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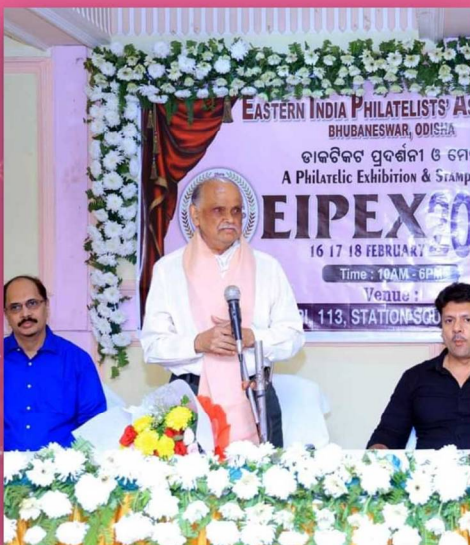
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## Editorial...

Welcoming the New Year, we relentlessly, innovate as part of our transformation into becoming more than just an association. Indeed 2024 is a banner year of EIPA with celebration of SILVER jubilee. We are more excited to observe the events and continued our efforts in promotion of philately.

In February, God's own festivals with forward looking efforts by DOP and release of six fragrance commemorative postage stamps released by Honorable Prime minister on Ram Janmabhoomi Temple. The price hike on the Miniature sheet was created a huge opposition by philatelists. Odisha postal Circle has the glory of releasing two Miniature and Stamps depicting 9 stamps on unique Culture and famous personality.

Let us make 2024 a year of unforgettable moments and exploration. Embrace the unknown take a leap of faith and the Journey unfold beneath your feet.

- Dr. Bibhudatta Mishra, Editor

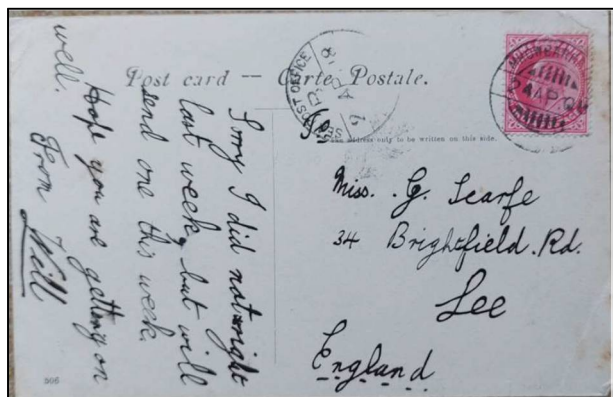


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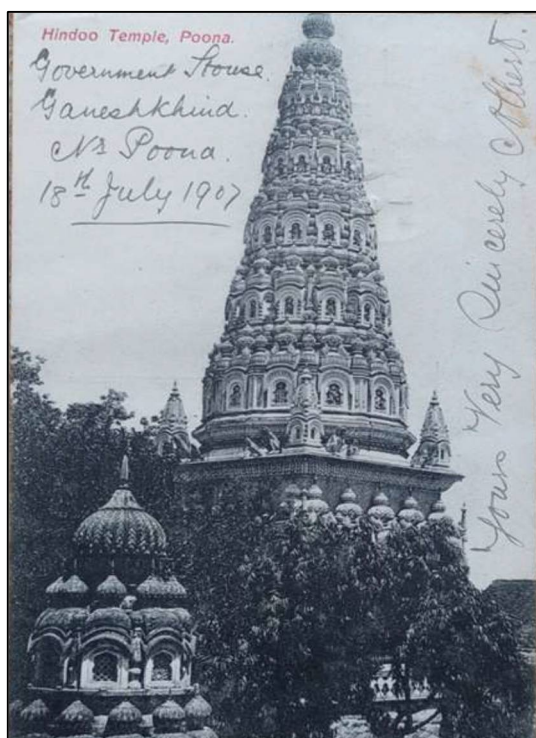


consists of a large octagonal central tower with Gothic features and arms radiating from it. This had become a common plan for nineteenth century markets all over India. The arms housed the vendors' stalls, while the tower was used as municipal offices.

