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## Editorial...

Yes we allowed it to happen! We are succumbed to the mania tech zombies, social media, face book, e-mail, whatsapp, instagram, online chat and so on which has taken over our lives and hobby. But our beloved stamp collection and philatelic attribute has given crazy opportunities to interact with many old friends and make new phila-families.

Over the past month, fond of travel our authors have phila story from UAE and Ekamrakheta-Bhubaneswar in the current issue. There are areas covered on Bookmark on stamp, Passionate watch-Pune GPO, Memory down lane-from Father to son preserved by grandson, Phila facts, Stamps round the world, Philately news-Tariff of postal stationery change, World Postcard Day, State philately News- celebration of Philately Day, district level exhibition-Rayapex-2023, activities by EIPA member covers in this issue. Beside there are images of Special covers from Odisha circle, New released stamps and Miniature sheet has been put in this issue.

Having spent for more than three decades closely associated with the hobby, what captivate is unwavering excitement and enthusiasm. As we step into the new year-2024 we invite you to continue this journey with us. Share your thoughts and let us know what you love to see in our content. Your feedback fuels our growth, and our team members are committed to delivering exciting stories.

Life is easy as we make it! Don't over think about the hobby and always grab the pleasure to maximum. Enjoy reading our content and keep your comments coming...Cheers to another year of captivating philately news, we have decided to reduce the time span of publishing this magazine from quarterly to bi-monthly. Hope you appreciate the idea. Wishing you fantastic New Year filled with joy, success and great collection to accumulate.

- Dr. Bibhudatta Mishra, Editor

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## Bookmark on Stamps

Mr. Ravindra Wamanacharya

Book mark collection in India issued by India Post gaining popularity day by day, and comes under postal stationary categories of collection. Book marks are used for keeping track of complete pages during reading. Normally, the book itself contains the book mark made of nylon stripes tied to the binding margin areas. Now a day, these book marks used for advertising by different organisation to showcase their products or company brand to the general public.



Bookmarks released during INDIPEX 2011



Bookmarks released on Mahabharat by Kerala Circle

Philately being popular hobby has been started declining by the current generation. India post with logo circulate during



Miscellaneous bookmarks

important events with book marks contain varieties of thematic stamps images or products, services including brief write up to attract youth. These collectables not only preserved by collectors but become popular for its unique image presentation.



Bookmarks released during INDIPEX-ASIANA 2000

Different Postal Circle had issued more than 200 book marks. The first one published during Indipex-89 followed by Indipex-Asiana, 2000, Indipex, 2012 and Amritpex, 2023 respectively.



AMRITPEX 2023



Aurangabad Region

Gujpex 2012- has issued 12 book marks on Astrological sign, Andhra Pradesh circle with set of 10 book marks on Jayadev and Geet Govinda, Tirucurapalli Philatelic bureau-set of book marks on Mahatma Gandhi, Kerala Circle Book marks on Ramayana and Mahabharata, Karnataka Circle issued Book marks on rare birds, birds of India, Wild life, Underwater life, Flowers, Miniature paintings, Orchids, Temples and temple architecture, Olympic etc. Maharashtra circle issued set of 12 book marks on Embroideries of India.

## Passionate Watch Side



The 16th-century institutional heritage buildings of the Victorian era General Post Office of Pune is very well known for Tuscan style in a Palladian manner. The major attraction for philatelist is the red crown make up post box of British era at the front side, philatelic bureau and a permanent pictorial postmark if letter drop in this box.



R.C. Rath to his son Er. D.N. Rath. The price of sending letter to UK has been charge imprint stamp 85paise with refugee relief definitive 5 paise.

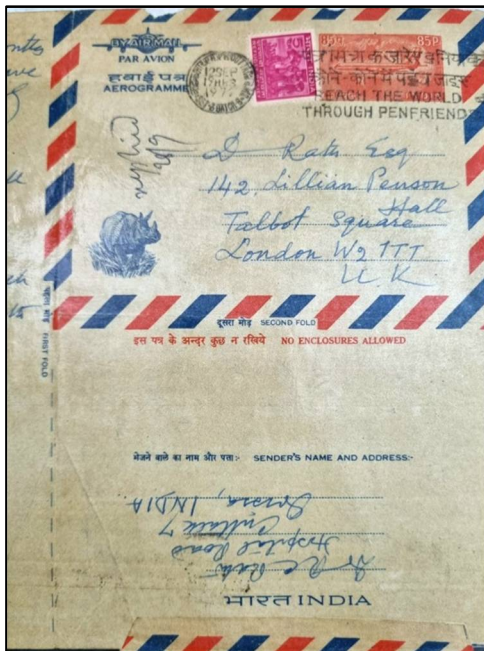


## Forthcoming Exhibitions

1. MELBOURNE 2024 FIAP (40th) International Melbourne, Australia March/April
2. EFIRO 2024 Bucharest, Romania 16-19 April
3. JAKARTA 2024 (Asian International Stamp Exhibition) Jakarta, Indonesia 3-7 July
4. PHILAKOREA 2024 (FIP) (FIP World Stamp Exhibition) Seoul, Korea 15-19 August
5. HAFNIA 2024 Copenhagen, Denmark 17-20 October
6. Four Nations Hanoi, Vietnam October
7. CHINA 2024 (40th FIAP Asian International Stamp Exhibition) Shanghai, China 29 Nov-3 Dec

## Memory Down Lane

Courtesy: Mr. Shanti Swarup Rath



Letter from Father to Son

This is an aerogram letter from Odisha to London (19th September, 1972) with an interesting slogan REACH THE WORLD THROUGH PENFRIEND from Cuttack RMS, 8 batch written by grandfather Dr.

## Phila Fact



First Rakhi cover started from Nagpur, Maharashtra in 2003 followed by DoP logo in envelope in 2004 from many states and Union Territories.

