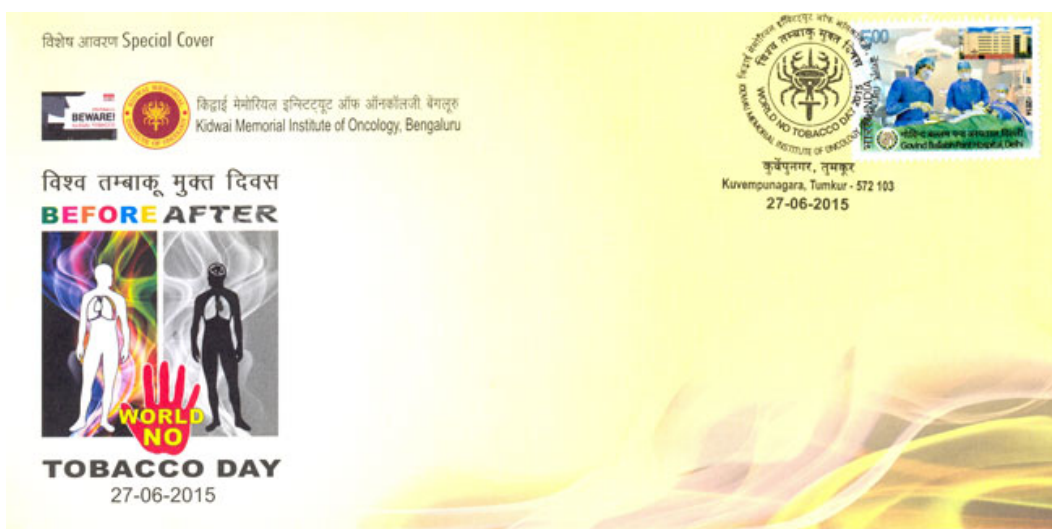
Courtesy: Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram | [The Hindu](http://www.thehindu.com)

Special cover on World No Tobacco Day – 27th June 2015.

World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) is observed around the world every year on May 31. It is intended to encourage a 24-hour period of abstinence from all forms of tobacco consumption around the globe. The day is further intended to draw attention to the widespread prevalence of tobacco use and to negative health effects.

Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology (KMIO), Bengaluru is named after the man with a vision for cancer, Shri Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, who donated 20 acres of land. Established in 1973, the Centre was accorded autonomous status in 1980. The Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology being a Regional Cancer Centre is catering to the needs of cancer patients from Karnataka and neighbouring States. Anti-tobacco Cell is involved in bringing about awareness among different categories of persons in the community on the harmful effect of tobacco usage through education wherever possible.

Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology organized an awareness rally in Tumkur to spread awareness about the ill-effects of tobacco among youth on 27th June 2015. To commemorate this event a special cover was released at Tumkur on 27th June 2015. (Special Cover approval no. KTK/46/2015)



Courtesy: Suresh Rao, Bengaluru

Special cover on Golden Jubilee Celebrations of S. S. Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, Panaji – 27th June 2015.

Dempo Charities Trust's S. S. Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, Panaji was established in 1966 and affiliated to Bombay University as the first commerce college in the newly liberated Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu. The college was initially set up by the Goa Education Society under the chairmanship of the late Vasant Rao Dempo, founder chairman of the Dempo Group of Companies and recipient of the Padmashree award, with the then chief minister Late Dayanand Bhandarkar as the vice-chairman. In 1972, the college which was housed in the Lyceum complex, now the Panaji Bench of the Bombay High Court, was named after the father of the founder-chairman as Srinivasa Sinai Dempo College of Commerce and Economics. In 1987, the management of the college was taken over by the Dempo Charities Trust with members of the Dempo family as Trustees. The college was relocated to the Serra building in 1993. Today, the college has diversified its academic programs and has introduced MCom, BBA, Post-Graduate Diploma in Event Management and M. A. in Tourism and Heritage Management.

On the occasion of Golden Jubilee year celebration of S. S. Dempo College of Commerce & Economics a special cover was released at the hands of Her Excellency Governor of Goa Mridula Sinha and Postmaster General, Goa Region Shri P. N. Ranjit Kumar at Panaji on 27th June 2015. On the occasion chairman of Dempo Charities Trust Shri Shrinivas Dempo, Vice Chancellor of Goa University Dr. Satish Shetye, leader of Opposition of Goa legislative Assembly Shri Pratapsingh Rane were also present.



