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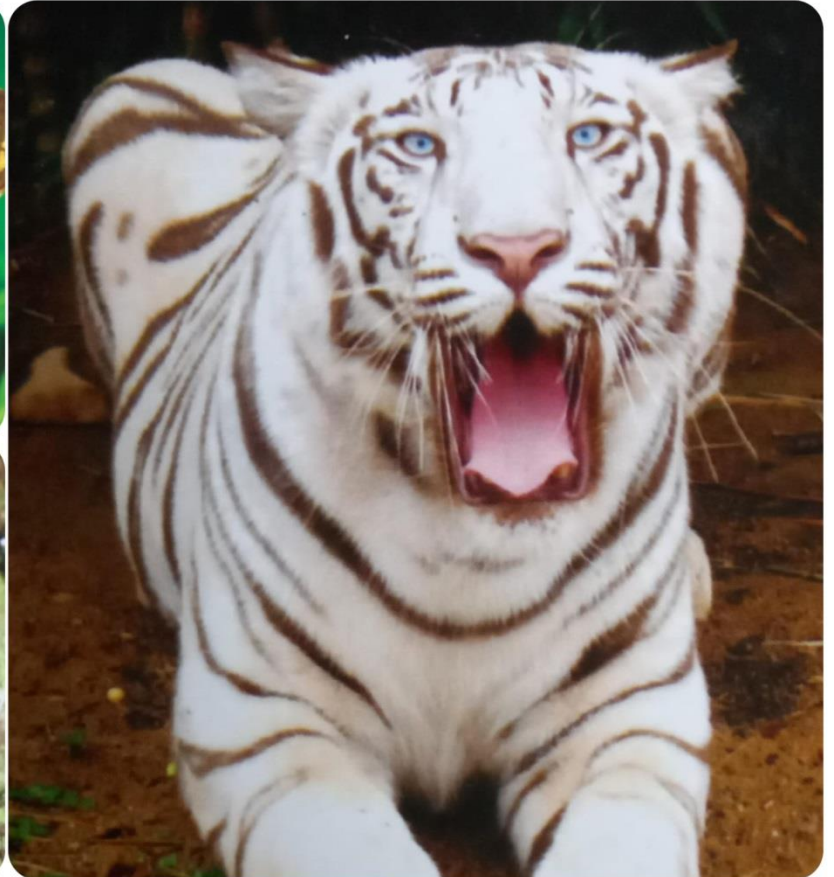


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THE PURPOSE OF STAMP HOBBY IS TO BE AN
INDEPENDENT THINKER,

NOT A MINDLESS FOLLOWER



Editorial...

The midsummer's relentless warmth and the thumping sound of election have prohibited to a standing atmosphere for the philatelic activities in past two months.

All stamp collectors eagerly waiting for new issues from Department. In the current issue, we have focused on the Prayagraj-holiest pilgrimage which have countless philately contribution and relish endless joy. Talking point was perceived the conversation by one of the oldest Stamp Company in India. The series on birds of extreme is emphasis on Shortest Courtship. Few philatelic activities by DoP were celebrated throughout India including Odisha Circle in last two months.

There was loss for EIPA, when I received the first phone call about demise of Ojha babu around 9.00 am from his daughter Ankita on 11th May 2024. The unfortunate message spread immediately to Tai Sir and Secretary Rathbabu as I don't have the courage to intimate other members. A very good friend, philosopher, guide and strait forward personality with whom we have travel together to New Delhi, 2011 (International Philatelic Exhibition) Mumbai, (INPEX- 2019) and New Delhi, (AMRITPEX-2023). Personally, I was receiving a welcome message from him on a daily basis which was salient from 5th May on the day when almighty decided to send him to the higher abode. A great philatelist and human being by heart....My special tribute for the time we have spent.

Life is a expedition; enjoy the most of the recreational activities that we are involved across the globe.

Enjoy another episode of the Fila Capsule Thrilling Read!!!

- Dr. Bibhudatta Mishra, Editor

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Errors on Postage Stamps – Afghanistan

Part 1

Nisarg Sutaria, Ahmedabad

Searching Errors on a country stamp refers to several types of failure that has occur during the production process resulted due to wrong colours, incorrect denominations and misplaced design elements. The researchers and experts on Errors stamps found various types of mistakes during search process and listed in literature. The numerous types of errors listed by these specialists are Design error, Denomination error, Omission error, Overprint errors, Inverted overprint, Missing overprint, Wrong overprint, Double impression, Colour error, Colour shift error, Missing colour error, Watermark errors, Inverted watermark, Paper error, Imperforate errors- 2 types horizontally imperforate and vertically imperforate, Mis-perforation, Tête-bêche errors, Blind perforation errors, Offset errors, Over-inking, Under-inking, Ink smears, Albino errors, Phosphor band errors, Gum errors, Miscuts and Unprinted areas. Sometime the Non-English speaking countries have mistake of spelling in the stamp description.

Viewing into the history, Afghanistan stamps issuing started from 1871, is a Central Independent country bordering Iran, India and Turkestan. During 1881-1919, the country was dominated by the British. Afghanistan regained its autonomy in 1907 and its independence in 1919. The country joined postal network in 1928 with Universal Postal Union. Searching the errors in Afghanistan stamps started from the Country name itself. For example, the stamps imprinted were “Postage Afghan” (1927), Postes Afghanes (1928-1936), Afghan Postage (1929), Postes

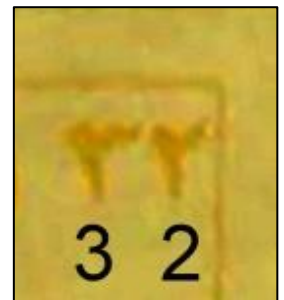


Afghanistan (1937, The 19th Anniversary of Independence). In few set stamps it has been notice the depiction of Postes Afghanes and Postes Afghanistan from 1938 onwards till date without any uniformity. The first negligible error noticed in 1952 United Nations Day 35- and 125-poul stamps spell the country name in all upper case except the "i". Though the spelling of country name is perfectly alright but supplement of “i” in AFGHANiSTAN has made the stamp error.



The Afghan stamp issued on November 29, 1953, with the inscription error featuring Arabic digits "23" instead of "22" for the 22nd anniversary, could be of interest to stamp collectors who specialize in errors or Afghan stamps.

Misprint Makes It Collectible



The reason for potential value is the misprint. Instead of the correct inscription "22周年" (22nd anniversary in Chinese characters), the stamp shows "23" due to an error during printing. This mistake introduces rarity compared to correctly printed stamps.

Error

In 1953, Obligatory Tax stamp showing, Anniversary of Faculty of Medicine got three errors and reprinted later on.



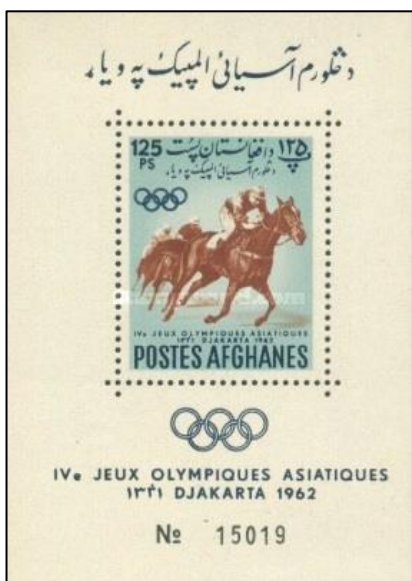
125-poul stamp with three errors: "XXIII" instead of "XXII", "ANNIVERAIRE" instead of "ANNIVERSAIRE", and "MADECINE" instead of "MEDECINE". Stamps issued by Afghanistan on - 1953 November 29 - 35-poul stamp with arabic digits for "23" instead of correct "22" for 22nd anniversary.



Surcharge stamps of United Nation Day Stamps 1956 have an extra "N" in "AFGHANNES" in place of "AFGHANES" consider a spelling mistake error.