# Stamps Round the World

Courtesy: Mr. Shubhrajyoti Behera



Guernsey - The Christmas Story -01.11.2023



Norway - Pets - Domestic Animals- 07.11.2023



Mauritius - India Joint Issue 02.11.2023



Vietnam - India Joint Issue -16.10.2023



New Zealand – Years of Dragon– 06.12.2023



Canada - Diwali - 09.11.2023



China - Medicinal Plants of China - 11.10.2023



South Korea - Traditional Games- 08.11.2023



Armenia - Lunar New Year, Dragon -01.11.2023

**INTRODUCTION**

Bhubaneswar is the short form of Tribhubaneswar the God of the Universe, Lord Shiva. There are few ancient name of this city as Toshali, Ekmra khetra etc. The history of this city witness from 261 BC with Nanda emperor Chandragupta Maurya followed by Kharavel, Keshari rulers and Gangas dynasty upto 15th century. During the Ganga ruling period the temples were build

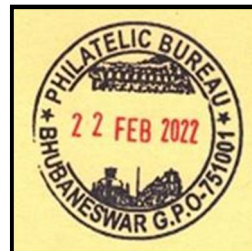
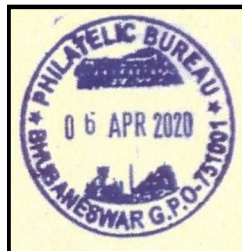
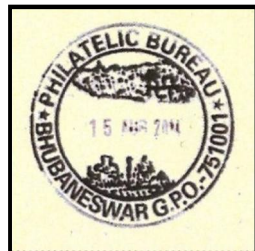
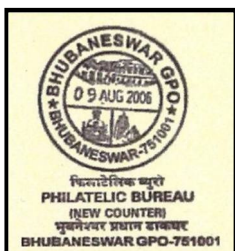


*General Post Office , Bhubaneswar*



and art, architecture, sculpture reached the highest peak. From history it is evident that Afghan, Mughal, Marathas and British ruled and become separate province in 1936.

On 13th April, 1948, Bhubaneswar becomes the capital township close proximity of the old temple town, with Master Plan prepared by the famous architect Dr Otto H. Keenigsberger in 1954. The Odisha Postal Circle with the General Post Office is the central hub for postal and financial services, management has completed 75 years of existence. For philatelist, there is a bureau established in 2001 catering the collectors need regularly.



Permanent Pictorial Cancellation (PPC),  
Philately Bureau, Bhubaneswar, over the years.

**TEMPLES CITY TREASURE TROVE OF HERITAGE**

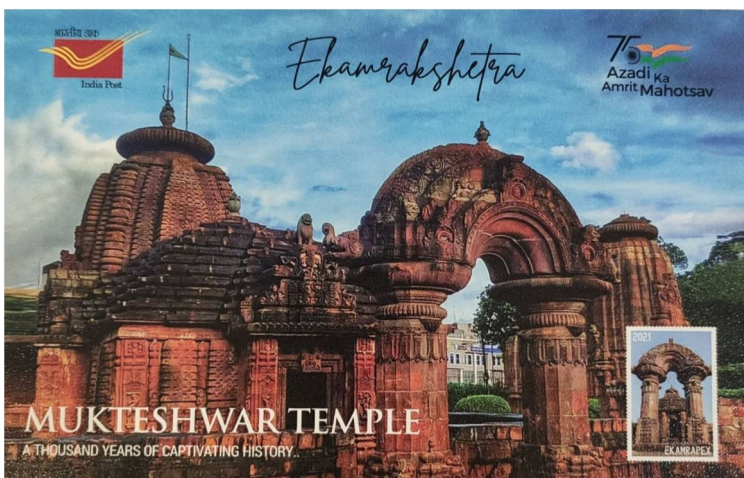
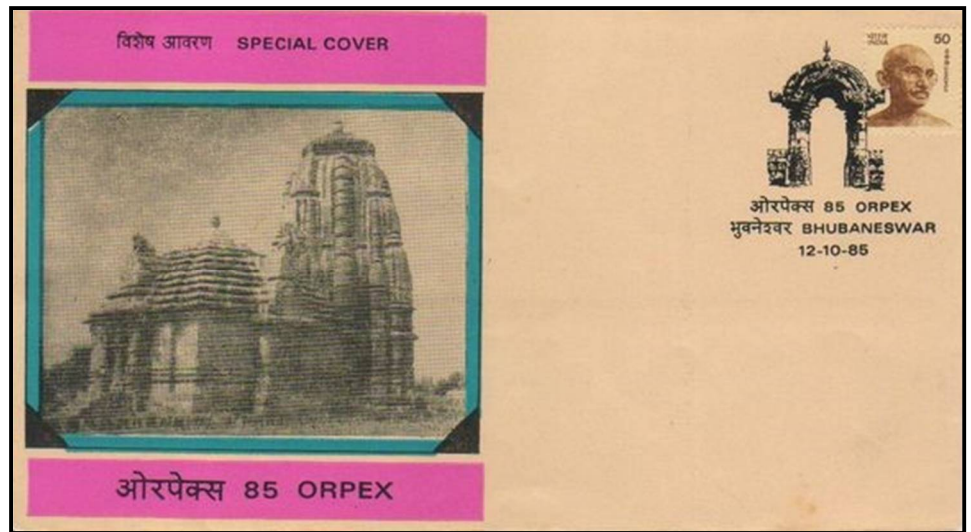
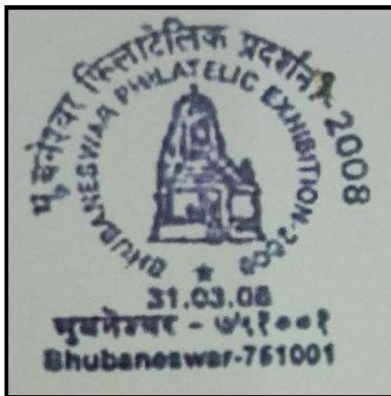
World-wide, the temple city Bhubaneswar is a tourist attraction with cluster of Kalingan style of art and architecture temples, mandapas, heritage ponds etc. The 11th Century AD monuments Lingaraj, Mukteswar and Rajarani featuring exquisite carvings, sculptures, show casing various scenes from daily life mythical narratives and celestial beings.



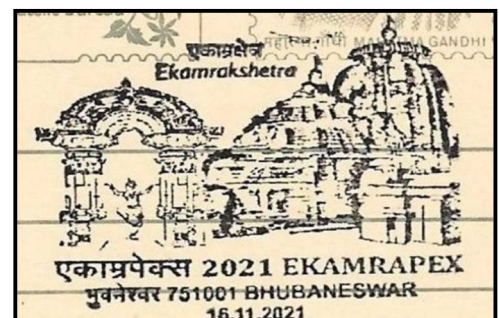
Postal Department, Odisha has the credential of recognising the Chausathi Yogini (Mahamaya temple) about 10 kms at Hirapur. The temples have been built by Queen Hiradevi of Brahma dynasty in 9th Century. There are several philatelic exhibitions organised by Department as Bhubaneswar Philatelic Exhibition, Ekamrapex etc. to encourage new stamp collectors.