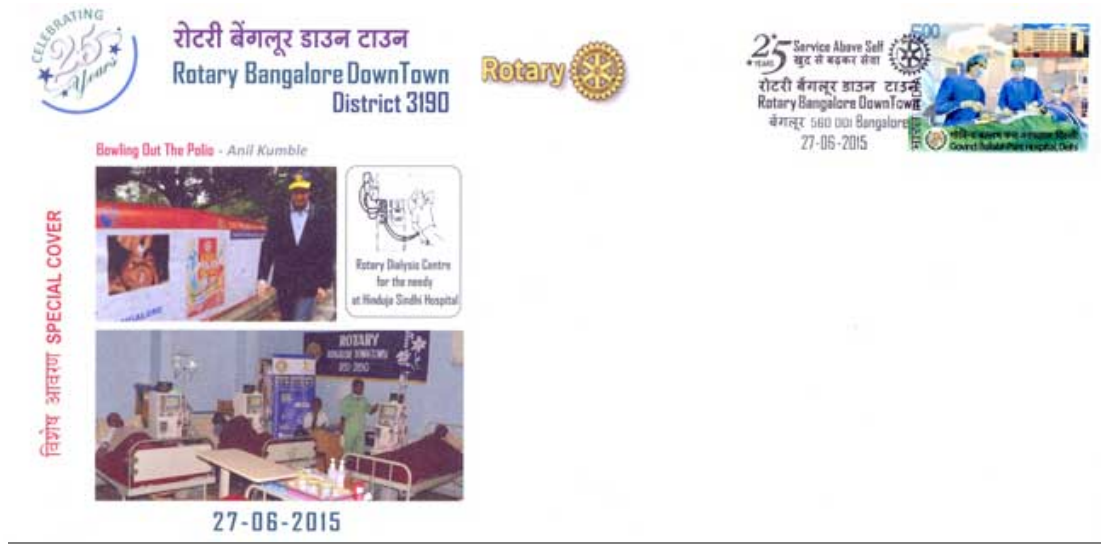
Courtesy: Prasad Barde, Goa

Special Cover on 25th Anniversary of Rotary Club of Bangalore, Downtown – 27th June 2015.

Rotary Club of Bangalore, Downtown was chartered on 27th June, 1990 and has completed 25 years. Very meaningful projects, which are highly beneficial to the community, have been taken up by the Rotary Club of Bangalore Downtown over the past 25 years, be it the very successful Haemo Dialysis Centre or the mid – day meal, the heart surgeries, the school projects.

Rotary Club of Bangalore, Downtown dialysis centre is first of its kind in Bangalore. It was first set up as an outpatient facility for the benefit of the needy patients. Subsequently it was shifted to P. D. Hinduja Sindhi Hospital. Now it provides state of art quality dialysis to needy patients, both free and at subsidized cost through contributions from both Rotarians and non-Rotarians. Since 2004, the Rotary Dialysis Centre has carried out more than 52,000 dialysis.

On the occasion of 25th anniversary celebrations of Rotary Club of Bangalore Downtown, a Special Cover was released at Bengaluru GPO in small function organized in the chamber of Chief Postmaster on 27th June 2015. (Special Cover approval no. KTK/47/2015)



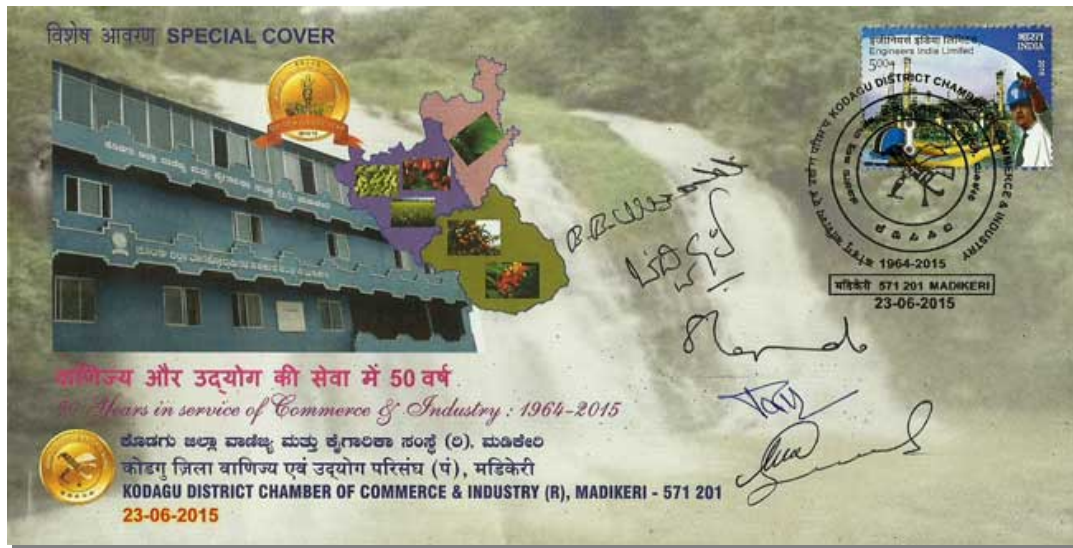
Courtesy: Suresh Rao, Bengaluru

Special Cover on Kodagu District Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Madikeri - 23rd June 2015.

Kodagu District Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Madikeri was established in the year 1964. It has been working for the past 50 years on the principle of Vyapari Dharma (Business Ethics). The chamber has around 28 branches in Kodagu with a membership of over 3500 members.

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of KDCCI, a Special cover was released by Shri S. Rajendra Kumar, Postmaster General, South Karnataka at a function organized by the Chamber of Commerce at Valley View Hotel, Madikeri, Kodagu Madikeri on 23rd June 2015 (Special Cover approval no. KTK/45/2015). Shri Praksah, President and Mrs. Monty Ganesh, Secretary, Shri Chidvilas, Past President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry and other members of the CCI were also present on the dais.