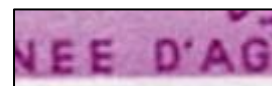
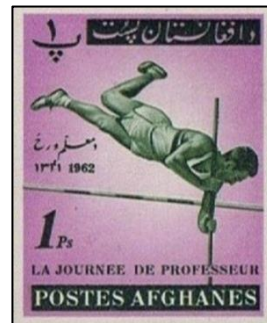
In 1958, Afghanistan Post released stamps on Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) - Geneva, Switzerland which mis-translate "atoms for peace" with "ATOME" rather than "ATÔMES".



In 1962 a series Airmail stamps (17 Nos and 2MS) commemorate the

4th Asian Games Jakarta, Indonesia, but wrongly the Olympic rings are printed with writing Olympiques Asiatiques as per Arabic dialogue.

The inscription "DE PROFESSEUR" instead of "DU PROFESSEUR" on the 1962 Afghanistan October 25 airmail stamps indicates a possible error. In French, "DU" is the correct definite article before a masculine singular noun like "PROFESSEUR" (meaning "of the Professor"). "DE" is used before feminine or plural nouns.



Stamps issued on 1963 March 1 of Afghanistan Stamp misspell "Journée de l'Agriculture" as "Journee d'Agriculture". The missing apostrophe and definite article "de" would be a clear misprint.

The Inscription Error:

Stamps issued from Afghanistan 1964 March 3 - issued for Teachers' Day, have a misspelling. The correct inscription for Teachers' Day should be "Journée du professeur" (French for "Teacher's Day"). However, the stamps incorrectly read "Journee d'Agriculture" (French for "Agriculture Day").

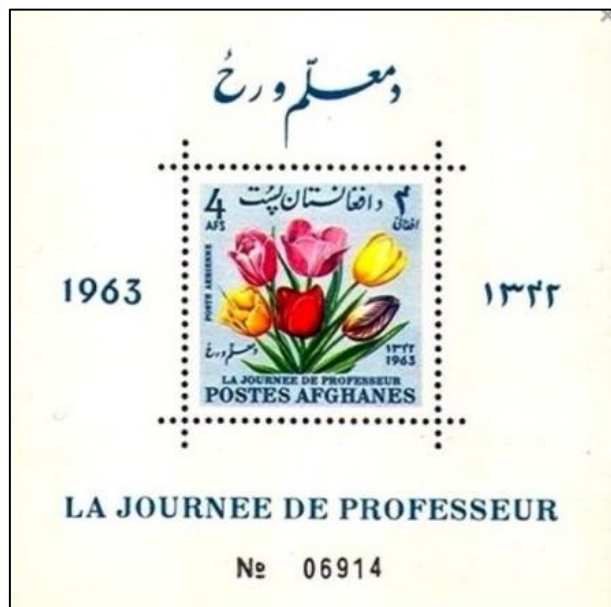


Denomination Error:



The affected stamps include:

- Regular postage: 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 poul denominations
- Airmail: 1.5, 2, 3, 3.5, 4, and 6 rupee Afghani denominations



Stamps issued from Afghanistan 1964 May 12 - the 3.75-rupee Afghani stamp with the misprinted denomination in Arabic (showing 3.25 instead of 3.75) could be a valuable collector's item for a few reasons:

Scarcity and Error Type:



Printing errors, especially on stamps, are uncommon. This misprint makes the stamp stand out from correctly printed ones. The more noticeable and significant the error, the more likely it is to be valuable. In this case, the incorrect denomination is a fairly significant error.

Stamps issued by Afghanistan on 1964 August 24 sounds like a fascinating case of a printing error that was then corrected – with a twist! Here's a breakdown of the details and potential value:

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Forthcoming Exhibitions

1. **JAKARTA 2024**
(Asian International Stamp Exhibition)
Jakarta, Indonesia
3-7 July
2. **PHILAKOREA 2024 (FIP) (FIP World Stamp Exhibition)**
Seoul, Korea
15-19 August
3. **HAFNIA 2024**
Copenhagen, Denmark
17-20 October
4. **Four Nations**
Hanoi, Vietnam
October
5. **CHINA 2024 (40th FIAP Asian International Stamp Exhibition)**
Shanghai, China
29 Nov-3 Dec
6. **APEX 2024**
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
16-18 August 2024

Phila Facts

Largest Stamps of the World

Aptly named “The Mother of Emirates”, the postage stamp features the “Mother of the Nation” logo. The original postage stamp entered the Guinness World Records after being measured at 1.36 x 1.77 meters. The highest international specifications and measures followed in making memorial stamps, but technically, it's actually listed as the largest “special” postage stamp, because it can't actually be used as a postage stamp. On March 21, 2013, a postage stamp was released to commemorate Her Highness Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak Al Ketbi, the widow of Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, founder and previous ruler of the U.A.E.



Stamps Round the World

Courtesy: Mr. Shubhrajyoti Behera



Andorra ES- Underwater Flora and Fauna -09.05.2024



Egypt –Egyptian-Brazilian Diplomatic Relations- 01.05.2024



Morocco – Folk Art, Joint with Romania
21.05.2024



Spain -Literature - Luisa Carnés
31.05.2024



Finland- Sweden's NATO Membership –
08.05.2024



France – Raoul Duffy Flowers
21.05.2024



Azerbaijan-Year of Solidarity for Green World-22.05.2024



Taiwan- 100th Anniversary of the R.O.C. Military Academy
14.06.2024



Egypt -Egyptian Automobile Club_-03.06.2024



Slovakia – Nature Protection-07.06.2024



Great Britain – Dog
06.06.2024



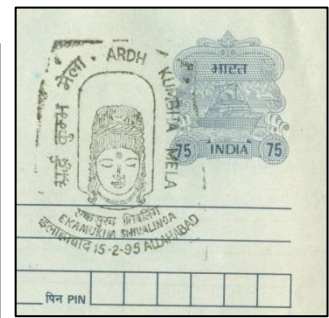
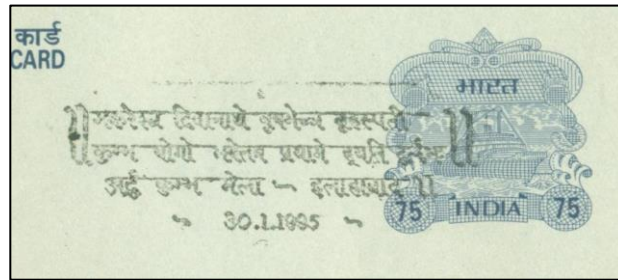
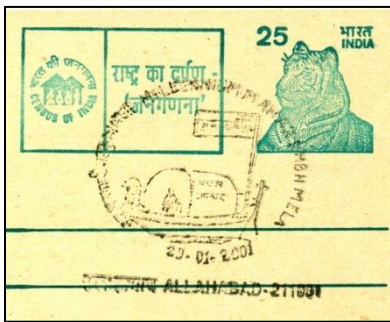
Vietnam - Vietnamese Fairy Tale - The Hundred-Know Bamboo Tree
01.06.2024



Turkey-
World Environment Day
05.06.2024

Memoire of Ancient Holy town Allahabad to Modern time Prayagraj

Mr. Rahul Ganguli

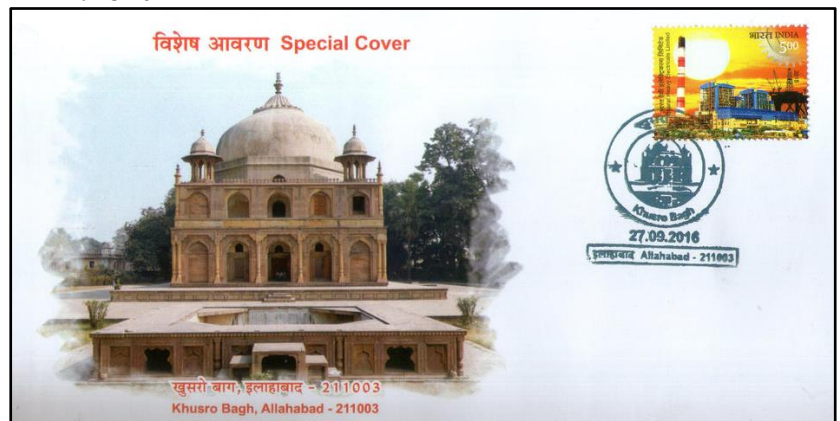


Allahabad, the 16th century city reverts to Hindu name Prayagraj. Being a resident of Allahabad, and a philatelist, I have the opportunity to watch the taste of “real India” in my city. This is a living chronicle situated on the banks of the confluence of 3 revered rivers – the Ganga (left side with brownish color; energetic flow), the Yamuna (right side; with green tinge calm water run) and the mythical Saraswati. The city has the credential of host to Ardhha Kumbh Mela, a religious congregation held in every six years and Mahakumbh in every 12 years since primordial time at the Triveni Sangam, the largest gatherings of millions of disciples on this earth. Devout Hindus believe that taking a dip at the Sangam, immerse the urn of ashes of their ancestors in the holy waters resulted salvation to the departed soul. During 15 January to 4 March, 2019, The Department of Posts has released a postage stamp to commemorate the reverent Ardhha Kumbha Mela. There are several memorable moments and elements of Kumbh Mela captured and celebrated by DoP through issue of Special Covers. The presence of a Floating Post Office on a boat, during Kumbh mela, 2019 was an added philatelic attraction.