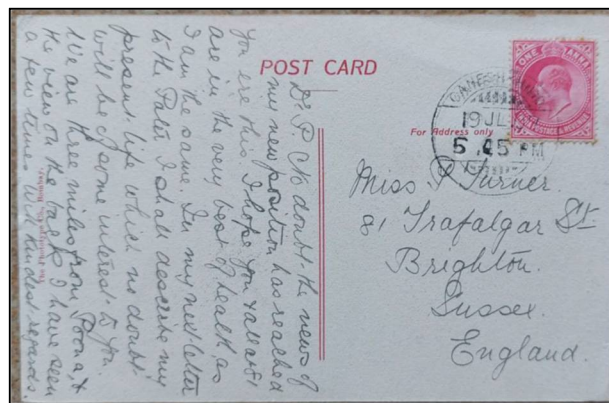


Here is a picture postcard of the market postally used to England in 1908.

### Ram Temple , Tulshibaug

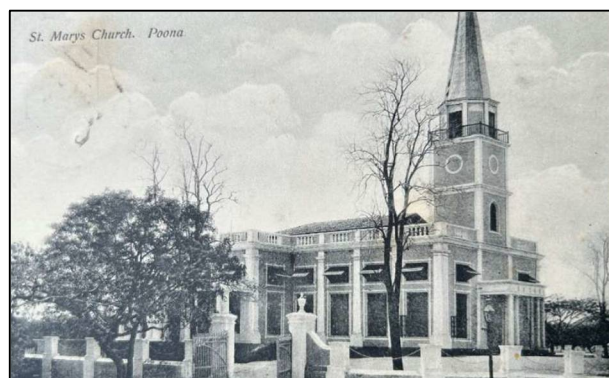


Ram Temple shikhara, Tulshibag: This 140 ft. high shikhara, the tallest in Maharashtra, was added in the nineteenth century. It is typical of the Maratha style, with storeys arranged in an elegant pyramid.



The picture postcard postally used 1907.

### St. Mary's Church



The Church, built in 1825, became the focal point of the religious life of the European troops and officers. It was the first Protestant church in Pune, meant for the use of the garrison.

### Shaniwar Wada

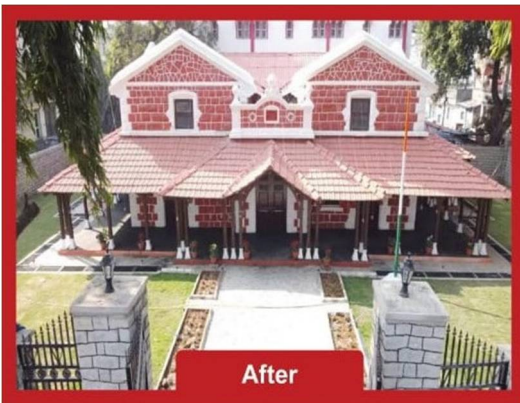


Built by Baji Rao I, the fortified palace complex was witness to many significant events of Maratha history, and has come to be a symbol of the city. Only the massive stone walls, bastions and the huge main gate with a wooden music gallery above it remain today.

## Passionate Watch Side

### Heritage Postal building at Jharsuguda

The GPO at Jharsuguda, Sundargarh constructed in 1892 had given the status of heritage building in 2021 and renovation completed in 2024. The heritage building was dedicated to Nation by honorable Prime minister Sri Narendra Modi on 3rd February, 2024 through digitally.



A small library in the heritage building was inaugurated by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Skill Development and

Entrepreneurship in presence of Sri Suvendu Swain, CPMG, Odisha Circle on 20th February, 2024.

## 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

## EIPA Monthly Meeting

The January 2024 monthly gathering of the EIPA was held on the 21st of January at Press Colony, Bhubaneswar, at the home of Shri Durgadutta Routray, the President of the association.