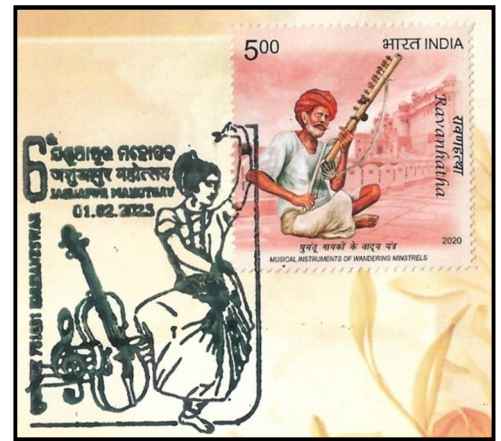
The legends of these temples are associated with epic Ramayan where decorated ornate scroll work were commemorate through different philatelic materials on important occasions.



The 11th Century Pancharath style Hindu temples were famous for the scenes of the marriage of Shiva and Parvati depicted walls around the temple.

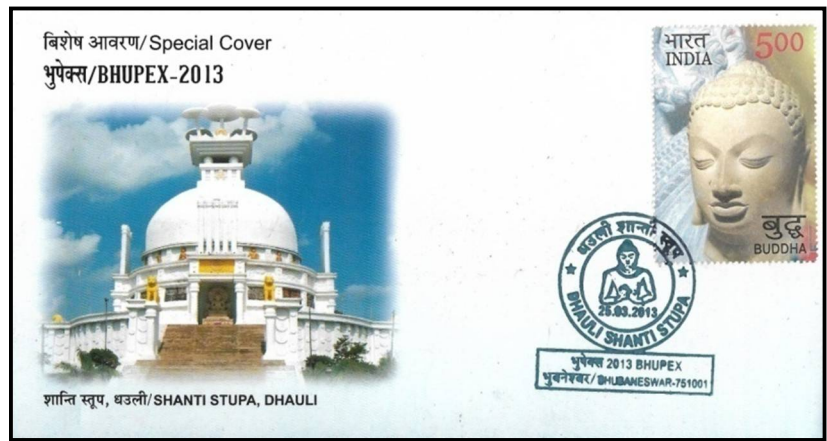


Different facets of Kalinga style of architecture, sculpture, iconography have been unraveled through the studies made by Odisha philatelist.

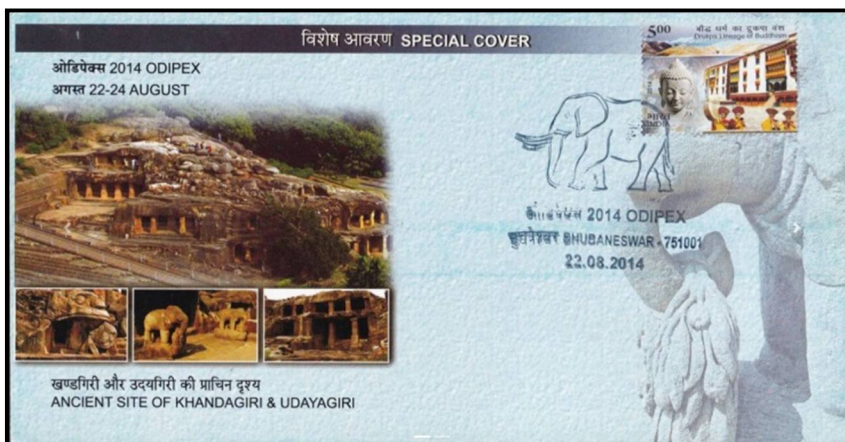


Why Bhubaneswar is called Temple City ? Bhubaneswar is home to a large number of temples, each with its unique architectural style and religious significance. The city boasts of temples dating from the 7th to 13th centuries, built during the rule of different dynasties, including the Kalinga dynasty.

### BEYOND BLUEPRINTS: THE CREATIVE SOUL OF AN ARCHITECT



Dhauili Shanti Stupa, also known as the Dhauili Peace Pagoda, is a Buddhist stupa located on the banks of the Daya River in Dhauili .It was built in the early 1970s by the Japan Buddha Sangha and the Kalinga Nippon Buddha Sangha. It was inaugurated on November 8, 1972. The archeological remains attracts tourist round the globe are rock edicts of emperor Ashoka, hewn of elephant, Dhavaleswar temple, Bahirangeswar Shiva temple, Ganesh shrine etc.



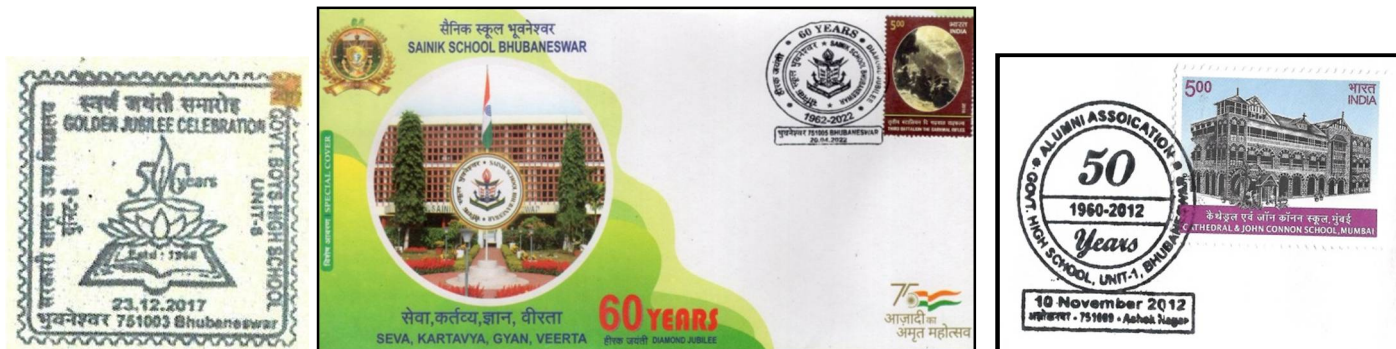
Khandagiri, an archeological site at twin hilltop Khandagiri-Udayagiri is famous for Hatigumpha inscription,, Ganesh Gumpha, Ranihanshapura, Manchapur, Jay-Vijay totalling 33 rock cut caves. These historical caves were constructed as residential blocks of Jain monks. There is a permanent pictorial Cancellation available for philatelist in the nearby Sub post office.