The Department issued a special cancellation during the Magh Mela in 2021. This cancellation was much appreciated by all and was used widely in the outgoing mails on the date of issue – 14-01-2021. It also commemorated Makar Sankranti on that day which marks the beginning of the Magh Mela every year. Philatelists present on that day used this special cancellation on the commemorative covers and picture postcards and postally used them on the day of issue from Prayagraj.

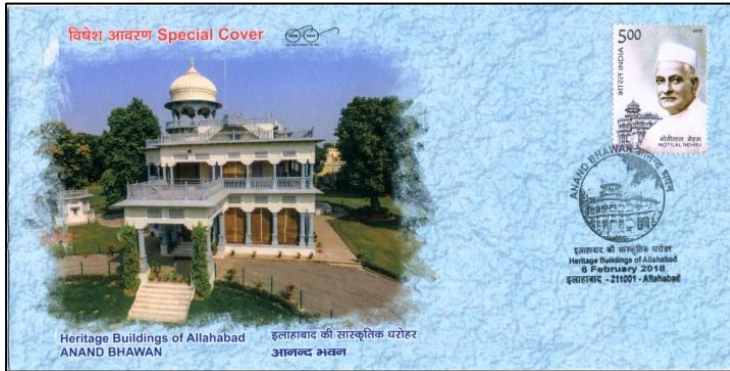
The Khusro Bagh, located in Prayagraj which is a tourist spot, is a mausoleum complex built during the 17th century and tombs of Khusro Mirza (eldest son of Jahangir), Shah Begum (first wife of Jahangir) and Princess Sultan Nithar Begum (daughter of Jahangir).



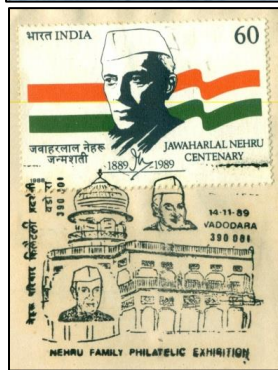


In 1575, Akbar renamed the town as Allahabad or the land of Allah and witness blend of both pilgrimage Hindu and Islamic cultures reflects in the vernacular lingo. The city has played a crucial role in shaping our modern nation - spectator of the Mughal era to even the colonial period including important events in India's freedom struggle. Alfred Park now called the Chandrasekhar Azad Park or Company Bagh with a statue named after legendary freedom fighter Chandrasekhar Azad who shot himself to avoid being arrested by the British forces. Within Alfred Part, Prayagraj Museum and the Public Library is situated.

A crucible of nationalist fervor, echoing calls for freedom from the colonial shackles, Indian National Congress, was shaped in 1885 in this renaissance city. Anand Bhawan- the 1927 architectural brilliance,



home of the Nehru-Gandhi lineage comes alive in this stately house turned into a museum currently a palatial house of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India and Swaraj Bhawan, birth place of 'First Lady Prime Minister' Indira Gandhi. On 1st November

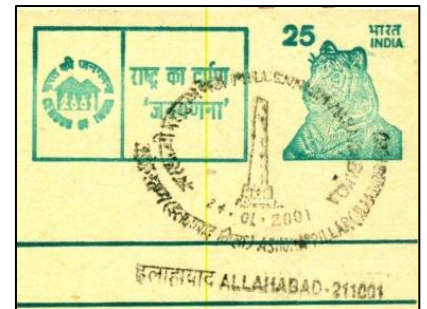


1858, Lord Canning read the famous proclamation of Queen Victoria, ending the rule of the East India Company and everything was moved under the control of the British crown. For one day, Allahabad became the capital of India. The proclamation Pillar still stands

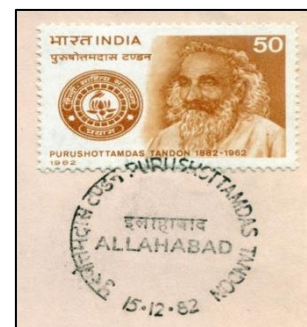
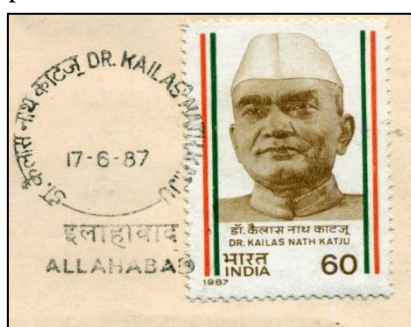
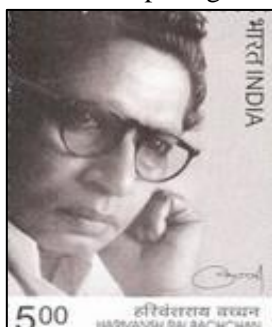


at Minto Park. The architectural legacy of the British includes the 13th Century Gothic building All Saints Cathedral also known as Patthar Girja is a United Protestant cathedral founded in 1871. City has a Public

Library- Thornhill Mayne Memorial, was established in 1864.



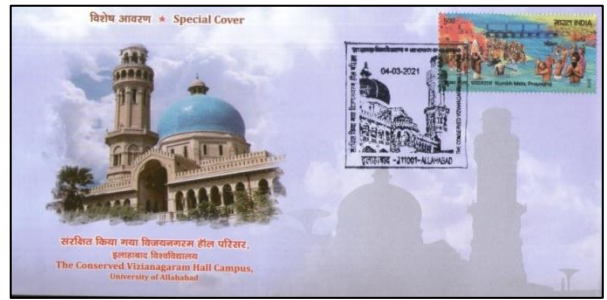
A 600 years old haveli, heritage Badi Kothi renovated to a stately mansion suffused with intricate carvings onlooker of India's freedom struggle; secret Congress party meetings took place here. It has been believed that the 16th century Bhakti poet Meera Bai, Poet laureate Rabindranath Tagore, Lal Bahadur Shastri who studied in Allahabad University, won the assembly elections from Allahabad and raised the slogan 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan stayed for few days in this historic haveli. Other great personalities are freedom fighter, Purushottam Das Tandon; 7th Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh also belongs to this religious city. One of the Greatest Literary icons and hindi poet Harivansh Rai Bachchan, has acclaimed first Indian to receive a doctorate in English literature from Cambridge University and famous for his literary work "Madhusala" and a postage stamp issued in 2000.



Educational Institutions in Prayagraj

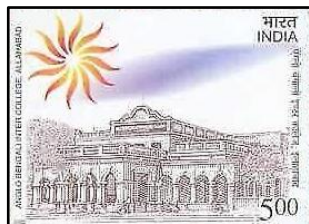
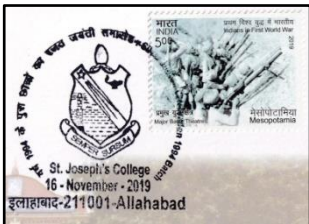
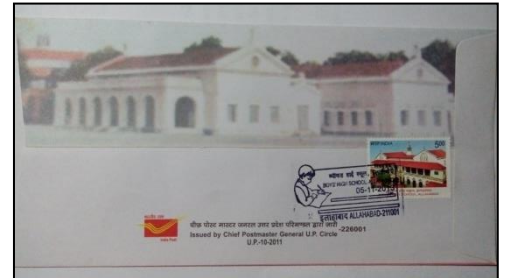


The Allahabad University, which was built on 23rd September, 1887 was referred to as the ‘Oxford of the East’. There are several historical and world famous buildings are located include Vizaingaram Hall and Gumbad Minar. A special cover was released to commemorate its conservation and renovation work in 2021.



