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## Editorial...

Being active of a hobby club and completion of 25 years journey is a great accomplishment in promotion of philately. This is possible due to the dedicated, whole hearted efforts, encouragement and appreciation of the torch bearers since its inception. All joining life members are equally shared the responsibilities for overall development, where the association EIPA stand now.

The Fila Capsule, a bimonthly magazine started in January, 2006 by EIPA successfully circulated in printed form as well as in electronic form to members till 2010. The sole credit bestowed to Sri Ajit Kumar Dash, Former Secretary and Editor for his vision and continuous efforts venture ([www.filaCapsule.blogspot.com](http://www.filaCapsule.blogspot.com)) in 2008 is praise worthy to keep the flag high.

In the current efforts, members felt the revival of association mouthpiece in e-magazine "THE FILA CAPSULE" quarterly.

This year EIPA is celebrating Silver Jubilee Year of its establishment. A Proud moment for more than 200 life members of EIPA from all parts of our country.

The Bhubaneswar Philatelic Club was formed on 23rd March, 1997 and grown as a National Association "The Eastern India Philatelists' Association (EIPA)" on 14th June 1998. In 2006, the association registered with Societies Act, Government of Odisha and affiliated to Philatelic Congress of India in 1999.

The emerging of EIPA for promotion of philately was well recognized in organizing State and National level philatelic exhibitions, Stamp Melas, releasing several Special covers, Carried covers, Franking cover, First Flight Cover, Picture Post cards etc. in last 25 years as a proponent.

The Association has lost few of it's passionate and active life members during this period. Remembering to our departed Honorary members Major S.C. Mohanty (2007), Sri Jadunath Kanungo, Sri Purnendu Jena (LJ-01, 8.7.2014), Sri Lagnajit Ray (LR-08, 23.11.2017), Sri Sidhartha Dash (LD-03), Sri Ashok Kumar Pal (LP-03), Sri Naresh Agarwal (LA-04, 13.07.2018), Sri Pramod Kumar Saraf (LS - 10, 14.5.2021), Sri Prem Kumar Bagri (LB - 07, 2021), Sri Bijayshree Routray (LR-01, 2.6.2021), Sri Om Prakash Jagati (LJ 05, 27 3.2022), we EIPA family members show our gratitude for their immense contributions for development of our association.

EIPA feels honored and proud to present "THE FILA CAPSULE" in the new format to the philatelic fraternity.

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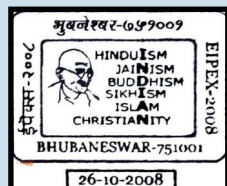
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## Retrospective: The Journey of EIPA

Dr. Bibhudatata Mshra

The Eastern India Philatelists' Association (EIPA), Bhubaneswar has completed Silver Jubilee this year. The Association has grown up from Bhubaneswar Philatelic Club with four founder members in 1998 and received Certificate of Registration of Societies Act XXI of 1860 with Registrar of Societies, Orissa, Cuttack vide No 22230/211 of 2005-2006. The memorable journey of the organization was began with the leadership of its founder President Late Sri Bijoysree Routray bestowed with lots of achievements by the Association and laurels for individual members. Promotion of the beautiful hobby was the prime objective of the association with affiliation to Philatelic Congress of India (PCI), at National level.

The first Non-competitive Philatelic Exhibition was organized as EIPEX-2008 at Jayadev Bhawan, Bhubaneswar during 25th and 26th October, 2008 with release of two Special Covers namely *Apostles of Peace and Unity in diversity*.



The over whelming response by philatelists through out India, with the number of life members around the country, the association geared up with First Stamp Mela during 7-8th January, 2012 followed by Association's 2nd Philatelic Exhibition and Stamp Mela at Mahabodhi Society, Odisha Centre, Bhubaneswar during 9-10th February, 2014 with release of 10 unique Migratory birds of Odisha picture postcards and one Special Cover "*Save Our Environment-Mangalajodi*".



*Special cover on Mangalajodi*

The First Competitive National Philatelic Exhibition cum dealers meet on Nature and Environment "NATUREPEX-2016" from 30th September to 2nd October, 2016 organized by EIPA with the support of DOP gave name and fame to the Association. Four special covers namely – *Chilika-the heaven for the birds, Horse carried cover, painting by KISS students, Gandhi cover* and 12 picture postcards on Rare Flora and Fauna of Odisha.