# Stamps Round the World

Courtesy: Mr. Shubhrajyoti Behera



Australia—Australian Ground Parrots - 13.02.2024



Thailand—World Pet Love Day - 21.02.2024



Sri Lanka—Scouting & Girl Guiding - 21.02.2024



Vatican—150th Anniversary of the Pharmacy - 21.02.2024



Chile—Cristina Calderon, (1928-2022) - 11.02.2024



Poland—Butterflies - 21.02.2024



UAE—Latifa Bint Muhammad Award for Childhood Creativity - 15.02.2024

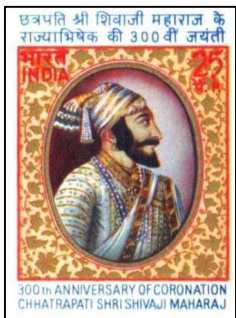


Gibraltar—Birds of Prey - 20.02.2024

## THE CITY WITH A CROWN LETTER BOX- Kasbe Pune

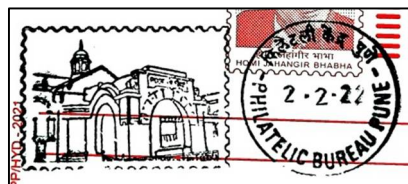
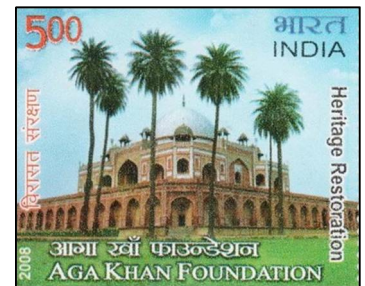
Dr. Bibhudatta Mishra

Last December, I have the chance to visit the city Poona-with lots of philatelic interest documented by Department of Post. Before starting my journey to the city, I have listed from a catalogue, the public visiting places that had already in postage stamps or stationery. There are two main attractions in my enlisted were district level exhibition PUNEPEX'2023 and the Jyotirlinga Bhimashankar. But, to my surprise the city offer me execute destination within short span of stay.



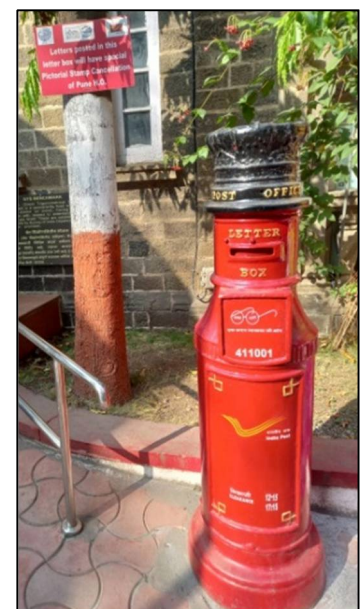
The first target travel was to historical mansion Shaniwar wada, the residence of the Peshwas, the pride of Maharashtra. The original foundation stone was laid by Peshwa Bajirao and construction completed in 1732 AD. The successors were made several additions like fortifications walls with five gateways, nine bastions that enclosed the whole complex. The main entrance gate is Dilli Darwaja, followed by Mastani, Khidaki, Ganesh and Narayan Darwaja respectively. The Shaniwar Peth Sub post office, situated near by provides a permanent pictorial postmark, for the philatelist to carry memories.

The city name changed to Poona during British regime in 1857 which had the architectural Italian arches and spacious lawns, garden Agakhan Palace currently maintained by Gandhi National Memorial Society. This marvel building famous when Mahatma Gandhi, wife Kasturba Gandhi and his Secretary cum friend, Mahadev Desai were detained for about 2 years by the British in 1942, following Quit India Movement. Both, Mahadev Desai and Kasturba Gandhi had their last breath at the rear side of the palace with marble memorials. There are many halls in this 3 storey palace showing large paintings and photographs narrating the life of Mahatma Gandhi and other leaders besides giving glimpses of the freedom movement.



The Victorian era GPO building at Queen's garden since inception in 1855 still carried lots of ostentatious memories such as crown letter box, heritage building status in 2000 and the 'zero milestone' right outside. The well preserved main structure, ending in a dome with Indo-Islamic influence, attracted visitors with a plaque is a tribute to Andrea Palladio, a 16th-century Italian Renaissance architect. The Tuscan columns in the veranda, arched windows with enlarged keystones and wedge-shaped stone, rusticated corners and typical

railings balusters, parapets and high-ceilinged halls. The historical treasure letter box with crown of Elizabeth II on the top is an added attraction for philatelist to send from this letterbox bear a special pictorial stamp cancellation.