The Boys’ High School and College, originally established in 1861 is one of the oldest educational institutions of Allahabad completed 150 years in 2013 and commemorates with stamp.

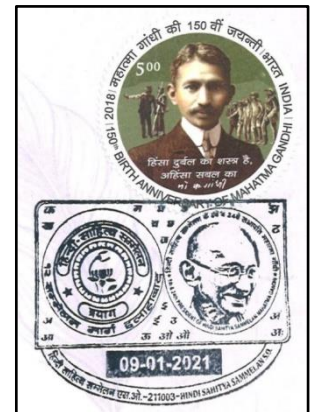
The Anglo Bengali Inter College or ABIC is another educational establishment founded in 1875, celebrated 125 years in 2003 with release of a postage stamp.



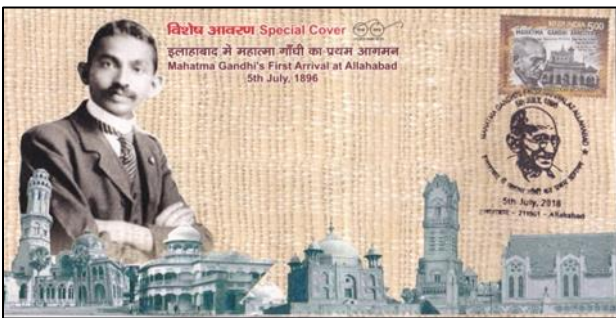
The Alumni of 1994 students of St. Joseph’s College celebrated their 25th Anniversary of passing out from school through a special cover released in the year 2019.

Hindi Sahitya Sameelan

Hindi, the official language and cradle of literary had been promoted by Madan Mohan Malviya by establishing Hindi Sahitya Sameelan at Banaras and Allahabad in 1910. The Institutions and its legacy has played a vital role in asserting the status of Hindi. Noted personality such as Puroshatam Das Tandon, Pt. Madan Mohan Malviya, Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru is still considered the promoter of this great organisation.



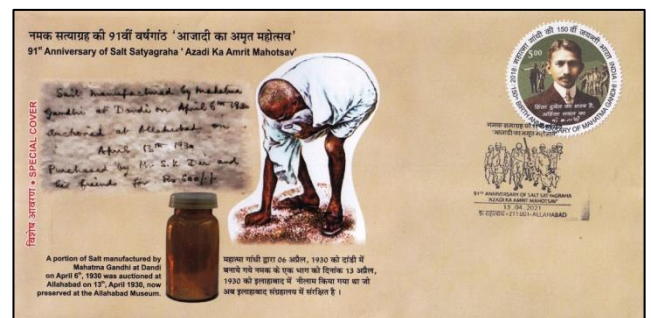
Mahatma Gandhi and Allahabad



Mahatma Gandhi visited Allahabad on 5th July 1896 for the first time. He visited the office of the Pioneer Press and met the editor. He discussed about the Green Pamphlet Revolution. Thereafter he visited Allahabad several times and had meetings related to the Freedom Movement at Anand Bhawan. After his death, the Gandhi Smriti Vahan, the Ford truck lorry carried the urn of the ashes of Mahatma Gandhi upto the Holy Sangam on February 12, 1948. This Ford truck is permanently display and preserved at the Prayagraj Museum. Many freedom fighters

met Mahatma Gandhi at Allahabad and had meetings related to the Freedom Movement at Anand Bhawan with leaders like Sardar Patel, Sarojini Naidu and Motilal Nehru.

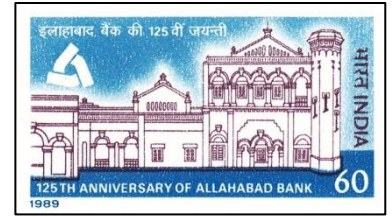
A portion of the salt which was manufactured by Mahatma Gandhi at Dandi on 6.4.1930 was auctioned at Allahabad on 13.4.1930. This salt was purchased by Mr. S. K. Dhar and his friends for Rs.600. It is said that the money was used for the Freedom Movement. This portion of the auctioned was donated to the Allahabad Museum and it is preserved in a



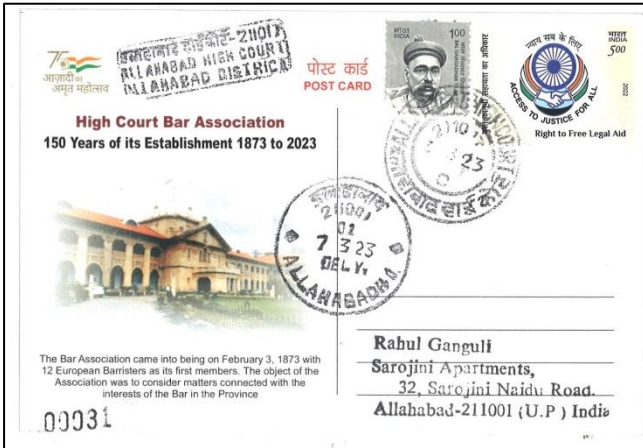
bottle in the Gandhi Gallery at the Prayagraj Museum till date. A special cover was issued in 2021 to commemorate this event while the country celebrated Azadi ka Amrit Mahutsav.

Allahabad Bank

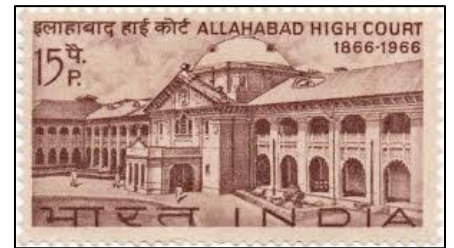
It was founded at Allahabad in 1865, nationalized by the Government of India in 1969 and merged with Indian Bank in 2020. In 1989 a stamp dedicated to the 125th anniversary of Allahabad Bank was issued.



Allahabad High Court



In the year 1866, the High Court of Judicature for the North-Western Provinces came into existence at Agra under Letters Patent of the 17th March, 1866, replacing the old



Sudder Diwanny Adawlat. The seat of the High Court for the North-Western Provinces was shifted from Agra to Allahabad in 1869. The High Court at



Allahabad has a sub post office within its campus.

First Aerial Post - 1911

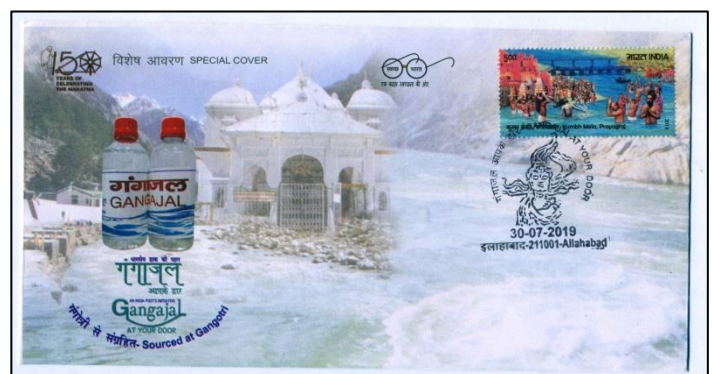
The city has an illustrious recognition and remarkable occasion of World's first official mail flown by airplane on February 18, 1911. French pilot Henri Pequet entrusted to carry a sack with about 6,000 cards and letters on his Humber biplane. The plane flew with a special cancellation "First Aerial Post, 1911, U. P. Exhibition Allahabad."