The special cancellation depicts the logo of the chamber of commerce and industry featuring the traditional weapons of Kodagu the rifle, the 'Vedtu Kathi' and the 'Peechi Kathi'.



Courtesy: Viswas Menon, Madikeri

New Philatelic Advisory Committee (PAC) reconstituted.

A philatelic Advisory Committee (PAC) functions in the Department of Posts to advise the Government about the issue of Commemorative/Special Postage Stamps and other allied matters of philately including formulation of guidelines for issue of such stamps to ensure philatelic value of the stamps when issued. It is a recommendatory body. The terms of each non-official member of this committee is for a period of two years from the date of issue of the notification, or until further orders, whichever is earlier. It functions under the chairmanship of Hon'ble MOC & IT. This committee comprises



official members from the Department of Posts, Department of Economic Affairs and certain non-official members who are selected by a set procedure. They comprise Members of Parliament, eminent philatelists and prominent personalities from the fields of Art and Culture.

New Philatelic Advisory Committee has been reconstituted by Government of India for the terms of two years in the month of May 2015.

Shri Babul Dey, an artist and philatelist from Kolkata has been selected as the committee member of Philatelic Advisory Committee this year. Shri Dey is younger brother of renowned philatelist Shri Depok Dey of Kolkata.

Born in a Bengali cultural family on 20th January 1958 Shri Babul Dey has obtained Master's Degree in English Language and Literature from Calcutta University. He studied painting under the guidance of Prof. Chittaranjan Das and elder

brother Dipok Dey. By profession Shri Babul Dey is an Artist and have exhibited paintings in various shows and has won several Gold medals in Art Competitions. He is a founder member and Secretary of an art society - Fourth Dimension. He is regularly contributing articles on Art to the journals of repute. He is compiler, editor and author of 16 books in English and Bengali. He is an avid collector of rare books. He has wide ranging interests, especially about history of Indian art and culture and philately. Shri Dey was closely associated with India's foremost Philatelic magazine 'Stamps World', edited by Dipok Dey (now ceased publication). He is founder member of Bharatiya Daktkit Sangstha, Kolkata. He has participated in several philatelic exhibitions and has contributed articles on philately to various journals. He has also designed many special covers and cancellations for various exhibitions and events. Shri Babul Dey has designed the book 'Rabindranath Tagore and the Post Office: A Philatelic Tribute', edited by Shri Dipok Dey.

List of Philatelic Advisory Committee Members:

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18. Shri Bindheshwar Pathak (Sulabh Sanitation & Social Reform Movement, New Delhi)
19. Shri Satya Narayan (Patna)
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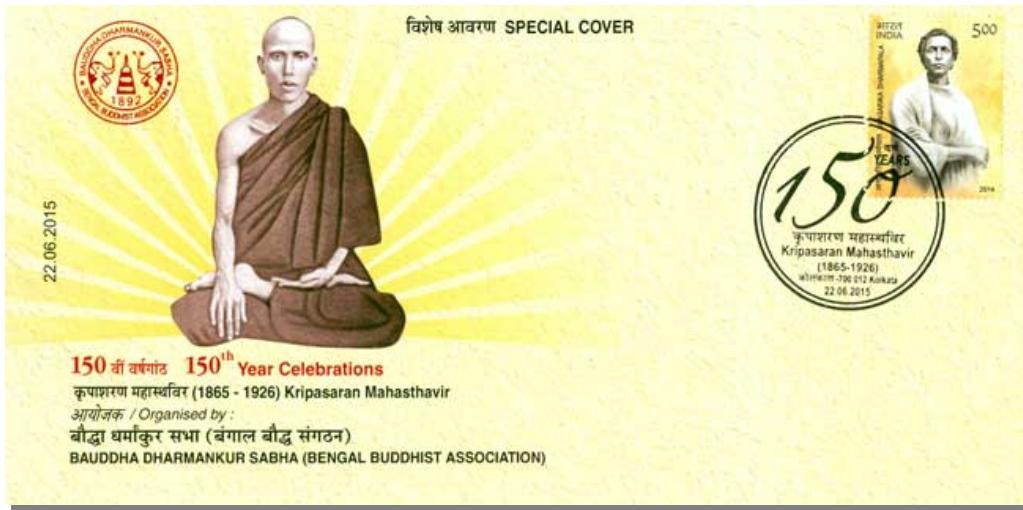
25. Ms. Anula Kumar (Deputy Director General, Philately, Dept. of Posts, New Delhi)

Special cover on 150th year celebrations of Kripasaran Mahasthavir - 22nd June 2015.

A Chittagong native Kripasaran Mahasthavir (1865-1926) who revived Buddhism in the east, with Kolkata as the hub of his activities was the founder of Buddha Dharmankur Sabha (Bengal Buddhist Association). He became a monk at 21 and came to Kolkata on way to Bodh Gaya. With the help of powerful admirers like Sir Ashutosh Mookherjee and Manindra Chandra Nandi, he established the Buddha Dharmankur Sabha at Bowbazar in 1892. Ven. Kripasaran took great pain not only in spreading the message of Lord Buddha, but also in starting the study of Pali in schools and colleges. A magazine 'Jagajyoti' that was started under Kripasaran's tutelage in 1908 continues to be published today and is considered to be a

living treatise in Buddhist studies.