*Horse Carried Cover*

In EIPEX-2018, EIPA organized the 3rd Stamp Mela at Hotel Presidency, Bhubaneswar on 11th & 12th May, 2018, where Stamp dealers from different part of our country gathered to exhibit and trade philatelic materials.

One cycle mail carried cover on the theme Gandhi and Special cover celebrating completion of two decades of EIPA were release for the interest of collector.



*Cycle Carried Cover*

EIPA has the credit of issuing the FIRST FLIGHT cover for the first time on Odisha in the inaugural flight of AIR ASIA from Bhubaneswar to Kuala Lumpur in the midnight of 26th April, 2017.

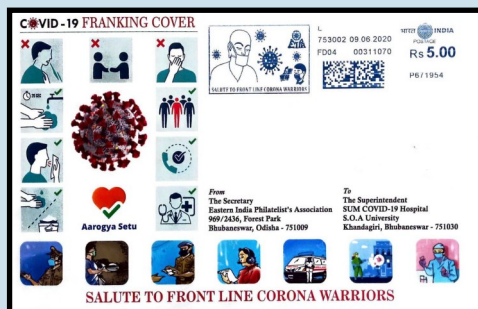


First Flight Cover

In 2020 during the of COVID-19 pandemic a franking cover entitled **Salute to Front line Corona Warriors** was released by EIPA on 09.06.2020 for creating awareness among general public.



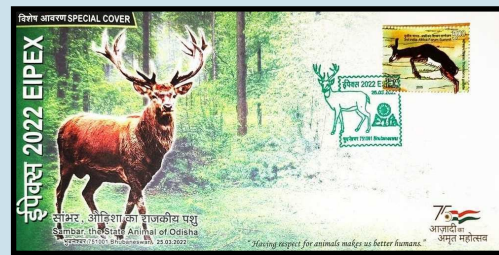
COVID-19 Meter Franking Regd. Cover



COVID-19 Meter Franking Ordinary Cover

The 4th Stamp and Coin Mela was organized during 13th -15th March, 2020 amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and closure of all activities around the country. EIPA organized another philatelic exhibition-cum-5th Stamp Mela EIPEX-2022, from 25th to 27th March, 2022. A special cover was

issued on the State animal of Odisha, "Sambar".



Special Cover on Sambar, State Animal of Odisha

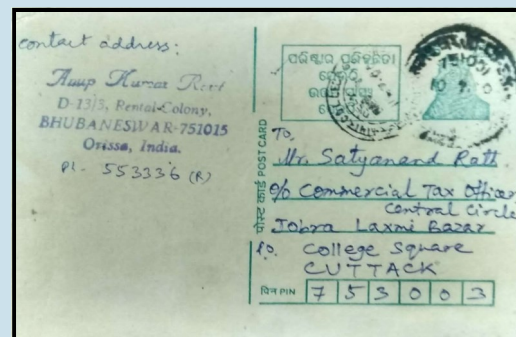
The State level exhibition OPHILEX-2022 was participated by the association members. A Special cover was released on the theme State birds of Odisha.



Special Cover on Indian Roller, State Bird of Odisha

## Memory Down Lane

[This section will cover few photographs or images of incidence taken place by any individual EIPA members related to philatelic activities at least decade before.]



Letter sent from Mr. Anup Kumar Raut to members for attending monthly meeting (Year: 2000)

## Passionate Watch Side



**Puri, Advertisement on Letter Box**  
Courtesy: Mr. Anil Dhir  
Philatelist, Bhubaneswar

## Chitkul, Himachal The Last Post



### Point

The wooden structure building was constructed during 1950s and the Post Office was started in 1960s. It's a last post office from Himachal side, because the Indo - Tibet border is just 90km from Chitkul village. All civilian movement beyond Chitkul is prohibited. This is the reason why Chitkul is called the last village in India. The area lying beyond Chitkul village is under the control of Indo - Tibet Border Police.

Courtesy: Mr. Manash Das  
Philatelist, Bhubaneswar

## Shraddhaanjali



Mr. Ajay Kumar Mittal  
Former Vice President of Philatelic  
Congress of India, Served as National  
Juror and Commissioner  
28.07.1957-5.6.2023



2nd Death Anniversary  
Sri Bijoyshree Routray  
Former President, EIPA  
28.07.1953 - 02.06.2022

## News Maker



Role of Distinguished Philatelist (RDP)  
to Mr Pradip Jain, Philatelist, Bihar  
from the Association of British  
Philatelic Society (ABPS) at ESSEN,  
Germany on 26th May, 2023.