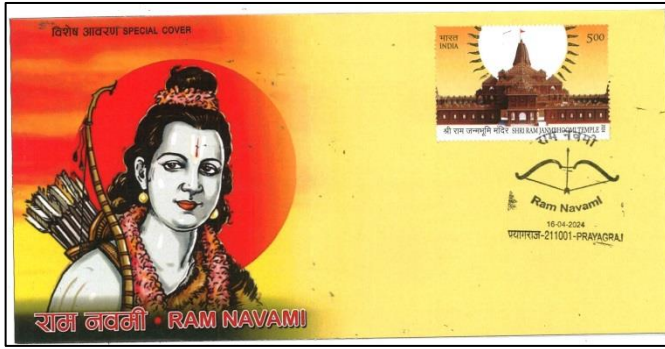
from an Allahabad polo field, over the Yamuna River, to Naini during auspicious Maha Kumbh. On various occasions, India Post issued lots of Stamps and postal stationary during Golden Jubilee 1961, Centenary 2011, commemorating the events avidly collect by aerophilatelists. The same event was repeated during Inpex 2011 by the postal department, alongwith the Air Force which enacted the flying from Bamrauli Airport to Naini as a part of Centenary celebration. In the year 2021 a

special cover was issued from the Allahabad Fort Post Office to commemorate 110th Anniversary of First Air Mail.

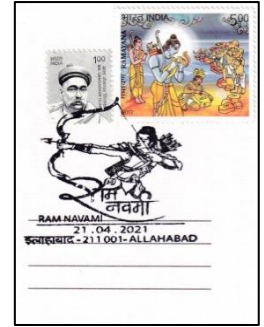
Prayagraj is called *Tirthraj* because of the confluence of the mighty River Ganga and the River Yamuna with mystical River Saraswati at Sangam. It hold much significance in the Hindu Mythology that a dip in the Sangam purifies the soul. Pilgrims throng the place during the Annual Magh Mela and Kumbh Mela organised after 12 years. The river bed turns into a city of tents when the mela is organised. Lakhs of devotees visit to take a holy dip in the river on the auspicious occasion of *nahan* with the belief to purify their soul.



The city has religious significance as it is close to the town of Shringverpur where the boatman Nishadraj had ferried Lord Ram, Sita and Lakshman across the river Ganga. It is also close to Chirtakoot which was also a native place of



Lord Ram while he was in exile. Among the most important temples in the city, the temple of Bade Hanuman has its importance as the idol of Lord Hanuman is in lying position. Devotees from far and wide come to visit this unique temple which is situated on the banks of River Ganga. It is also believed that Maa Ganga washes the idol every year when the river is swelled up due to

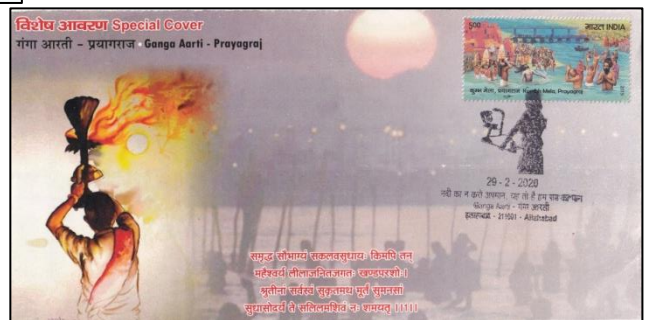


heavy rains in the northern parts of India. The water of the river comes up to the temple and submerges it for a while and then recedes to its normal flow. The confluence of River Ganga, Yamuna and mystical Saraswati holds a very important position in the religious beliefs in Hindus. Pilgrims come in large numbers to spend time during the Magh Mela. They stay in tents and eat restricted food cooked in earthen pots in the tents. This stay is called as *Kalpwas*. They spend time in singing bhajans and hearing discourses from various saints who visit and stay during Magh Mela.



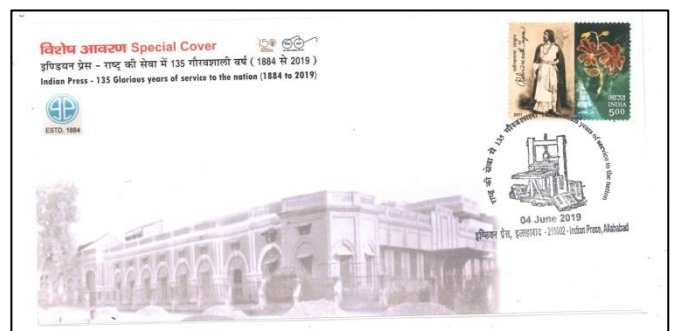
In 1889 Swami Vivekanand came to Prayag to visit his sick master brother. He took advantage of the ongoing Magh Mela and was greatly influenced at the confluence of Sangam. During his stay at Prayag, he had a dream to establish Ramakrishna Muth. Later in 1910, his master brother Swami Yoganand founded Ramakrishna Mission Sevashram which is still functional at Muthiganj in Prayag.

Ganga Aarti which is performed everyday at the banks of the Holy River Ganga attracts many visitors. The Aarti holds significance during the Magh Mela or Kumbh Mela as it is performed by the popular saints from different ashram who visit the mela. Pilgrims gather in huge numbers to witness the Ganga Aarti and chant vedic mantras. The atmosphere gets very mesmerising while the aarti is performed and the sun sets. A special cover was released in 2021 to commemorate the Ganga Aarti at Prayag.



Indian Press at Allahabad

The India Press was established on 4th June, 1884 by Babu Chintamani Ghosh. He was the first to introduce power driven printing machine in Northern India. Chintamani Ghosh and Indian Press were the first to introduce Chromo Lithography in India for printing paintings of Raja Ravi Verma, Rabindranath Tagore and others. Indian Press did first publication of eminent writers like Premchand, Sumitra Nandan Pant, Mahadevi Verma, Nirala, Sohanlal



Dwivedi, Meghna Saha, Tarachand and Dr. Ishwari Prasad. The book written by Rabintra Nath Tagore – Gitanjali was printed and published at Indian Press.

Mail Postmark of Prayagraj and Delivered at Allahabad

The name of the city Allahabad was changed to Prayagraj in the year 2019. It witnessed the release of a commemorative postage stamp during the Kumbh Mela – 2019.

This subject remains in philatelic talk as the round mail postmark has changed to Prayagraj however, the delivery round postmark still remains to be Allahabad. It seems to be interesting till the dual remains different. Rather when the delivery post mark will change, it will again attract philatelic activity.



The reverse side of a cover with the postmark of Prayagraj as Mail to deface the stamp while the delivery postmark is Allahabad.



Allahabad Surkha Guava

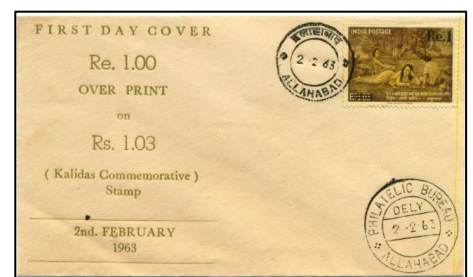
“Allahabad sebiya” guava orchards of the district, is famous as “ Surkha” received the GI tag under Agricultural product categories. The famous uniform pink colour guava has originated as chance seedling in the village Abubakkarpur and grown in Kaushambi district of Allahabad. Fruit is large, skin thin; flesh thick, sweet with a pleasant smell, delicious flavour and aroma attracted guava grower. A Special Cover was issued by India Post on Allahabad Surkha Guava in 2021. A commemorative postage stamp was also issued in 2023 by the Department of Posts.



Philatelic Bureau and Philatelic Societies of Allahabad

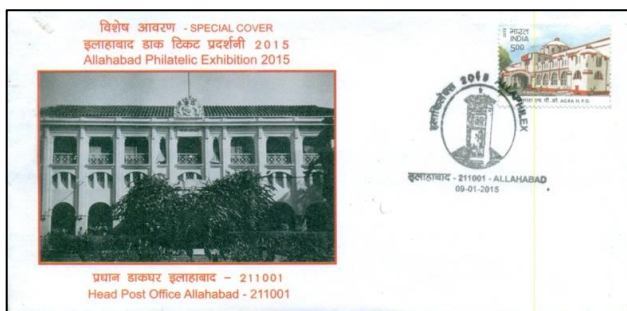
The Philatelic Bureau in Prayagraj was established in 1960-1961 to cater the need of collector interest located at Civil Lines, Allahabad Head Post Office 211001. There are 2 dynamic philatelic association organising philately promotional activities highlighting local important heritages through issue of special covers and postcards.

Allahabad now Prayagraj has several philatelic societies. The active societies



are Prayag Philatelic Society, Sangam Philatelic Society, Philafoundation and Philatelic Society of Uttar Pradesh. Prayag Philatelic Society can be accessed through the URL www.prayagphilatelicsociety.org.