A special cover was released at the closing ceremony function of 150th Birth Anniversary of Karmayogi Kripasaran Mahasthavir, by Ms. Arundhati Ghosh, Chief Postmaster General, West Bengal circle held at Bengal Buddhist Association, Kolkata on 22nd June 2015. (Special Cover approval no. WB/07/2015)



Courtesy: Suresh Rao, Bengaluru

Special Cover on Celebrations of Sri Ahobila Mutt, Srirangam – 22nd June 2015.

Sri Ahobila Mutt is a Sri Vaishnava religious institution established 600 years ago in a place called Ahobilam by Srimal Athivan Satakopan. The present Peetathipathi of Sri Ahobila Mutt, His Holiness Srimal Azhagiyasingar Srivan Sathakopa Sri Ranganatha Yattheendra Mahadesikan became the 46th Pontiff of Sri Ahobila Mutt. He took full charge of the Mutt with his Pattabhishekam held on 22nd May, 2013 at Srirangam.

The 60th birthday of the 46th Azhagiyasingar, Sri Ranganatha Yattheendra Mahadesikan, was celebrated as Shashtyabdha Poorthi Mahotsavam with a 5-day event from 18th June to 22nd June 2015 at Srirangam. On the occasion a Special Cover and My Stamp were released by Shri J.T. Venkateswarlu, Post Master General, Tiruchirappalli region which were received by Shri Parasaran, Member of Rajya Sabha. S. Rajagopalan, Chief Executive Officer of the Mutt and several devotees were present on the occasion.





Courtesy: The Hindu | Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram

Customised stamp on International Yoga Day from Brazil – 21st June 2015.



The Brazilian National Post launched customised postage stamp in honor of International Yoga Day, at an event held at SESC Vila Mariana, São Paulo (SP) on 21st June 2015. The issue launching ceremony was conducted by Vice President of Logistics and Postal Orders, José Furian Filho, and was attended by Ambassador of India in Brazil, Sunil Kumar Lal.

The stamp commemorates the ancient practice born in India who, over the centuries, was irradiated to other parts of the world, and highlights the gesture of joining hands in order to reflect the union of the individual consciousness with the universal consciousness, the perfect harmony between mind and body, between man and nature, within a holistic approach to health and wellness.

The stamp issue also highlights other symbols permeated with meaning: brown leaves refer to the earth element; green to nature; blue tone alludes to the fire element; and the sun, a little further up, breaks out as a source of energy and inspiration.



Courtesy: [Blog Dos Correios](#)

Personalised Stamp on International Yoga Day released by Hungary Post - 21st June 2015.

On 11 December 2014, the United Nations General Assembly declared 21st June as the International Day of Yoga. This day was observed in as many as 177 United Nation countries, including Hungary.



Embassy of India, Budapest had organized a large-scale event to celebrate first International Day of Yoga at The Bálna, Budapest on 21st June 2015. The event was opened by speech from Indian Ambassador to Hungary Shri Malay Mishra and Chief Guest Dr. István Simicskó Minister of State for Sports. Ms. Gaborne Kallai, Dy-Mayor of the 9th district and Dr. Laszlo Banyai, Senior Adviser to Dy-Mayor of Budapest Dr. Gabor Bagdy, Swami Vaishampayan were also present on the occasion.

On the occasion personalized postage stamp was released by Hungary Post to mark the International Day of Yoga by Mrs. Agnes Sarkozy, Director of Philately of the Hungarian Post (Magyar Posta).



Courtesy: [Embassy of India, Hungary](#)

Commemorative Stamps on First International Yoga Day released by Q-Post, Qatar – 21st June 2015.

The first International Day of Yoga celebration was hosted in Qatar jointly by Qatar's Youth and Sports Ministry and the Indian embassy on 21st June 2015 at Al Arabi Indoor Sports Stadium. The program was attended by senior officials and hundreds of residents of Qatar. More than one-hour programme featured a demonstration by nearly 200 yoga exponents, spearheaded by expert yoga trainer Madhav Gopal, from India to lead the events held as part of the celebrations in different venues in Qatar.

On the occasion the Q-Post launched a commemorative stamp in commemoration of the first International Yoga Day (IYD) which was jointly released by HE Mohamed bin Abdullah al-Rumaihi, Minister's Assistant for Foreign Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Shri Sanjiv Arora, Indian Ambassador to Qatar; and Faleh Mohamed al-Naemi, Chairman, Q-Post.