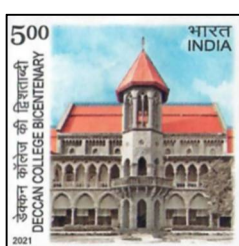
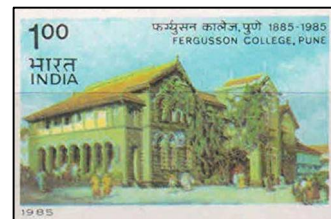


The Zero stone was originally placed during the Great Trigonometrical Survey, India's mapping and surveying heritage conducted between 1800 and 1860 served as a reference point with a known elevation relative to the mean sea level.

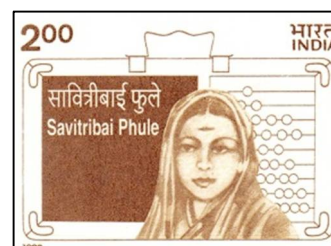


Another, postal interest was to visit the Fergusson College which has completed Centenary years with pride. The foundation stone of the Main building was laid in 1892 and the building was completed in 1895. The british era educational institute built in the Gothic style with basalt stone. The Government of India released a postal stamp with a beautiful portrait of the Main Building embossed had been painted by an internationally acclaimed artist, Shri Gopal Deuskar. I have witnessed a tiny modern red letter box (Round mark) in

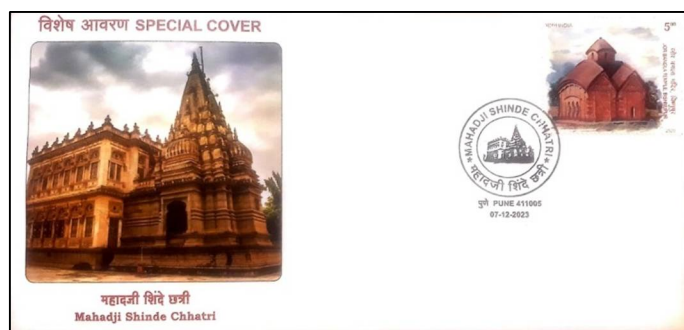
front of the main building which still delivered letters to far and distance as told by the security.



Located in Western part of the city, the Savitribai Phule University (Formerly known as University of Pune) established in 1949 has since become one of the leading centres for research and teaching in the



country. The University remember and honour a remarkable woman who fought for girls' education and sparked a revolution in India. Deccan College located near famous Yerawada jail was developed as one of the leading institutes for higher education, training and research completed bicentenary and depicted on a postage stamp of 2021.

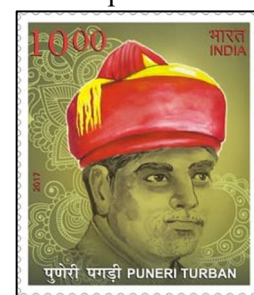


The culinary excellence since 1935 by Poona guest house has been recognized for Pune's cultural tapestry. PUNEPEX 2023 was celebrated during 7-8 December at Balgandhava Art Gallery, saw the unveiling of two special covers featuring Shinde Chhatri, Pune and Poona Guest house.

Headgears or turban of Pune area was witnessed symbol of pride and Honor of the city since 17th Century. This pagadi has received a Geographical indication (GI) Status in 2009.



The Armed Force Medical College (AFMC) is leading medical Institute completed platinum Jubilee in 2012. This centre is



globally acknowledge as a centre of excellence and received President's colour in 2023 for exceptional service.

### Poona Philatelic Bureau

The philatelic bureau in general post office is a treasure trove of philately. The bureau was opened on August 28, 1977. There are various philatelic stamps and Stationery available for enthaustas stamp lovers all of them pinned up in display boards.