## GOVERNMENT SYNDICATE

### A. THE HEART OF EDUCATION: SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES AS LEARNING HUBS

Few oldest school of Bhubaneswar which had completed golden/diamond jubilee are recognized through special covers. The prominent High School depicted in cover are Capital High School (1951-2012), Unit 1 Boy's High School (1920-2012), Sainik School (1962-2012), Unit-8 Boy's High School (1967-2017), Mother's Public School (1997-2017) and DAV Public School, Unit-8 (1971-2020) respectively.



Higher educational institution established in the capital city since pre-independence time. The Utkal University popularly known as Vani vihar founded in 1943 was the Oldest University in the state and depicted on a postage stamp in 2018. Another prominent women university named after famous freedom fighter Maa Ramadevi Choudhury established as degree college in 1964 and upgrade to university in 2015. Another autonomous degree college Buxi Jagabandhu Bidyadhar College was established in 1957 has produced many luminaries of students.

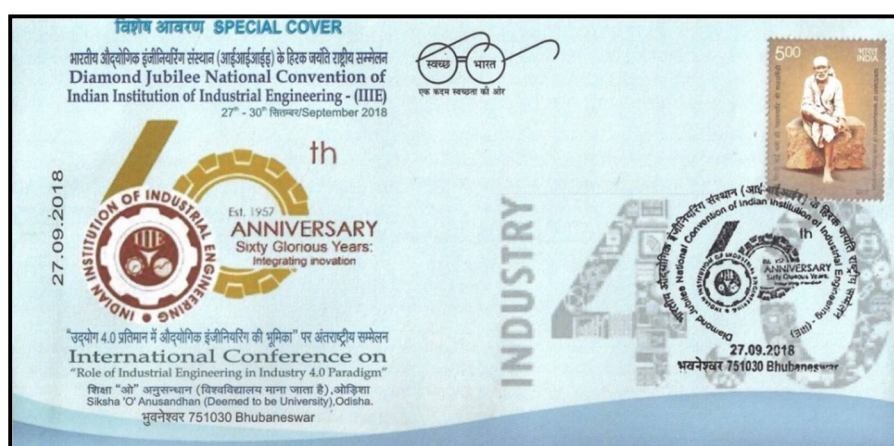
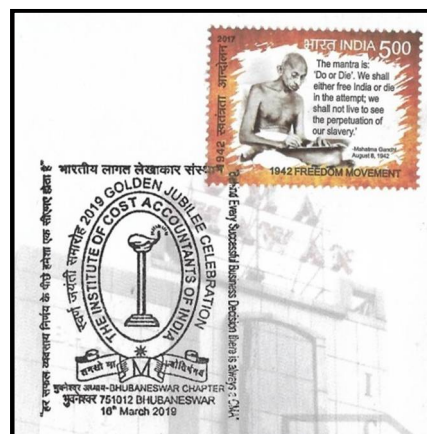


### B. PARAMOUNT INSTITUTION

Bhubaneswar, the capital city established on 13th April, 1948 completed 75 years of founding in 2023. Few established institution located in the city are Odisha State Museum (1957), Harekrushn Mahtab State library (1959), The State Archives, The Institute of Cost Accountant of India (Golden jubilee, 2019) etc.

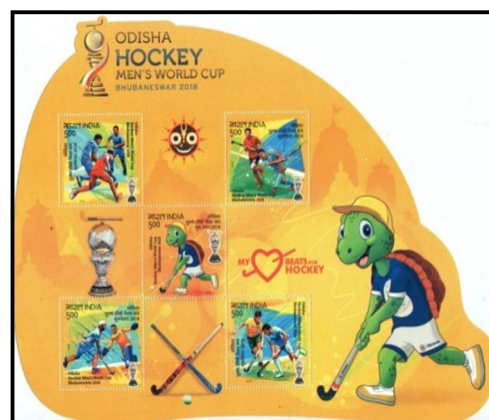
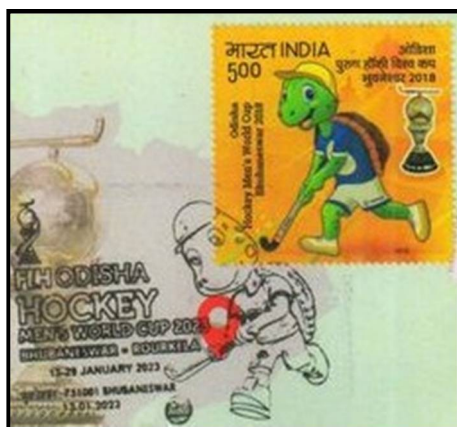


There are few National Research Institute completed silver and diamond jubilee of its establishment are ICAR-CIFA (1987-2012), Indian Institute of Industrial Engineering (IIIE), Institute of Life Sciences (1989-2019) commemorates on special covers. Few young organisation like Siksha 'O' Anusandhan University has the credit of organising International and National conference on different sector.



### THE ART OF PLAY : SPORTS & GAMES

Kalinga stadium and multi-purpose sports complex was built in 1978 has the facilities for Athletics, Football, Hockey, Basketball, Tennis, Table Tennis, Badminton Volleyball, Wall Climbing and Swimming. The complex had the credit of hosting 22nd Asian Athelatic Championship (2017), Hockey World League (2017) and Hockey Men's World Cup (2019) etc. An odd shape 5 stamps had been released in 2019 to commemorate the Hockey World Cup.



### A CULTURAL FUSION: PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

Philately exhibitions, which showcase stamp collections and promote the hobby of stamp collecting, can be organized by various institutions, including postal departments, philatelic clubs, and cultural organizations.