## Awards and Acknowledgements

1. Sri Biswanath Mishra, Philatelist, Boudh, Odisha felicitate by District Collector on the eve of Odisha Divas -2023 on 1st April.
2. Mr. Anil Dhir, Philatelist, Bhubaneswar appoint as the Convenor of INTACH, Bhubaneswar Chapter
3. Mr. Hardik Bhammar, Philatelist, Bolangir received Guinness World Records Certificates for the largest collection of Butterfly related items (6055 Nos.) on 14th April.

### In Exhibition...

1. Mr. Shanti Swarup Rath, Awarded VERMEIL-80 points for traditional exhibit French India Settlements at NEWZEALAND-2023
2. Mr. Bijay Kumar Biswal, awarded LARGESILVER-75 Points for exhibit Bharatpur State Court fees and Revenue Stamps at NEWZEALAND-2023

## Book Release

**Princely States of India– A Philatelic Overview** book by *ROLANDS NELSON*, Vice President, SIPA, Chennai released on 25th May, 2023  
Contact - 9940681750

## Phila Tourism 1

### Ajanta Caves

Ajanta the 2nd Century BC World heritage Buddhist rock caves and Indian wall painting sites visited by Dr Bibhudatta Mishra on 16th June, 2023. Searching for the Ajanta stamps from his album, found the Buddhistva Padmapani paintings in Ajanta cave no-1 released during 25th Anniversary of

UNESCO, 20p denomination red- brown color stamps issued by DOP in 1971.



*Dr. Bibhudatta Mishra with  
BPM Mr. KK Shaikh*



The sub post office situated at the entrance gate to Ajanta managed by DOP without any official Board. Dr Mishra met the Branch Postmaster Mr KK Shaikh, who has provided the metallic permanent pictorial postmark introduced in the year 1974.

## Upcoming Exhibitions

### 1. TAIPEI 2023 - 39th Asian International Stamp Exhibition

Date: 11th August, 2023 to 15th August, 2023

Venue: Taipei World Trade Centre, Exhibition Hall 1 (Area A)

Commissioner: Mr. Rajan Jaykar (Ph. +91 9821072417 Email—[rajanjaykar1948@gmail.com](mailto:rajanjaykar1948@gmail.com))

### 2. Bangladesh 2023

Date: 29th September, 2023 to 2nd October, 2023

Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Segunbagicha, Dhaka

Commissioner: Mr. Raunak Dutta (Email—[raunak.dutta1990@gmail.com](mailto:raunak.dutta1990@gmail.com))

### 3. Thailand 2023

Date: 27th November, 2023 to 2nd December, 2023

Venue: Thailand

Commissioner: Pragya Kothari (Email—[philapragya@gmail.com](mailto:philapragya@gmail.com))