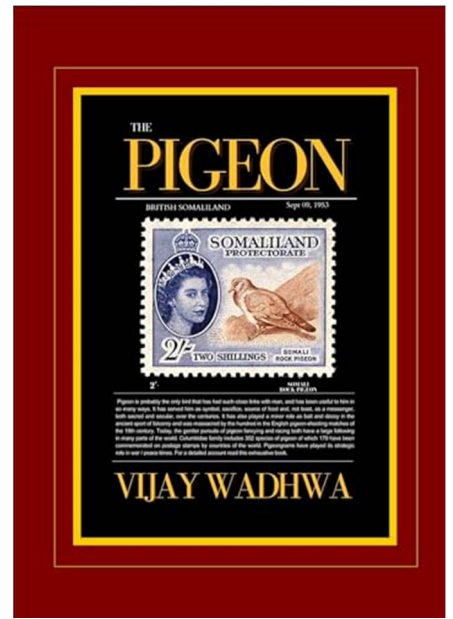
# The Pigeon

The pigeon, a bird with extensive historical ties to humanity, has served various roles as a symbol, sacrifice, messenger, and food source. Despite its significant contributions throughout the centuries, the pigeon is now often viewed as a civic nuisance in urban areas, leading to a divided public opinion. The confusion between the terms 'pigeon' and 'dove' has further obscured the bird's complete story. Originating from the blue rock pigeon, the bird has a long-standing affinity with humans, playing roles in ancient oracles and serving as messengers in wars, including both World Wars. While the white dove remains a symbol of peace, the modern city pigeon faces prejudice, although it has adapted well to urban life. This book explores the rich history of all 179 species of pigeons and doves commemorated on postage stamps globally, shedding light on their characteristics, historical significance, and their role in post and peace, making it a valuable resource for enthusiasts and philatelists.

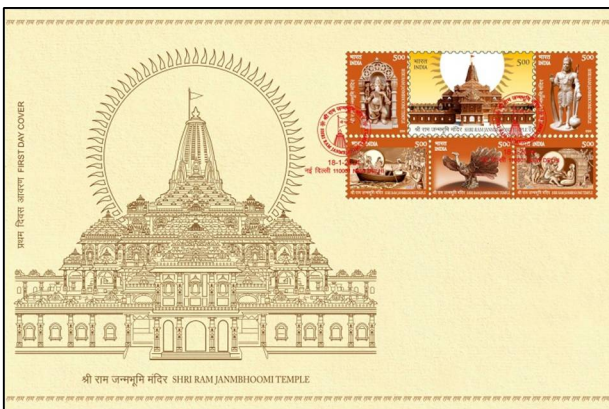
Book devotes fully illustrated 378 pages to describe The pigeon, bird per se in great details and goes on further to cover various aspects such as Physical features; Pigeon Facts; The Pigeon–The bird as we know; Historical importance; Pigeon as Totem; Coat of arms; The symbolism of the pigeon in different cultures; Meaning of pigeons in dreams; Species of Pigeon and common varieties on stamps; Fancy breeds of Pigeon; Pigeon as source of Food; Pigeon guano – foul or fantastic?; Why do pigeons bob their head? Pigeons in Wall Street; Mating habits of the pigeon; Pigeons are big business; Navigational capabilities; Famous people and pigeons; Pigeon disasters; Pigeons as lifesavers; Pigeons in the news; Why do you never see a baby pigeon?; What is the natural predator of the pigeon?; Pigeons intelligence and achievements; Pigeon for sport; Habitat loss.

The Pigeon's role play in Post such as Pigeon as messenger; Navigation by a homing pigeon; Early History; Pigeon-gram and Airmail Service , and its role in brokering Peace; Pigeon in wartime; Roll of honor– Brave pigeons and What do pigeons symbolize?

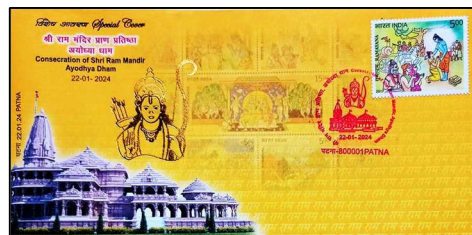
This book authored by Vijay Wadhwa from Raipur which is available in Amazon.



## Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple – A Philatelic View



*FDC of Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Temple stamp released on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 by Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi*



*Special Cover on Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Temple released on 22.01.2024 at Patna*



*Special Cancellation released at Mumbai GPO on 22.01.2024*



*Permanent Pictorial Cancellation released at Avodhya H.O. on 22.01.2024*



*Special Cancellation released at Ahmedabad GPO on 22.01.2024*

## Odisha State Philately News

### Association Members Felicitated

#### Felicitations by Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir, Bhimatangi

At the annual function of Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir, Bhimatangi, held on January 6, 2024, our member Dr. Bibhudatta Mishra was honored with a felicitation. On this occasion, the school announced the initiation of a youth philately club.