In recent past, the Philatelic Bureau has got organised various philatelic activities which involved students and philatelists. Quiz competition and Letter Writing competitions were also organised by the Bureau. It is a matter of great pride that the



performance of philatelists from Prayagraj has been commendable in the State Level Philatelic Exhibition – UPPhilex2022. From Prayagraj, 18 philatelists have won laurels for the city in the exhibition.

News Makers

West Bengal got a New Renovated Philately Bureau



On 5th June, 2024, the Philately Bureau has been inaugurated at Durgapur, a major industrial steel city under the Paschim Bardhaman District. The city named after Durgadas Chattopadhyay

established in late 1950. The bureau was opened to philatelist by Sri Niraj Kumar, Chief Post Master General, West Bengal Circle in presence of Mrs S.S.Kujur, Post Master General, South Bengal Region. The allotted PIN 713201 is assigned to the Head Post Office where the newly established bureau located. In West Bengal, there are 3 more bureau namely Kolkata G.P.O, Port Blair H.O, Siliguri H.O and Darjeeling H.O in addition to new Durgapur bureau. Mr Sanat Bandopadhyay, the Secretary of the Durgapur Philatelic and Numismatic Society informed that the philatelic counter was got a fresh look by revamped in a new space and upgrade to Philatelic Bureau. With the founding of this bureau, philatelists will benefit from the facilities. CPMG Sri Niraj Kumar handed over a new picture postcard set on environment (8nos) released during the occasion to eminent philatelist Sri Satyabrata Basu and others from Durgapur Philatelic & Numismatic Society.



-Sri Sanat Kumar Bandopadhyay
Durgapur

Summer Hobby Camp at Regional Science Centre, Bhubaneswar



Regional Science Center, a unit of National Council of Science Musuem under Ministry of Culture, Government of India, Bhubaneswar organized a Science based Summer Hobby camp during 6th May to 7th June, 2024 (five Camp). The hobby camp was attended by School Children's of various age groups. In the last camp, during 3rd -7th June, there were three disciplines such as Creative Electronics and AI, Talk to Nature and Science of Photography organized by the Centre. In thematic Talk to Nature, Dr Bibhudatta Mishra, Editor, The Fila Capsule was invited to display one frame Exhibit on Mammoth Whales to the participants as an initiative to introduce Science and philately among the youth. He also address to the gathering and speak on How Science based Postal materials enhance the knowledge midst collectors and encourage youth to pursue the hobby.

New Minister at Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi



Mr. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Madhya Pradesh, Minister of Communications and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India

Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Andhra Pradesh, Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications.

The Post Office Act, 2023

The Government of India has issued Gazette notification and enacted The Post Office Act from 18.06.2024. The Acts aim to create a simple legislative frame work, for delivery of citizen centric services and benefits of Government schemes enhancing ease of living. In order to promote Maximum Governance and Minimum Government, there are no penal provisions prescribed in the Act. The Newly enacted Postal law provides framework for prescribing standards for addressing of the items, address identifiers and usage of postcodes.

Special Cancellation

Celebration of Yoga Day at Bhubaneswar Bureau



The 10th International Yoga Day was celebrated by Odisha Postal Circle in three bureaus Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Sambalpur on 21st June, 2024.



The theme of this year commemoration was Yoga for self and society. A Special Cancellation was issued to collectors with postmark depicting yoga as the Central theme.

EIPA Member in News paper



Mr. Biswanath Mishra, Boudh

Postcard Writing and Philatelic Workshop by Major Dr Ritu Kalra

Madam Kalra has organised a Postcard writing and philatelic workshop at Auckland House Middle School, Shimla on 15th June, 2024. The interactive session was participated by more than 600 students. Another workshop conducted on 29th June on the same school where 300 students were given hands on training on Postcard writing. The programme ended with prize distribution to participating students.



Lonely Exhibition to promote philately by Dr M.R. Ramesh Kumar

Dr M.R. Ramesh Kumar, former Scientist of Goa, dedicated every month for promotion of philately in the state by visting several schools and organisation. During the occasion of World Environment Day (5th June) and World Ocean Day (8th June) he has exhibit his stamp collection at Dona Paula, Goa and Ocean Society of India, Goa chapter to create awareness among youth. His collection "Exploring Oceans-A philatelic expedition was witness by many visitors.



Are you bore and pondering whether to include Post-independence large First Day Cover (LFDC) and Miniature sheets (LMS) in your collection or not? If yes, you must be facing the complications of storing, preservations and damage caused by light, moisture, and handling. The best way to preserve a large sheet of postage stamps is to place them in a bound mint sheet file, consisting glassine paper but some time the oversize of LFDC and LMS limited to keeping constraints.

It seems whoever is in charge of Philately in India Post, love oversize miniature/souvenir sheets without focusing the collector's interest and collection friendly materials. In past years, India Post had released stamps only in miniature sheet version or "sheetlet" version.

To start with, let us scrutinize the LMS which are difficult to keep safely in album for watching. The journey of huge size MS started from India International philatelic Exhibition (13.7cmX14.0 cm) in 1973 had 3 Stamps with a bigger size FDC. The MS issued by DoP sometimes doesn't fit the size of FDC and overlap with the image space.

a. MS having large size (Not fit to FDC)

Geeta Govinda, 2009; Heritage Railway Station, 2009 ;Ramayana, 2 types-2017 ; Mahabharat-2017; ASEAN-INDIA 2018 Commemorative summit; India-South Africa Joint issue 2018; Handlooms of India 2018; Handicrafts of India 2018 ; First Flag Hoisting 2018; Indian Fashion through ages: series-1 2018 ;Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2019 ; 150th Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi 2019; Indian Fashion-Sari in myriad forms: series 2 2019; India First World War 2019; India fashion-Concept to Consumer series-3 2019 ; Guru Nanak Devji, 2019; Embroideries of India, 2019; Terracotta Temples of India, 2020;Geographical Indications: Agricultural goods, 2023; The Scindia School,

2023; Sri Rama Janmbhoomi Temple, 2024; Bharat-the mother of Democracy, 2024; Cultural heritage of Western Odisha, 2024.

- b. **MS having imperforate stamps** (Example-INDIPEX, 1973)
- c. **MS having margins or selvage of the sheet** having additional legend of event or occasion printed
- d. **MS with more price than the stamps denomination value**

At times endure as pride and joy without fulfilling the purpose of postal communication use, MS issued by DOP carry more denominated price than the actual stamp printing value. For instance- India-89, Rs 8.00 instead of Rs5.50 stamps imprint value; World Philatelic Exhibition, Rs15.00 in place of stamp price Rs12.60; Mahatma Gandhi, Rs8.00 as an alternative of Rs3.00;Himalayan Ecology-Rs30.00 whereas stamps value Rs20.00;INDIPEX Asiana 2000, Rs 15.00 in place of stamps value Rs12.00;Post Office 2008, Rs15.00 in place of Rs5.00 stamp; Commonwealth Games 2010, Rs15.00 in place of Rs5.00; Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology, 2019 Rs41.00; Diplomatic ties between India-Egypt Rs30.00 stamps imprint price Rs10.00; Scindia School, 2023-Rs20.00 stamp denomination Rs5.00; Sri Rama Janmbhoomi Temple, 2024- Rs100.00 in place of Rs30.00.