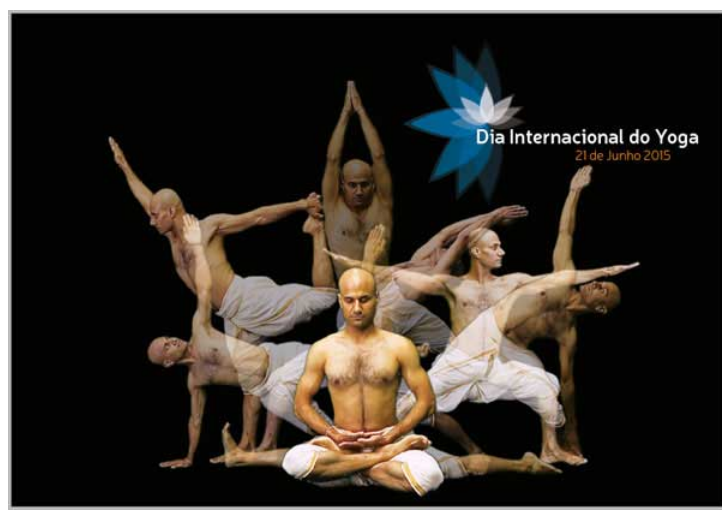
Courtesy: [Gulf Times](#)

Commemorative Postcard on First International Day of Yoga (India - Portugal Joint Commemoration) – 21st June 2015.

On 21st June, 2015, the Portuguese Yoga Confederation and the Embassy of India jointly commemorated the International Day of Yoga, with support from the City of Lisbon at the Prof. Moniz Pereira Stadium, Lisbon. The celebrations began with the message from the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, followed by a Global Yoga Class based on the Common Yoga Protocol developed in India.

On the occasion a Commemorative Postcard was released by CTT Correios de Portugal, honouring the event, in the presence of the Ambassador, Dr. Jitendra Nath Misra, Jagat Guru Amrta Súrýánanda Mahá Rája, President of the Portuguese Yoga Confederation, Mr. Jorge Máximo, Councilor for Sports and Information Systems in the Municipality of Lisbon and Director Sales, Dr. Jose Laia Henriques, CTT Correios de Portugal. A pictorial cancellation was also made available on the occasion.



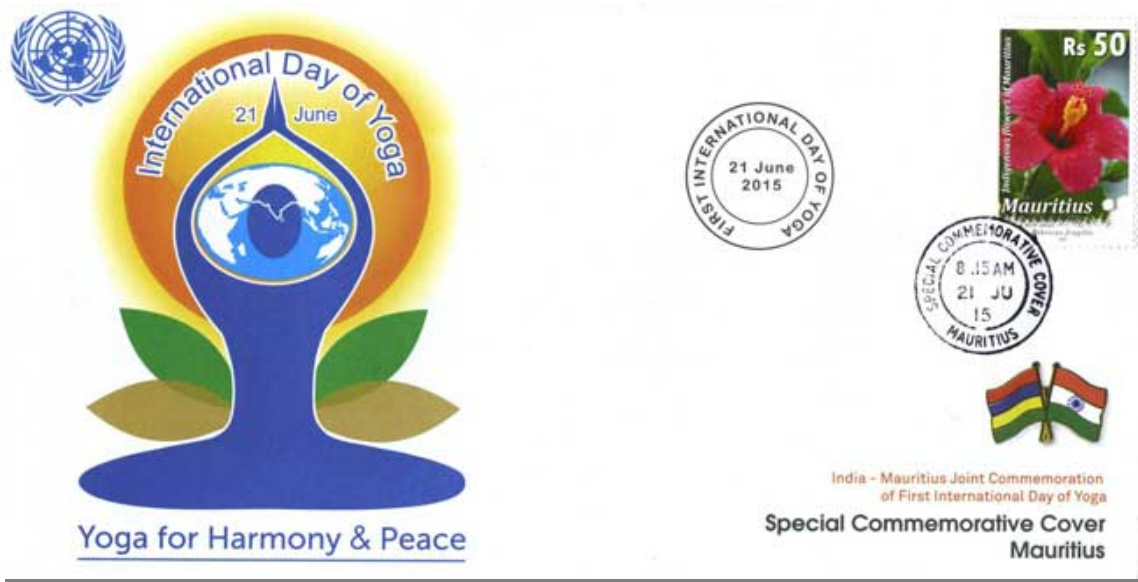


Courtesy: Indian Embassy, Portugal

Special Cover on First International Day of Yoga from Mauritius (India - Mauritius Joint Commemoration) - 21st June 2015.

A Special Commemorative Cover was released by the Sir Anerood Jugnauth, Prime Minister of Mauritius during the International Yoga Day celebration at the Swami Vivekananda International Convention Centre, Pailles, Mauritius on 21th June 2015. Lady Jugnauth, Anil K Gayan, Minister of Health and Quality of Life, Director General of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute, CEO of Mauritius Post, Shri Anup Kumar Mudgal, High Commissioner of India to Mauritius and leaders of various local socio-cultural organisations were among the other dignitaries present. 2000 enthusiastic Yoga practitioners from all over the country were present on the occasion.

The special cover contains an insert which carries the special IDY message of Prime Minister Sir Anerood Jugnauth, as well as an extract from Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi's UNGA address of September 2014. The cover has a high-denomination stamp (MUR 50/-), depicting a Hibiscus species endemic to Mauritius. The Hibiscus flower is also well known for its Ayurvedic healing properties.



Courtesy: Kaushik Dessai, Goa | High Commission of India, Port Louis

Special Cover on First International Yoga Day – 21st June 2015.