#### Lifetime Achievement Award by EIPA

The Lifetime Achievement Award by Eastern India Philatelists' Association (EIPA) was given to Shri Akshay Kumar Nayak (89 Years) during EIPEX 2024 on 16th February, 2024 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha for his constant encouragement and promotion of philately among youth. The award was given to him by Sri K. Santosh Netha, Director postal Services (HQ), Odisha Circle in the inaugural Silver Jubilee function.



#### Senior Philatelist of EIPA Felicitated by Other Association

The Lifetime Achievement Award was given to one of the most senior members of the association, the Orissa Philatelic Association, Shri Haripada Panda during OPAPEX 2024.



## Special covers Released

### 76<sup>th</sup> Republic Day

A special cover was released to commemorate the 76th Republic Day in 2024 at Raj Bhawan by the Honorable Governor of Odisha, Shri Raghubar Das.



### First World Odia Language Conference

A Special Cover was released to commemorate the 1st World Odia Language Conference in Bhubaneswar by Shri Aswini Kumar Patra, the Honorable Minister of Culture, in the presence of Shri R. Balakrishnan, IAS (Retd.), Chief Advisor to the Chief Minister's Office, Shri Dilip Rautrai, Director of Culture, and Shri K. Santhosh Netha, DPS (HQ) on February 3, 2024.



### Release of Commemorative Postage Stamp on Gadjat Gandhi Sarangadhara Das



A Commemorative Postage Stamp on Gadjat Gandhi Sarangadhara Das was released by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship at Dhenkanal on 23rd February, 2024.