- e. **MS having extraordinary denominations with Special commemorative** postage stamps which are not fulfill domestic postal letter purpose or International tariff for sending materials (INDIPEX-2011 Mahatma Gandhi Khadi stamp value -Rs250.00 instead of Rs100.00; Saint Teresa, 2016-Rs50.00; Coffee, 2017-Rs100.00; Journey of National Flag-Rs75.00 etc.
- f. **MS having a full picture of which the stamp(s) is (are) just a small part**

- g. MS having ornamental designs, price, emblems and logo(s)** which are not the part of stamp(s)
- h. Multiple MS commemorating the same occasion-** (The 100 years of Indian Cinema, 2013-6 types)
- i. MS having appropriate fragrance** (Indian Perfumes-2019, 4 types)
- j. MS of Joint Issue of 2 countries with theme of other country** Joint issue but only one country stamp issued
- k. MS having only single stamp-** Most of the MS issued by DoP have at least 2 stamps except the following issue.
- Mother Teresa, 1997
 - Indian Railway, 2002
 - Golden jubilee, Mount Everest, 2003
 - INS Tarangini, 2004
 - UN Peace keeping Force, 2004
 - Tajmahal, 2004
 - Guru Granth Saheb, 2004 (Withdrawn issue)
 - Rabindranath Tagore's Dakghar, 2008
 - XIX Commonwealth Games, 2010
 - The Silent Valley, 2009
 - Rathayatra, 2010
 - Gandhi, Khadi, 2011
 - Philately Day, 2012
 - Philately Day, 2013
 - Visit of Emperor and Empress of Japan, 2013
 - International Day of Yoga, 2015
 - Vibrant India, 2016
 - Independence Day, 2016
 - Saint Teresa, 2016
 - Prakash Utsav, 2017
 - Coffee, 2017
 - Institute of Telecom Training, 2017
 - India-Belarus Joint issue, 2017
 - India Hand Fan, (2 Nos), 2017
 - Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology 2019
 - Indian First World War 2019
 - Diplomatic relation India-Mauritius, 2023
- Journey of National Flag, 2023
 - The Scindia School, 2023
- l. MS with only one stamp and issued in the form of Souvenir Sheet**
- Mother Teresa 1997, Indian Railways 2002; Golden jubilee, Ascent Mount Everest 2003, INS Tarangini 2004, Indian Peace Keeping Force 2004; Taj Mahal 2004; Kurunji 2006; Madhubala 2008; Philately Day, Post Office 2008; Saint Alphonsa 2008; The Silent Valley 2009; Rath Yatra, Puri 2010; Krisnadevraya 2011; Indipex 2011; Philately Day 2012; Philately Day 2013; The Visit of Emperor and Empress of Japan 2013; International Day of Yoga 2015; Vibrant India 2016; Independence Day 2016; Canonization of Mother Teresa 2016; Prakash Utsav 2016; Coffee 2017; Telecom training, Jabalpur 2017; India-Belarus Joint issue 2017; India Hand Fans 2017; Mahabharat 2017; CIPET 2019; Aero India 2019; Maharaja Ganga Singh 2019
- m. MS having stamp of Khadi cloth 2011**
- n. MS with QR code** India-France Joint issue (Stegnography Bar code)
- o. Innovative MS**
1. 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit was seen two version- one with golden embossing stamps and others normal MS.
 2. Ram Temple consecration: Water from Saryu, Soil from temple premise used to print India Post stamp. The larger idea was to display the five elements that form the panch manabhoot (five elements of life as per Sanatan philosophy. Besides the water and earth, the set contain the remaining the remaining three elements too. While including of the sun in the design speaks for Agni (fire), use of Chandan perfume speaks for vayu (air). The host of each of these four elements is always described as akash (space). The integration of these elements has made the stamp truly unique to the occasion but preservation for longtime will be a challenge.

Mr Rakesh Kumar Gupta, from Meerut has reviewed more than 100,000 stamps during his life time as owner of The Indian Stamp Company, which he founded in 1970. Based at the fast growing city near Begum Bridge of Meerut, still continuing his stamp business on professional way online operations serving customers around the world. The “ The Fila Capsule’ Editorial team have the opportunities to interact with Father and Son duo Mr R.K.Gupta and Mr Akshaya Gupta in his shop.



Welcome and tell us about your journey from the beginning?

My journey began in the early 1970s when I developed an interest in stamp collecting, inspired by my elder brother. With the support of my parents, I turned this passion into a business in 1977. On 13th December 1979, I officially opened my shop, The Indian Stamp Co. Over the years, I have reviewed more than 100,000 stamps. Our business has since expanded to include online operations, serving customers around the world through our website www.stampexindia.com & operating from our base in Meerut.

Why you have chosen this profession or path (Any particular reason) to cater the need of stamp collectors?

Philately has always been more than just a hobby to me; it's a way to connect with history and cultures from around the world. The intricate designs and the stories behind each stamp fascinated me. When I saw the potential to turn this passion into a profession, I knew it was the right path for me. Our goal has always been to provide the best service to our customers and share our love for stamps with them.

What inspired you to Choose an occupations and take charge of supplying stamps?

The inspiration came from my elder brother, who was an avid philatelist, and from Dr. S.N.S. Tyagi of Meerut, who generously shared his knowledge with me in the early days of my business. Their passion for stamp collecting was contagious. As I delved deeper

into the hobby, was fascinated by the rich history and cultural significance behind each stamp. I wanted to



share this captivating world with others and help preserve this unique aspect of our heritage. This motivation, combined with my entrepreneurial spirit and my parents' support, led me to establish The Indian Stamp Company.

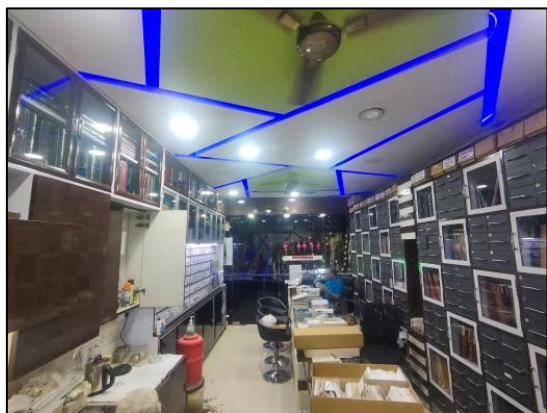
How many people do you employ? How are you looking to promote philately and sustainability through your store?

We have a dedicated team of four employees who are passionate about philately. To meet the diverse needs of our customers, we have acquired stamps from all over the world. We actively educate our customers about the history and significance of stamps, offering collector packs and philately kits for beginners to



encourage new enthusiasts. By promoting knowledge and providing accessible resources, we aim to foster a growing community of stamp collectors.

You have chosen “Philately Shop” at a time when not many ventured into it. Why?



When I started, there were indeed few who saw the potential in a philately shop. However, I believed in the timeless appeal of stamps and the stories they tell. Despite the challenges, I was confident that with dedication and honesty, we could create a successful business. Our commitment to providing quality and authenticity has helped us build a loyal customer base over the years. My family's unwavering support was instrumental in this journey.

Any everlasting memory from your attachment with the hobby?

One of my most memorable experiences is from 1992 when I had a complete sheet of India's 1948 Gandhi 10 rupee stamps. Even back then, it was considered rare, but finding a buyer was quite difficult at that time. Today, the sheet of this stamp is almost impossible to find and has become exceedingly valuable. Reflecting on this, it's astonishing to see how significantly the appreciation for such rare stamps has grown over time. This memory highlights the evolving nature of philately and the increasing value of preserving these historical treasures.

The pros and cons of inheriting version creating a business empire from scratch?

Starting from scratch allows you to build a business based on your vision and values, which is incredibly rewarding as you see your efforts come to fruition. However, it comes with significant challenges, such as the initial struggle to establish credibility and a customer base. In the early stages, it was particularly

difficult to gain knowledge about the vast field of stamp collecting due to the lack of readily available resources or internet. Inheriting a business, on the other hand, provides a solid foundation and a legacy to uphold, but it also means you have to meet the high expectations set by previous generations and continuously innovates to stay relevant.

What has been your most challenging moment in life and constraints you face carrying the hobby business?

One of the most challenging moments in my life was transitioning from traditional sales methods



to modern ones, especially considering my limited familiarity with technology. However, we tackled this obstacle by gradually embracing online marketplaces and establishing our own website back in 2003. Another challenging aspect in the stamp collecting business is navigating the fluctuating market trends and values of stamps. The unpredictable nature of the market, influenced by factors like rarity and collector demand, requires constant vigilance and adaptability to make informed decisions.

Also, with the advent of digital communication, traditional mail usage has dwindled, making it increasingly difficult to acquire used stamps which are still in demand by many collectors.

How should heirs uphold, family legacy interested for multi-general success?

Heirs should uphold the family legacy by embracing the core values that the business was founded on, such as honesty, dedication, and a passion for the work. It's also important to innovate and adapt to changing times, as my son has done by introducing new marketing techniques and improving customer handling. By combining tradition with modern strategies, they can ensure the business continues to thrive for generations to come. Soon we will be making major changes to our website and adding some new features for the customers to enjoy the website even more.