Derived from the Sanskrit word yuj, Yoga means union of the individual consciousness or soul with the Universal Consciousness or Spirit. Yoga is a 5000 year old Indian body of knowledge. Though many think of yoga only as a physical exercise where people twist, turn, stretch, and breathe in the most complex ways, these are actually only the most superficial aspect of this profound science of unfolding the infinite potentials of the human mind and soul.

As a part of International Yoga Day celebrations, Public Health Department of Goa released a Special Cover on First International Yoga Day on 21st June 2015 at function held at seminar hall of Secretariat, Porvorim, Goa. Special cover was released by Postmaster General, Goa Region Shri P. N. Ranjit Kumar in presence of Dy. Chief Minister of Goa State, Shri Francis D'Souza. (Special Cover approval no. MH/22/2015)



Courtesy: [Goa Info Media](#) | Prasad Barde, Goa

Commemorative Stamp on International Day of Yoga – 21st June 2015.



Yoga is a 5,000-year-old physical, mental and spiritual practice having its origin in India, which aims to transform both body and mind. On 11th December 2014, the United Nations General Assembly declared 21st June as the International Day of Yoga. The declaration came after the call for the adoption of 21st June as International Day of Yoga by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi during his address to UN General Assembly on 27th Sept., 2014 wherein he stated: "Yoga is an invaluable gift of India's ancient tradition. It embodies unity of mind and body; thought and action; restraint and fulfillment; harmony between man and nature; a holistic approach to health and well-being. It is not about exercise but to discover the sense of oneness with yourself, the world and the nature." 175 nations, including USA, Canada and China co-sponsored the resolution. It had the "highest number of co-sponsors ever for any UNGA Resolution of such nature."

In suggesting 21st June as International Day of Yoga, which is the Summer Solstice, as the International Day of Yoga, Shri Narendra Modi had said that, "the date is the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and has special significance in many parts of the world."

To mark the occasion of the first International Day of Yoga, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi released a commemorative stamp and a miniature sheet in denomination of Rs. 5 each at inaugural function of the International Conference on Yoga for Holistic Health held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 21st June, 2015. The Minister of State for

AYUSH (Independent Charge) and Health & Family Welfare, Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, the Minister of State for Finance, Shri Jayant Sinha, Baba Ramdev and other dignitaries were present at the release function.

The Prime Minister also released commemorative coins to mark the occasion of the first International Day of Yoga.



Courtesy: PIB

Special Cover on Dr. K. S. Shah Birth centenary year - 20th June 2015.

Dr. K. S. Shah was an eminent surgeon, social worker and a leader based at Jamnagar. He was one of the pioneering general surgeons of Saurashtra Region. He started the first private Surgical Hospital and Nursing Home at Jamnagar. He introduced to Jamnagar more than fifteen voluntary organisations as its founder, prominent amongst them were Rotary Club, Lions International, Youth Hostels Association of India, Red Cross, Indian Medical Association and Association of Surgeons of India. He also took active part in the formation of Jamnagar Municipality which later became the Jamnagar Municipal Corporation.

A special cover was released at the function organised at Jamnagar Head Post Office to mark centenary year of Dr. K. S. Shah on 20th June 2015. The special cover was released by Shri Ram Bharosa, Postmaster General, Rajkot Region in presence of Shri Dinesh Patel, Mayor of Jamnagar Municipal Corporation.

Special Covers can be ordered from Jamnagar HPO +912882676592 or Nirmal Foundation +919824040409.



Courtesy: Hitesh Choksi, Jamnagar | Jaydev Nancy, Jamnagar

Postal Museum inaugurated at Postal Training Centre, Vadodara – 20th June 2015.

The Postal Museum was inaugurated by Shri Ganesh Sawaleshwarkar, Director, Postal Training Centre, Vadodara in the premises of Postal Training Center, Vadodara on 20th June 2015. Inauguration function was well attended by local philatelists, staff members of Department of Posts and Postal Training Centre.

The postal museum displays an array of paraphernalia of the bygone era's postal system. Leather cash bags, red cloth cash bag, old scale and weights, scale box, various badges worn by postal employees made of brass, aluminium and plastic, old Morse (telegraph) instrument, old order books of different post offices, code names and index letters book, old postal guides, post office manuals, binder, different sizes of letter boxes, wooden letter box, mobile (cycle) post office box, postman uniform and bag, leather portfolio bag, mail overseer bag, lantern, stamp cancellation machine etc. have been displayed in the museum. Philatelic covers and a statue of Halkara are also on display in the museum.





Special cover on flagging off the first batch of pilgrims to Kailash Mansarovar via Nathu La Pass on the Sikkim-Tibet border - 18th June 2015.

Kailash Mansarovar is believed to be the seat of Hindu god Shiva and Kailash Mansarovar yatra is known for its religious value, cultural significance, physical beauty and thrilling nature. The yatra is organized by the Indian Ministry of External Affairs every year between June and September. Existing route for Kailash Mansarovar yatra is Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand. India and China signed on 18th September 2014 a bilateral agreement on the alternative Nathu La route for the Kailash Mansarovar pilgrimage. It was officially announced during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to China.