Bhubaneswar has organized philately exhibition like BHUPEX 1976,ORPEX 1985, GREENPEX 1994, HABIPEX 1995, MILLEPEX-2000, ORPEX 2002, Bhubaneswar Philatelic Exhibition 2008, EIPEX 2008,BHUPEX 2013,EIPEX 2014,ODIPEX 2014, NATUREPEX 2016,EIPEX 2018,



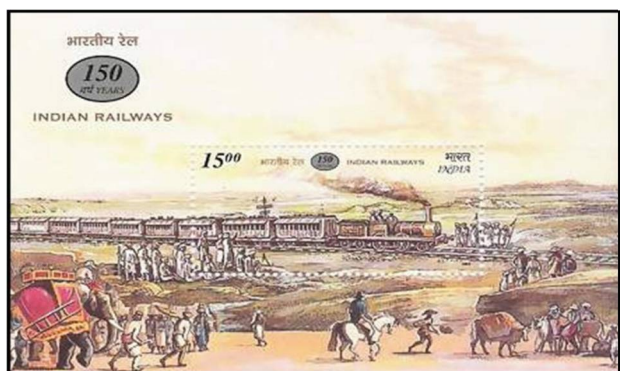
EKAMRAPEX 2021 and EIPEX 2022. The Stamp Mela took place in 2014 and 2019 with the help of EIPA.

The Eastern India Philatelists' Association (EIPA), was established in 1997 to encourage and promote stamp collecting among people. The

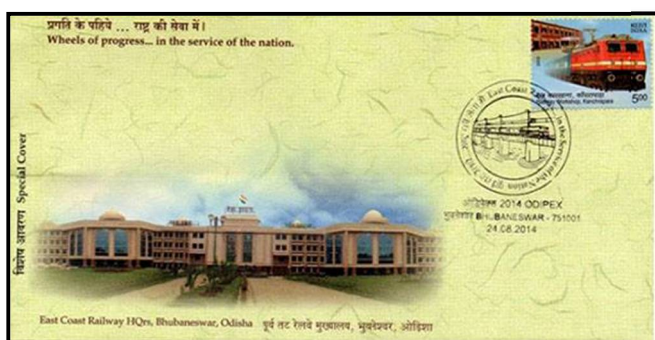
organization is also engaged in community service activities related to philately, as well as providing aid during COVID time.

### THE POSTAL JUNCTION-FUSION OF MODERNISATION AND RMS

The Governor house, Rajbhawan post office was the first CBS post office declared in 2014. Similarly, a first flight cover on 20th April, 2017 by Air-Asia flight was inaugurated from Biju Patanaik International Airport leaving for Kuala Lumpur and back.



The Railway mail service started from the city way back and continuing with the receiving and dispatching service from the railway station.



East Coast railway HQrs Bhubaneswar was started operating since 2003.

**NEWS FLASH**

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**All are Welcome**

## Philately Conversation –UAE

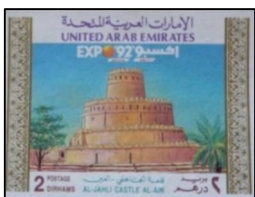
Sri Santanu Panigrahi

### Please do explain your exciting tour to United Arab Emirates (UAE)?

The journey was started from Biju Pattnaik International Airport between 04th to 12th August, 2023. The name of the country is United Arab Emirates (UAE) with capital Abu Dhabi. The currency of the UAE is Dirham. The exchange rate of 1 Dirham with Indian Rupees is around 23 Rupees. It is a federation located in the eastern part of the Arabian Peninsula and comprises seven distinct emirates. Each emirate maintains considerable autonomy, while also participating in federal structures. The United Arab Emirates is a Middle East country located on the northeast edge of the Arabian Peninsula, bordering the Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf. It is situated in the Northern and Eastern Hemispheres of the Earth. As stamp collector, my interest was to explore all important places in UAE with philatelic values.



Abu Dhabi is the largest of the seven emirates, the first destination of our journey. The postage stamps first issued in 1961. Ruler Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of



Abu Dhabi is the current President. Al Ain, an UNESCO World Heritage site, is full of tales of Abu Dhabi's rich history, from majestic structures like Al Jahili Fort to the lush Al Ain Oasis.

Al Hosn palace was built in the 1790s a fort and was once home to the ruling family. The nation's living memorial, transformed into a museum in 2018 after a decade's worth of intensive conservation and very delicate restorative work.

Dubai, is known as the Venice of the Gulf, chief port and commercial centre of the UAE. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum ruler of Dubai is



the Vice president and PM. needing assistance from Abu Dhabi. The first stamp released from Dubai was 1963, 9v Anti malaria stamps.



Sharjah is well known to Cricket lovers for stadium ground famous hosting India-Pakistan Cricket match. Sharjah is the capital of the emirate of the same name. The sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in the emirate of Sharjah without possession of an alcohol license and alcohol is not served in Sharjah hotels, restaurants, or other outlets due to the Muslim majority in the area. Sharjah has been officially named as a WHO healthy city. Sharjah is regarded as the cultural capital of the UAE and was the Islamic culture capital in 2014. This city is adjacent to Dubai and possesses a significant coastline on both the Arabian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman. It also encompasses some important enclaves like Khor Fakkan, Kalba, and Dibba Al-Hisn.



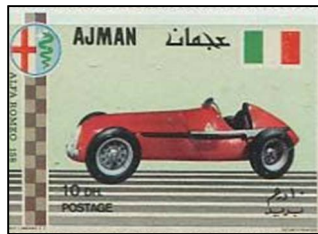
Ajman is among the smallest emirates, nestled in the center of the UAE's western coast. The first postage stamp on 20th June 1964 and continue till 1972.

Umm-Al-Quwain, constitutes one of the less populated emirates. It contains a significant natural reserve, Al Seneyah Island, along its coast. Stamps were issued in 1964 Sheikh Ahmad II bin Rashid Al Mu'alla & Wildlife series and continue issuing till 1972. After merging with UAE, the emirates adopted UAE postage stamp.



Ras-Al-Khaimah, occupying the northernmost part of the UAE, borders Oman's exclave of Musandam. It includes an important seaport and some of the UAE's most fertile agricultural land. Postal system introduced in this emirates from 1964-1972 and non-recognised after coming under UAE.

Fujairah, uniquely situated on the UAE's eastern coast along the Gulf of Oman, possesses the UAE's only access to the Indian Ocean. It features a significant shipping port, the Port of Fujairah.

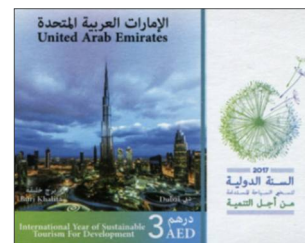


During our tour to UAE, we visited Abu Dhabi City, Yas Island, where Ferrari World Park is located. It is the world's first Ferrari-themed park and features Formula Rossa, the world's fastest roller coaster.