## Glimpses of EIPEX 2024

### Press Meet at Hotel Keshari on 14.02.2024 ahead of EIPEX 2024



### Release of Special Cancellations & Picture Postcards



### Inauguration of Exhibition & Stamp Mela



### Exhibition & Visitors



### Life Time Achievement Award





**Stamp Mela**





**Valedictory and Memento distribution**



**EIPA Members gathering**



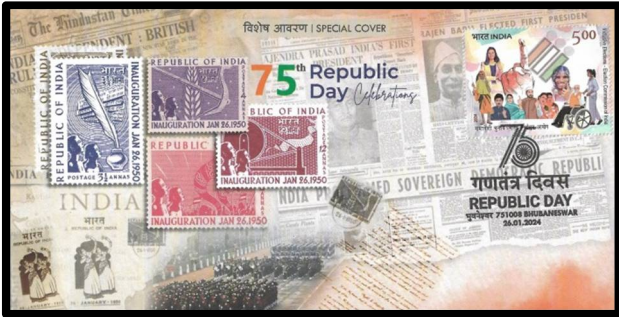
**Auction**



**Special Covers, Odisha Circle**

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

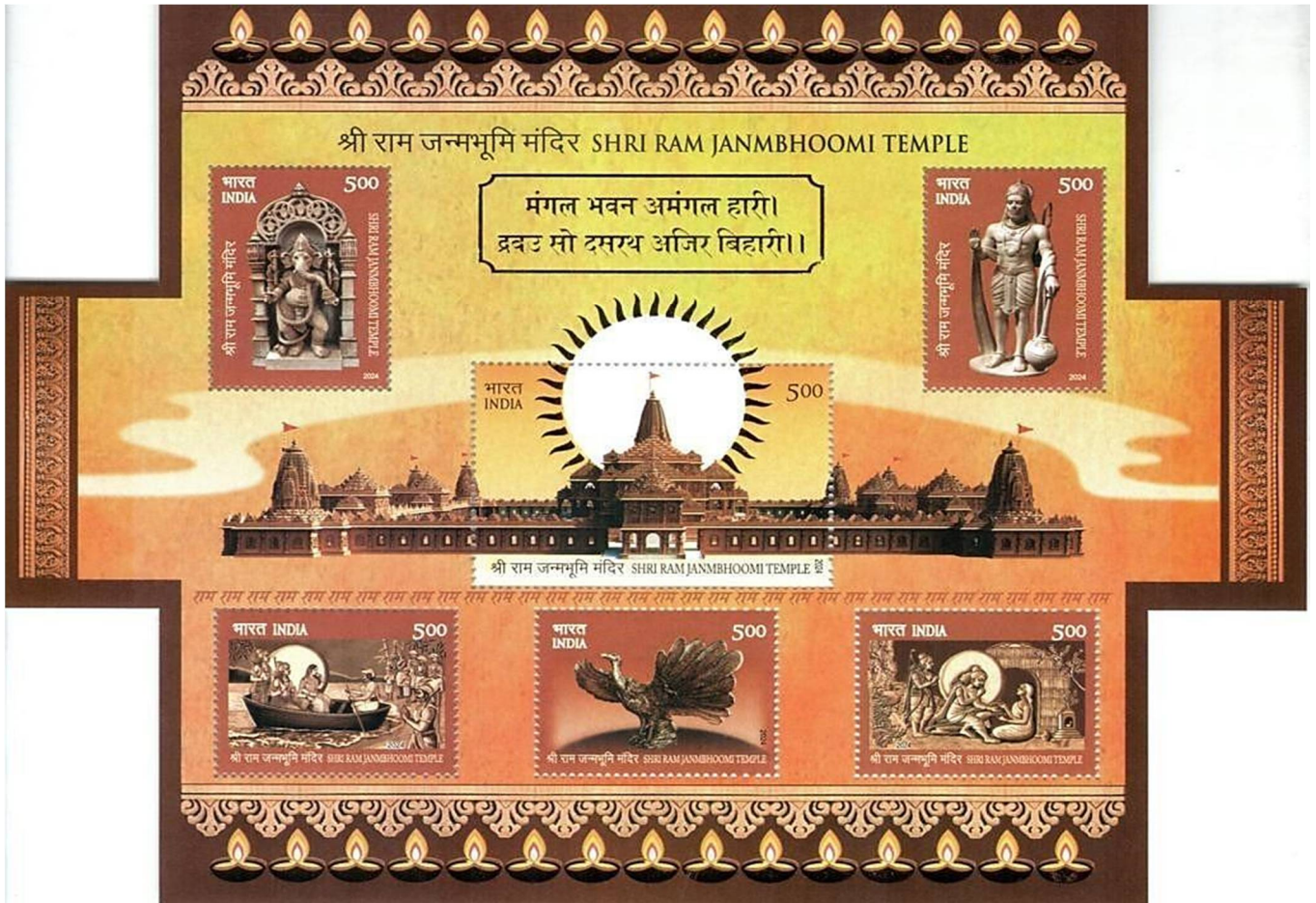
**Cover No-01/2024: 76<sup>th</sup> Republic Day**