The first batch of Indian pilgrims for the Kailash Mansarovar yatra through the new Nathu La route was flagged off by Sikkim Governor Shri Shrinivas Patil and Chief Minister Shri Pawan Chamling at the function held at the Ridge Garden, Gangtok on 18th June 2015. Forty pilgrims, including two ladies from Sikkim and five support staff went for the voyage. Being motorable, the Nathu La route is considered an easier route compared to the existing ones through Nepal and Uttarakhand which involve long treks in between.

On the occasion Sikkim Governor Shri Patil and the Chief Minister Shri Chamling released a Special cover to mark the event on 18th June 2015.



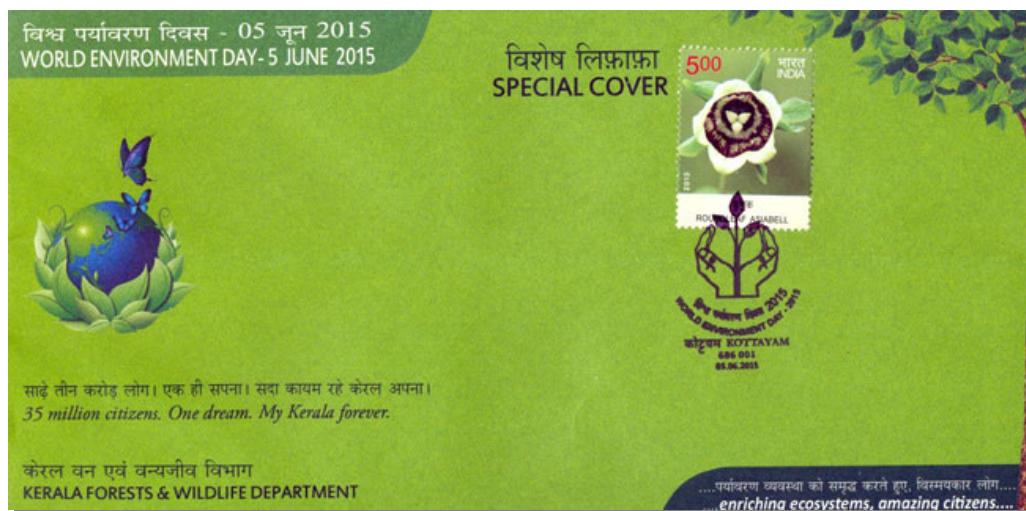
Cover Courtesy: Shital Pradhan, Sikkim

Special Cover on World Environment Day – 5th June 2015.

World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated every year on 5 June to raise global awareness to take positive environmental action to protect nature and the planet Earth. It is run by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

World Environmental Day was celebrated by the Kerala state government all over the state. Shri Radhakrishnan, Minister for Forest and Environment of Kerala state inaugurated the state-level World Environment Day celebrations at Kottayam on 5th June 2015. On the occasion Superintendent of Posts, Ram Devi released the Special Cover as part World Environment Day by handing it over to Shri Radhakrishnan in the function, presided over by MPs Jose K Mani and Joy Abraham, MLAs N Jayaraj, PC George, district panchayat president Nirmala Jimmy, District Collector UV Jose, Head of Forest department Dr BS Corrie, Director of the Institute of Climate Changes CS Yalakki. (Special Cover approval no. KL-08-2015)

The UNEP theme for World Environment Day 2015 is Sustainable Lifestyles. In accordance with the theme Kerala Forests and Wildlife Department will facilitate the transformation of citizens as Eco Stewards. The illustrative logo depicts this transformation on Special Cover.



Courtesy: Suresh Rao, Bengaluru

Set of 48 Picture Postcards released by North Karnataka Postal Region.

North Karnataka Postal Region, Dharwad has released a set of 48 picture postcards on the theme 'Birds of the Himalayas' to observe the International Biodiversity decade 2011-2020. Set of 48 picture postcards is priced at Rs. 150/-.

The Himalayas, is a mountain range which separates the Great Indian Plains from the Tibetan Plateau. This range is home to nine of the ten highest peaks on the Earth, including the highest, Mount Everest. The abrupt rise of the Himalayan Mountains from less than 500 meters to more than 8,000 meters in a few hundred kilometers has resulted in a huge diversity of flora and fauna. Nearly 1000 birds have been recorded in the Himalayas of which 15 species are fully endemic.

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Two new booklets on Mahatma Gandhi and Gautam Buddha launched by India Post.