**Dubai Frame-** The Dubai Frame is an observatory, museum, and monument in Zabeel Park, Dubai. It holds the record for the largest frame in the world. The building has a height of 150.24 meters and a width of 95.53 meters. The building mainly serves as an observatory, providing views of Old Dubai in the North and newer parts of Dubai in the South. The Dubai Frame is created out of glass, steel, aluminum, and reinforced concrete. It was opened to the public in January 2018. An observation deck spans the top of the frame, with glass-bottomed floors looking down almost 150 meters onto the building's lower span. The lower span contains a museum showing the history of the city, and a video exhibit predicting the city's future. View of the downtown from the Dubai Frame Observation Deck is worth visiting.

**Dubai Mall -** Dubai Mall is a shopping mall in Dubai. It is the largest mall in the world by total land area and the 26th-largest shopping mall in the world by gross leasable area. It has a total retail floor area of 5,400,000 sq. ft. located in Dubai. it is part of the 20-billion-dollar project of Downtown Dubai adjacent to the iconic Burj Khalifa and includes over 1,200 shops. Dubai Aquarium and Underwater Zoo are other attractions of Dubai Mall. The Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo by Emaar Entertainment was designed by Peddle Thorp. It showcases more than 300 species of marine animals, including sharks and stingrays. It is the most visited building on the planet, attracting over 54 million visitors each year.

**Burj Khalifa-** The Burj Khalifa is the world's tallest skyscraper building in Dubai, United Arab Emirates having a total height of 829.8 m. The construction of the Burj Khalifa started in 2004 and was completed in 2009. The building was opened to the public in 2010 as part of a new development called Downtown Dubai. The building is named in honour of the former president of the United Arab Emirates ruler of Abu Dhabi, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The Y-shaped tripartite floor geometry is designed to optimize residential and hotel space. It contains a total of 57 elevators and 8 escalators. The observation deck for the visitors is at Levels 124th Floor, 125th floor, and 148th floor. The most popular deck on the 124th floor and 125th floor due to its lower ticket price. At the top, admire 360-degree views of the Dubai city at the observation deck.



**Dubai Desert Safari-** The desert safari provides about 20 minutes of exciting dune bashing along with an electrifying camp journey. Spending an evening in the Arabian Desert on a 6-hour tour from Dubai. Desert safaris offer visitors a chance to learn about Bedouin culture and traditional activities. Desert Safari Dubai is the best activity to experience and explore the desert uniquely. You can travel by 4-wheel drive to a Bedouin camp You can indulge in various other activities in the desert including camel riding, hot air ballooning, quad biking, sand skiing, going sandboarding on the dunes, getting a henna tattoo, or passing around the traditional shisha water pipe and attending a traditional cultural event under the stars.

PHILATELY AND UAE EMIRATES COUNTRIES



I started cing stamps in the year 1969 / 1970 when Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Ajman, Umm-Al-Quwain, Ras-Al-Khaimah, and Fujairah were issuing stamps separately. But all the stamps were found in C.T.O. Now the

United Arab Emirates is issuing stamps for the use of all 7 emirates. The most expensive edition is the “Golden Jubilee 2021,” which has a total of 2021 pieces and costs 2021 AED (₹46,483/-). Each stamp contains one gram of gold. The second stamp is called the “Spirit of the Union-1971,” which symbolizes the establishment of the UAE by the founding fathers.

## Philately News

### Speed Post, Registered Post and Registered Parcel Tariff Change

Effective from November 1, 2023, registered post and courier services are now subject to Goods and Services Tax (GST). The revised GST rate for these services is set at 18%, with 9% allocated to Central GST and 9% to State GST. The distribution of these shares is evenly split between the central and state governments. It is noteworthy that GST had been previously introduced for Speed Post services.

In accordance with the recent regulations, the rates for registered post services are now presented in the following table:

Weight (grams)	Prev. Rate (Rs)	New Rate (Rs)
Up to 20	22	26
Up to 40	27	32
Up to 60	32	38

Additionally, the cost for sending acknowledgment cards has also been revised. Previously priced at Rs 25, it will now incur a charge of Rs 30.

These adjustments in rates reflect the impact of the newly implemented GST on registered post and courier services throughout the country.

### World Postcard Day 2023

The World Post card day, was found in 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1854 by Lord Dalhousie and commemorate in modern day. In india,



*World Postcard Day Bengaluru*

15 philatelic association/clubs joined hands in one common meet up at Bangalore, Karnataka on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2023. The main function was organised at Bangalore with release of 15 specially design postcards throughout India.

**WORLD POSTCARD DAY - 1 OCT 2023**  
Collective Celebration under the aegis of INDIA POST

Tracing back the origins of the picture postcard is difficult because postcards were not simply invented – instead they evolved. Their history is inevitably linked with the development of the postal service, but also features innovations in printing and photography, drawing proposals, and even 804,372 registered members in 209 countries and also more than 10 thousands postcards lovers of India.

PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES / ASSOCIATIONS / CLUBS

KEY OFFERINGS / EVENTS

- a. World Postcard Day Meetup - PAN India - Locally arranged at 14 locations, but all locations connected online
- b. Release of a common postcard celebrating India
- c. Release of 15 Regional specific Postcards, by individual participating associations



*World Postcard Day - Coimbatore*

The Special meet up was plan among these participating philatelic organisation through digital and physical celebration. Pictorial postmarks released from different circle by organising meetings in respective bureaus such as Bangalore, Shimla, Mumbai, Goa, Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Pondicherry, Tiruchirappalli and Raipur.

### First Day Covers- A new Collection category

Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP) has decided to recognise First Day Cover collection, in the General Regulations for the Exhibitions (GREX) for competition in categories as Traditional Philately - Postal History - Postal Stationery - Aerophilately - Thematic Philately - Maximaphily - Philatelic Literature - Youth Philately - Revenue - Astrophilately - Open Philately. A new class category FIRST DAY COVERS will introduce in the 40th International Stamp Exhibition schedule at Shanghai, China, 2024.