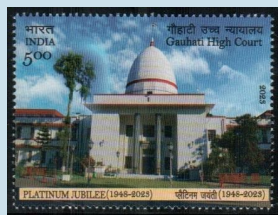
# New Releases

## Commemorative Stamps



**Diamond Jubilee of Central Bureau of Investigation**  
Date of Issue: 3rd April, 2023

**Platinum Jubilee Gauhati High Court**  
Date of Issue: 5th April, 2023



**Swami Dayananda Saraswati**  
Date of Issue: 7th April, 2023

**75th Indian Army Day**  
Date of Issue: 19th April, 2023

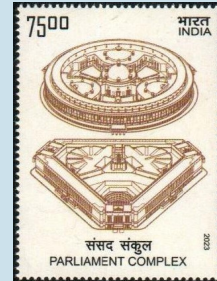


**Mann Ki Baat**  
Date of Issue: 26th April, 2023

**250th Birth Anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy**  
Date of Issue: 22nd May, 2023



**Parliament Complex**  
Date of Issue: 28th May, 2023



**SCO Council of Heads of State**  
Date of Issue: 15th June, 2023

**Raj Bhawan, Uttar Pradesh**  
Date of Issue: 20th June, 2023



## My Stamps



**India ITME Society**  
Date of Issue: April 2023



**25th Anniversary of Operation Shakti - National Technology Day 2023**  
Date of Issue: 11th May, 2023

# New Releases

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## My Stamps



**20 Years of Universal Service Obligation Fund**  
Date of Issue: 17th May, 2023



**350th Year of Chhatrapati Shivaji Coronation**  
Date of Issue: 6th June, 2023



**Sri Kaliswari Group of Industries**  
Date of Issue: 15th June, 2023

## Special Cover (Odisha)



**Special cover on 75th Foundation Day of Bhubaneswar**  
Date of Issue: 15th April, 2023

## Pictorial Cancellations



04.04.2023  
Mahaveer Jayanti Greetings  
(All 4 PBs of Karnataka Same Design)



18.04.2023  
World Heritage Day 2023  
Nashik



18.04.2023  
World Heritage Day 2023  
Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar



18.04.2023  
World Heritage Day 2023  
Mumbai



18.04.2023  
World Heritage Day 2023  
Panaji



18.04.2023  
World Heritage Day 2023  
Nagpur



18.04.2023  
World Heritage Day 2023  
Pune



18.04.2023  
World Heritage Day 2023  
(All 4 PBs of Karnataka Same Design)



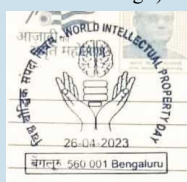
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## Pictorial Cancellations



25.04.2023  
World Malaria Day  
(All 6 PBs of Maharashtra  
Same Design)



26.04.2023  
World Intellectual  
Property Day  
(All 4 PBs of Karnataka  
Same Design)



13.05.2023  
World Migratory  
Bird Day  
(All 6 PBs of Maharashtra  
Same Design)



18.05.2023  
International Muse-  
um Day  
(All 4 PBs, Museum  
Road S.O. and TEPO  
of Karnataka Same De-  
sign)



22.05.2023  
International Day  
for Biological Di-  
versity  
(All 6 PBs of Maharashtra  
Same Design)



22.05.2023  
International Day  
for Biological Di-  
versity  
(All 4 PBs of Karnataka  
Same Design)



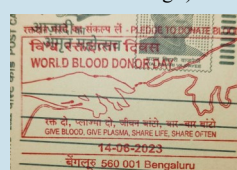
31.05.2023  
World No Tobacco  
Day  
(All 4 PBs of Karnataka  
Same Design)



03.06.2023  
World Bicycle Day  
(All 4 PBs of Karnataka  
Same Design)



05.06.2023  
World Environment  
Day  
(All 6 PBs of Maharashtra  
Same Design)



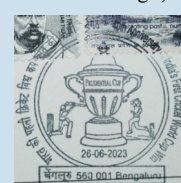
14.06.2023  
World Blood Donor  
Day  
(All 4 PBs of Karnataka  
Same Design)



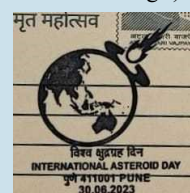
21.06.2023  
International Day of  
Yoga  
(All 4 PBs of Karnataka  
Same Design)



21.06.2023  
International Day of  
Yoga  
(All 6 PBs of Maharashtra  
Same Design)



26.06.2023  
40th Anniversary:  
India's First Cricket  
World Cup Win  
(All 4 PBs of Karnataka  
Same Design)



30.06.2023  
International Asteroid  
Day  
(All 6 PBs of Maharashtra  
Same Design)

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# Association Updates

## Office Bearers

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Mr. Anil Dhir

Dr. Chandrasekhar Basak

Mr. Biswanath Mishra

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Mr. Shanti Swarup Rath

### *Joint Secretary*

Mr. Prasanta Kumar Das

### *Treasurer*

Dr. Bibhudatta Mishra

## Monthly Meeting

Some glimpses of EIPA monthly meeting (30th April 2023) held at the residence of Sri Anup Kumar Raut.



## New Members



**Dr. Nikhil Mohan Pattnaik**  
Honorary Member  
(HM-03)



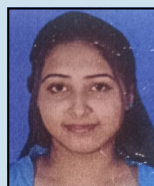
**Justice Manoranjan Mohanty**  
Honorary Member  
(HM-04)



**Prithwis Hazra** (LH-02)



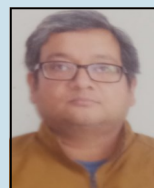
**Mitali Hazra** (LH-03)



**Sohini Hazra** (LH-01)



**Raunak Dutta** (LD-21)



**Debabrata Das** (LD-20)

### **Join us...**

We extend a warm welcome to each and everyone of you to become a part of our family. For membership related queries please contact to **The Secretary, EIPA** on Mob. No. +91 9437034621.

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