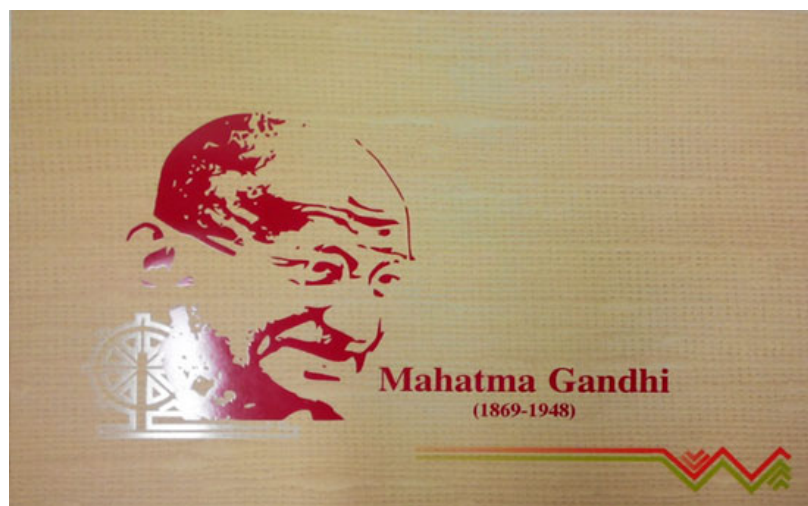
India Post has launched two new philatelic products which are available online on ePost Office and Snapdeal.

(1) India Post Mahatma Gandhi Booklet

A book on Mahatma Gandhi depicting photos of Mahatma Gandhi contains following 7 original stamps/Miniature Sheets:

- 125 Yrs of Mahatma Gandhi - 02.10.1994
- India-South Africa Cooperation - 02.10.1995
- 50th Death Anniversary - 30.01.1998
- Man of the Millennium - 02.10.2001
- 75th Anniversary of Dandi March (Salt Satyagrah) - 05.04.2005
- Satyagrah - 02.10.2007
- 100 Years of Mahatma Gandhi's Return - 09.01.2005

Price: Rs. 2000/-



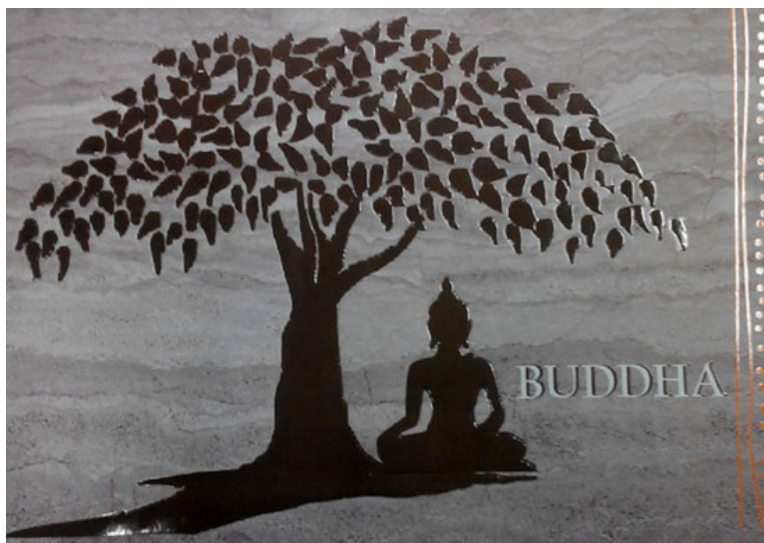
(2) India Post - Buddha Booklet

A book on Buddha depicting photos of Gautam Buddha contains following 6 original stamps/Miniature Sheets:

- International Year of Peace - 24.10.1986

- Asit Kumar Haldar - 28.12.1991
- Centre for culture and tourism – 6.06.1997
- Buddha Mahotsav - 21.01.2002
- 2550 years of Mahaparinirvana of the Buddha - 02.05.2007
- Drukpa Lineage of Buddhism - 14.05.2014

Price: Rs. 1500/-



Availability: [Snapdeal](#) | [Snapdeal](#) | [ePost Office](#)

Source: India Post

Children's Day 2015 – Stamp Design Competition”.

Department of Posts is holding a Stamp Design Competition on the theme “A Day in the Rains” for Children’s Day 2015.

The Terms and Conditions to participate in the competition are as follows:

- Entries are invited for Stamp Design Competition. The participants are to make an original design on this subject (should not be copy of picture painted by someone else).
- Any citizen of India below 18 years of age can participate in this contest. The design could be in ink, water colour, oil colour or any other medium (computer printed/printout will not be allowed). The design submitted should be such that can be depicted on the stamps in a visually appealing manner

(iii) Participants are free to use drawing paper, art paper or any other type of white paper of A4 Size.

(iv) The following particulars should be written legibly on the reverse of the design:

1. Name of the participant*
2. Age*
3. Gender
4. Nationality*
5. Full and complete residential address with Pin code
6. Phone/Mobile Number*
7. E-Mail ID (if available)

*It is compulsory to provide the information.

(v) An undertaking stating that 'The artwork submitted is original and no copyright issues are involved' should be sent along with the entry. In case of any legal dispute related to copyright issue, Department of Posts will not be liable for the same.

(vi) The design should be sent without being folded, through "Speed Post" only, in A4 size envelope. The participants should mention "Stamp Design Contest" on the envelope in which the drawing is sent.

(vii) Selected designs may be considered for use on stamps and other philatelic material. The prize money will be as follows:-

First prize 10,000/-

Second prize 6,000/-

Third prize 4,000/-

(viii) The entries should reach on the following address by 31.08.2015. The entries received after the last date of receipt will not be entertained.

To,
ADG (Philately)
Room No. 108(B),
Dak Bhawan,
Parliament Street,
New Delhi - 110001

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