## Odisha State Philately News

### Philately Day

In Odisha, Philately Day (11th November) and Postal Week was celebrated in most of the Division by organising workshop, stamp designing competition, letter writing competition etc. The places where Philately Days celebrated were Rourkela, Rairangpur, Phulbani, Jajpur, Cuttack (City & South), Burla, Sambalpur, Boudh, Nayagarh, Kalahandi, Bhadrak, Bhubaneswar, Baripada, Berhampur, Balangir etc.



1. KEONJHAR A Philatelic workshop and quiz competition was held at Odisha Adarsh Vidyalay, Tikira, Dhenkikote, today by Keonjhar Postal division. Philatelist Sri Debasish Pati of Keonjhar conducted the seminar and quiz competition with active participation from the school students.

2. Aditi Aradhana, Class 7 student of Rabindra Vidya Niketan, Keonjhar was felicitated by Superintendent of POs,



Keonjhar division Sri Harihar Nayak on the eve of Philately Day for getting SILVER Medal in Youth Class in FIP sponsorship International Stamp Exhibition held in Dhaka, Bangladesh from 29th Sept to 2nd Oct 2023.

3. ROURKELA - National Philatelic Day Celebrate at Home and Hope, Rourkela, Superintendent of Post Rourkela, Principal Home and Hope, ASP Rourkela.



4. BHAWANIPATNA - On the eve of Philately Day a mini exhibition on "International Stamps" has

organised at Bhawanipatna HO under Kalahandi Division with help from eminent Philatelist Sri Ramesh Agrawal. Students, teachers, guardians and stamp lovers attended the Exhibition.

5. KALAHANDI- Philately Quiz competition organised at Danteswari Govt. School, Behera under Dharamgarh Sub dvn in kalahandi division.
6. BALANGIR- Philately Day observed at Saraswati Sishu Mandir, Kadampada, Balangir



7. BHUBANESWAR- Philately Day observed at Philatelic Bureau, Bhubaneswar GPO.



### Rayapex 2023

The 1st district level exhibition was organised by Rayagada Postal Division during 18-19th November, 2023. Mr Ajay Kumar Barik and Sri Shanti Swarup Rath, Members of EIPA were nominated as the Exhibition evaluation Jury whereas Sri Debi Prasad Nayak, Sri Anup Kumar Rout, Mr Ajit Kumar Raut, Mr Venkat and Mr Dilip Kumar Panda act Jury in different categories of competition.





The Guest on the inaugural day were Sri Riju Ganguly, PMG, Berhampur region, Sri Vinaya Dwivedi, Executive Vice President, J.K.Paper Mills Ltd, JKPur, Rayagada, Mr Rizman Ahmed, Director of Accounts (Postal), Cuttack, Mr Anup Kumar Raut, Philatelist Bhubaneswar and Sri minaketan Pradhan, SPO, Rayagada Division respectively.



There were two special covers and one set of picture postcard was released during the exhibition. More than 100 frames were exhibited in competitive and invitee class. School children and local public have shown interest in the exhibition in both the days. The concluding function were attended by Mrs Suchismita Swain, DPS(Hqr), Sri Vivekananda Sharma, Superintendent of Police, Rayagada, Sri A.K.Roy, Vice President, Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys Ltd, Therubali, Sri Aparjeet Pattanaik, SSRM, North Division, Sri Shanti Swarup Rath, Philatelist among the distinguished guest.

### New Division in Odisha



A new Rairangpur Postal Division was inaugurated by Her excellency Droupadi Murmu, President of India in

the august presence of Sri Raghbar Das, Governor, Odisha, Sri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister for Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Sri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology, Sri Bishweswar Tuddu, Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti and Tribal Affairs, Madam Mamata Mohanta, MP (Rajyasabha), Sri Naba charan Majhi, Dr Budhan Murumu, Sri Ganesh Ram Singh Khuntia, MLA on 21st November, 2023. To mark the occasion a special Cover was released by Department of Posts, Odisha Circle.



### ACTIVITIES BY EIPA MEMBERS



Mr Biswanath Mishra, Philatelist, Boudh organise a solo stamp exhibition on the occasion of ‘Senior citizen day’ at town hall, Boudh, Kalahandi, Odasha.