**Cover No-02/2024: 1st World Odia Language Conference**

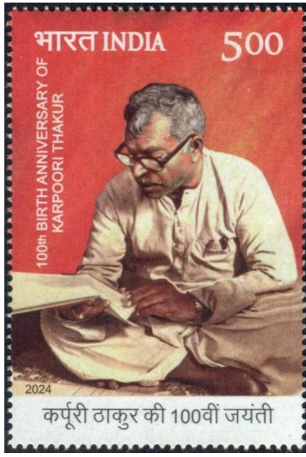


**New Released Stamps and MSs**



*Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Temple*

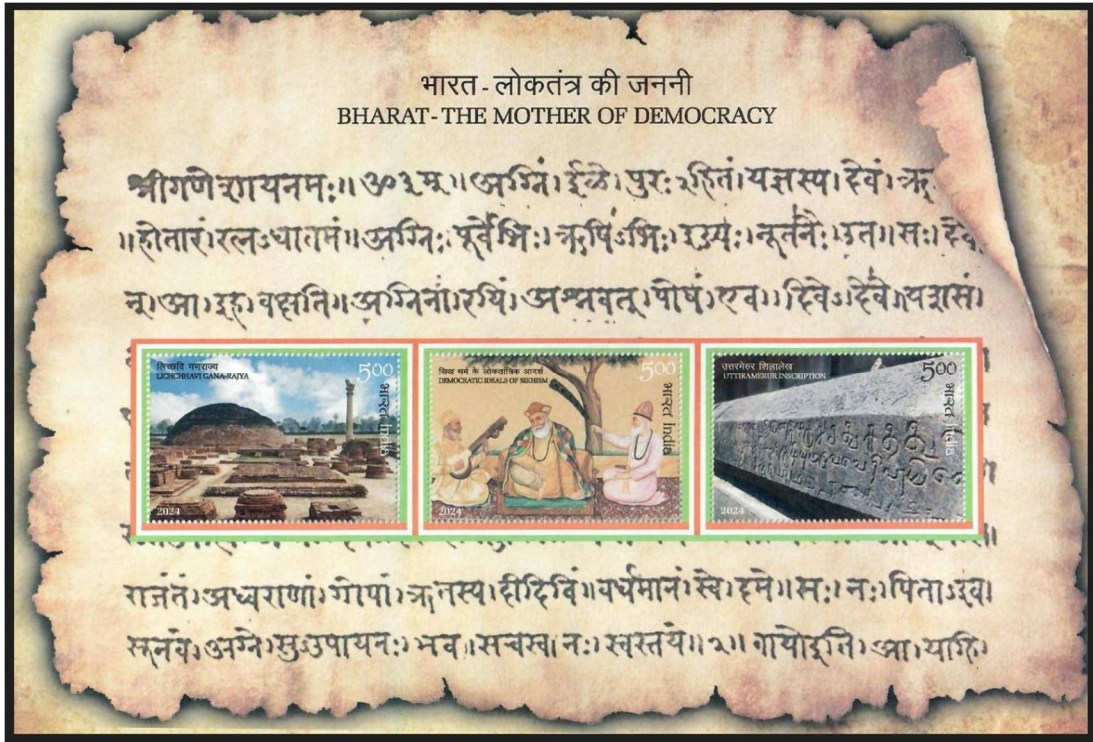
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*Karpoori Thakur  
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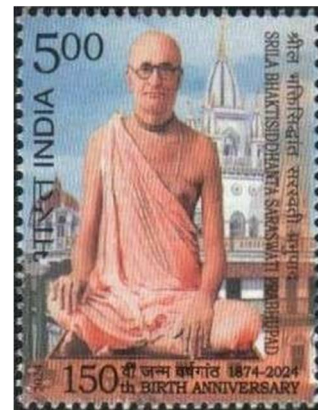
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*Bharat - The Mother of Democracy  
Date of Issue: 25.01.2024*



*Bombay Sappers War Memorial  
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*Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Prabhupad  
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Ram Chandra  
Date of Issue: 14.02.2024



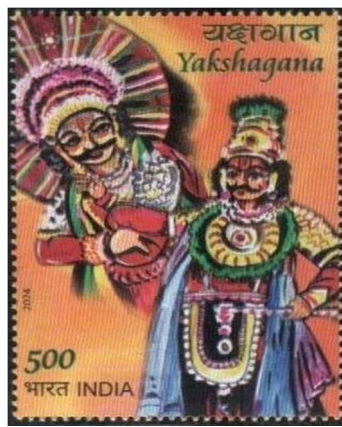
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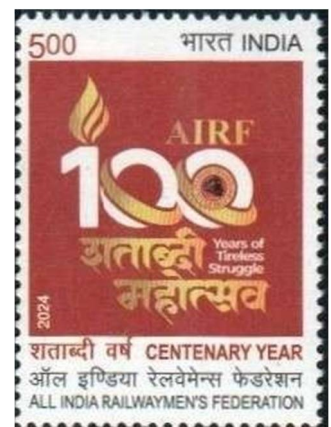
Cultural Heritage of Odisha Sambalpur  
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Sarangadhar Das  
Date of Issue: 23.02.2024



Yakshagana  
Date of Issue: 25.02.2024



All India Railwaymen's Federation  
Date of Issue: 27.02.2024



## Association Updates

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We extend a warm invitation to one and all to become a part of EIPA family. For membership related queries please contact to **The Secretary, EIPA** on Mob. No. +91 9437034621.

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