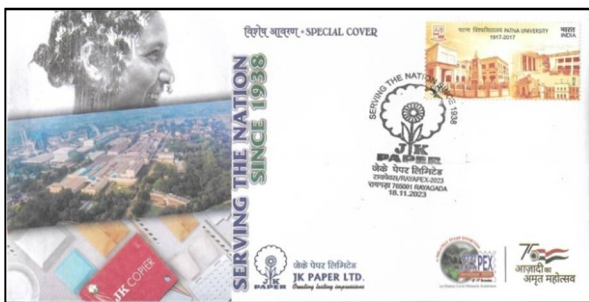
## Special Covers, Odisha Circle

### Special Covers from Department of Posts, Odisha Circle

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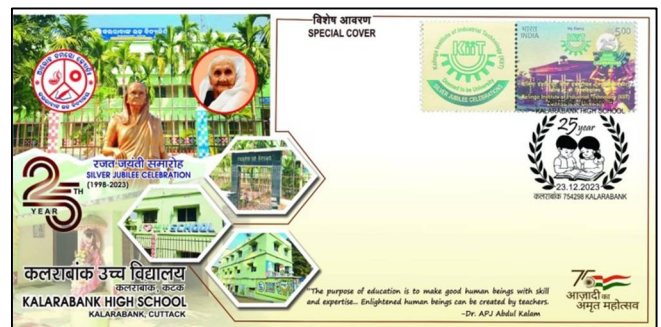
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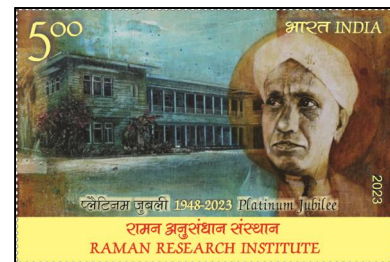
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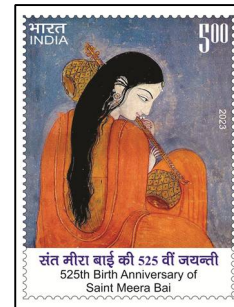
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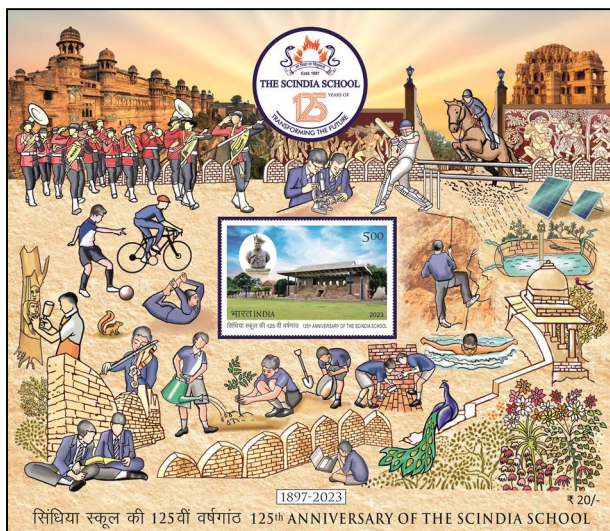
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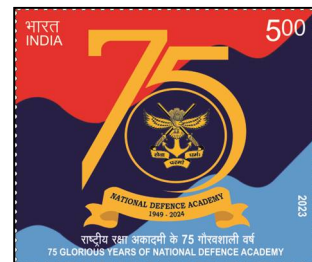
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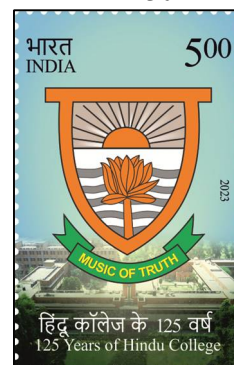
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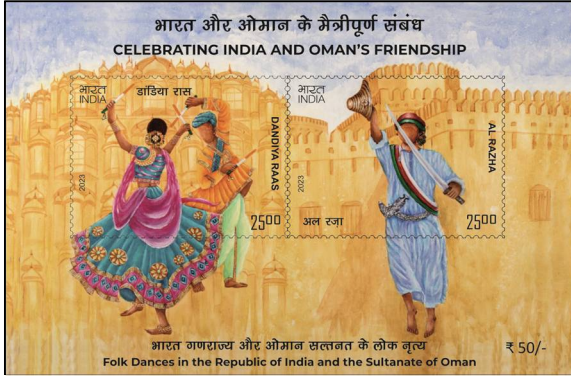
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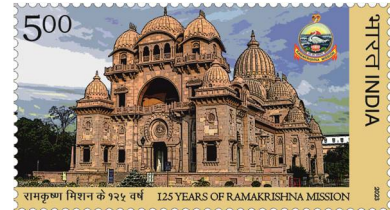
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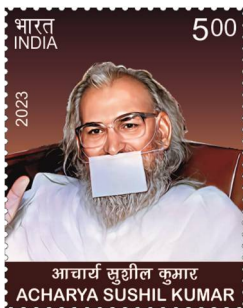
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## Special Covers Released in 2023 by Odisha Postal Circle

Mr Ajit Kumar Dash

Sl No	Date	Postal Code	Subject	Place	Cancellation
1	12-Jan-23	OD/01/2023	Raja Bahadur Ramchandra Mardaraj Deo	Chatrapur (Ganjam)	Raja Bahadur Ramchandra Mardaraj Deo
2	23-Jan-23	OD/02/2023	75 years of Bagadia High School, Angul	Bagadia (Angul)	75 & Open Book
3	03-Feb-23	OD/03/2023	Koraput-Heaven's Own Land	Jeypore	Map of Koraput with paintings of Art & Culture
4	01-Feb-23	OD/04/2023	6th Jasuapur Mahotsav, Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar	Dncing lady and Sitar
5	01-Apr-23	OD/05/2023	Shri Guru Bhagwat	Baripada	Guru doing Yoga
6	15-Apr-23	OD/06/2023	75th Capital Foundation Day, Bhubnaeswar	Bhubaneswar	75 and Mukteswar Gate
7	08-Jul-23	OD/07/2023	75th Year of Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC)	Bhubaneswar	Logo of OPSC (Ashok Pillar & Weighing Balance)
8	17-Aug-23	OD/08/2023	Desia Primer-Kuwi Primer	Bhubaneswar	Book
9	25-Sep-23	OD/09/2023	43rd Fondation Day of Cuttack City Postal Division	Cuttack	Computer with image of Postal logo
10	27-Sep-23	OD/10/2023	Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Setu	Cuttack	Subhas Bose & Bridge
11	09-Nov-23	OD/11/2023	International Millet Mission	Bhubaneswar	Millets
12	18-Nov-23	OD/12/2023	RAYAPEX-2023-1st Dist level Philatelic Exhibition	Rayagada	Logo of JK Paper Ltd
13	19-Nov-23	OD/13/2023	RAYAPEX-2023-1st Dist level Philatelic Exhibition	Rayagada	Mahatma Gandhi
14	21-Nov-23	OD/14/2023	Inauguration of Rairangpur Postal Division	Badampahar	Postal Van & Village scenes
15	25-Nov-23	OD/15/2023	Platinum Jubilee of SK Academy, Jagatsinghpur	Jagatsinghpur	Pen and Book
16	01-Dec-23	OD/16/2023	54th Foundation Day of Dak Lekha Bhawan, Cuttack	Cuttack	Office building with 54 years symbol
17	23-Dec-23	OD/17/2023	Silver Jubilee Kalarabanka High School, Cuttack	Kalarabanka	Chidlren reading Book
18	29-Dec-23	OD/18/2023	Silver Jubilee Celebration of DAV School, Talcher	Talcher	25, Books & students

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Mr. Prasanta Kumar Das

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Dr. Bibhudatta Mishra

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### Monthly Meeting

The 223 Monthly meeting of EIPA was organised on 17.12.2023 in front of GPO building. The meeting was presided by Sri Ajit Kumar Dash, members EIPA. 17 members were attended the meeting. The important points discussed were Dealers meet during 17-18th February, 2024 at Bhubaneswar to commemorate the Silver jubilee year of association. Memento for 25 years to members (Contributions basis) Acceptance of application of 4 New member, Experience sharing by Sri SSRATH at Thailand Exhibition, PCI stand on promotion of philately by Sri Anup Raut, nominated members from EIPA to PCI, Heritage study group, collaborating EIPA with INTACH for promotion of Philately among College youth and professional students by Sri Anil Kumar Dhir, Vice-President EIPA.



### New Members

#### **Mr Debi Prasad Nayak**

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#### **Mr Brundaban Mishra**

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