Shortest Courtship

Birds have Short or Long Courtship behaviours before mating and produce off spring. There is exceptional in case of great white Pelican which select little time for idle decision making in the courtship. Despite the fact



that these birds have an possibly long breeding season to get things right, everything seems to proceed at an almost indecorous pace. It is no

exaggeration to say that an individual can wake up in the morning completely fancy free and go to sleep that same night newly paired and with a nest site chosen and decorated. No other birds commit themselves so quickly,

In truth, pelican courtship is poorly studied. What is known that the males first collect in groups and make loud mooing noises? Occasionally pointing their bills skyward and using them in haphazard battles with other males. This attracts the attention of unpaired females, who then walk towards the groups of males,



causing the latter to follow behind as if joining a conga. After further calling and head-up posturing, the number of males following behind a given female gradually dwindles until finally just a

single male is left in train. Incredibly this type pallid act of persistence seems to earn the male his mate; the pairing process is evidently complete.

As if to proclaim its triumph, the pair proceeds to perform a display. The birds strut across the ground, holding their wings out for a few strides, while the male also waggles his pouch. After this things again move rapidly. Almost immediately both birds join part of the colony known as a laying group. Then they choose a nest site, their status as breeding birds

earning them the right to keep this patch of ground for as long as they need it. If all this seems a trifle unromantic, the truth is that it doesn't last. The pair only persists for a single breeding attempt, and both birds acquire new partners a few months later.

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*

This species, a large and distinctive bird found in many parts of Africa, Europe, and Asia.

- Scientific Name- *Pelecanus onocrotalus*
- Common Name: Great White Pelican
- Family: Pelecanidae

Physical Description



Size: Great White Pelicans are large birds with a wingspan ranging from 226 to 360 cm (7.4 to 11.8 feet) and a body length of about 140 to 180 cm (4.6 to 5.9 feet). They can weigh between 5 to 15 kg (11 to 33 lbs).

Appearance: They have predominantly white plumage with black flight feathers. During the breeding season, the skin of their face turns pink, and a yellowish crest forms on their head. They have a large, distinctive yellow bill with a throat pouch used for catching fish.

Habitat and Distribution

Range: Great White Pelicans are found in wetlands, lakes, and coastal regions in sub-Saharan Africa, parts of Eastern Europe, and southwestern Asia. They migrate to different regions depending on the season.



Habitat: They prefer shallow lakes, marshes, and deltas where they can easily fish.

Behavior and Ecology



Diet: They primarily feed on fish, which they catch using their large bill and expandable throat pouch. They may also eat amphibians

and crustaceans.

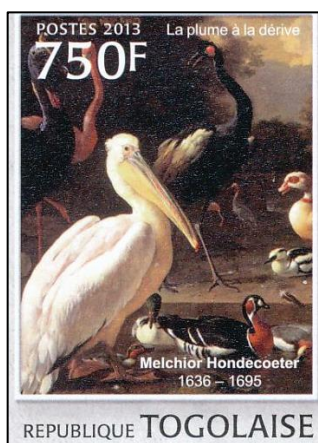
Social Structure: Great White Pelicans are highly social and often feed, breed, and roost in large flocks.

Breeding: They breed in colonies, often on islands or in reed beds in shallow water.

Courtship and Reproduction

Courtship:

The courtship behaviour of Great White Pelicans is relatively simple and involves mutual displays where pairs perform synchronized movements. It is believed to have the shortest courtship among birds.



Nesting:

They build nests on the ground, usually made from sticks and reeds. The female typically lays 1-3 eggs, which both parents incubate for about 30-36 days.



Chick Rearing: Both parents take part in feeding the chicks by regurgitating pre-digested fish. The chicks fledge after about 10-12 weeks.



Conservation Status

IUCN Red List- Least Concern. However, some local populations are threatened by habitat loss, pollution, and disturbance from human activities.

Threats: Habitat destruction, pollution, disturbance at breeding sites, and depletion of fish stocks due to overfishing.

Notable Characteristics

Flight: Great White Pelicans are powerful fliers and can travel long distances. They often soar on thermals, conserving energy during migration.

Additional Facts

Longevity: In the wild, Great White Pelicans can live for about 15-25 years, while in captivity, they can live longer.

Cultural Significance: In some cultures, pelicans are symbols of charity and nurturing due to their apparent care for their young.

Overall, the Great White Pelican is a fascinating species with notable social behaviour and adaptability to various aquatic environments. While their courtship behaviour is relatively straightforward, it is not exceptionally brief compared to other birds. Conservation efforts remain important to ensure their habitats are protected and their populations remain stable.

DID YOU KNOW?

The total number of stamps issued on Great American Pelican is 155 only, from 40 countries.



Special Cancellations

Bibhuti Mohan Mohanty

Sl.No	Date	Occasion of Commemoration	Place of Release
1	1.5.2024	Maharashtra Day	Mumbai, Pune, Nashik, Aurangabad, Nashik
2	8.5.2024	World Red Cross Day	Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Mysuru, Belagavi
3	15.5.2024	International Day of Families	Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Mysuru, Belagavi
4	17.5.2024	World Telecommunication Day	Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Mysuru, Belagavi
5	20.5.2024	World Bee Day	Mumbai, Pune, Nashik, Aurangabad, Nashik, Panaji
6	22.5.2024	International Day for Biodiversity	Mumbai, Pune, Nashik, Aurangabad, Nashik, Panaji
7	31.05.2024	No Tobacco Day	Patna
8	5.6.2024	World Environment Day	Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Mysuru, Belagavi, Kozhikode, Thrissur, Ernakulam, Thiruvananthapuram
9	8.6.2024	World Ocean Day	Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Mysuru, Belagavi
10	14.6.2024	World Blood Donor Day	Mumbai, Pune, Nashik, Aurangabad, Nashik, Panaji
9	15.6.2024	Global Wind Day	Mumbai, Pune, Nashik, Aurangabad, Nashik, Panaji, Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Mysuru, Belagavi
10	21.06.2024	10 th International Yoga Day	Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Sambalpur,

New Permanent Pictorial Cancellation of Amarnath Temple

A new Permanent Pictorial Cancellation was released by DoP on Amarnath Temple, a Hindu shrine located at Pahalgam, Anantnag district, Jammu and Kashmir on 29th June, 2024 with PIN code 192126.



GIVE AND TAKE PENPALS

FTCC

To promote international friendships through the fun exchange of collecting stamps and postmarks on covers. This is a private group with about 300 members who exchange covers. Fascinatingly, the club has more than 70 countries members and completed 13,000 chains by June end. The group operates in Facebook in the name Friendship through Cover Collecting (FTCC) in ftcc2022.blogspot.com with Admin and moderators-, Henrik Lundgren (Sweden), Jeremy Nicolas (Czech Republic), Antea Galic (Serbia). You must be eager to know how this group operates. You need internet connection to start a chain. First after registration, you will receive a spreadsheet in XLs with command help and how to use, start, online circuit form, database, circuits and take print out. It is really fun and excitement to receive beautiful covers from all over World.



Living tribute to a beautiful Soul

WE MISS YOU OJHABABU



Haribandhu Ojha, was a life member of EIPA, who left this world a better place on 05.05.2024 due to Cardiac arrest. He was collecting stamps since 1970 and joined EIPA on 13th March 2007. He was a General collector with *Birds and Care for Nature* stamps and accumulated more than 10,000 postage stamps and stationery on the theme. He had participated in several State and National level Exhibition, awarded medals for his exhibits.

Born on 20.06.1955, Ojha babu was an inspirational and active member in every occasion of EIPA. His life was a blessing; his memory is a treasure. He was loved beyond words, and all members of EIPA will missed you beyond measure.

“There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will be in our hearts.”-

Mahatma Gandhi



CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

Shocking News, Unbelievable. His Association with EIPA and EIPA members was very Strong. I had discovered him from Anugulpex-2006 where I was a jury and awarded him a Bronze. Since then he was sincerely involved in philately and participated in State and National level exhibition.

*Mr Ajit Kumar Dash
Former Secretary, EIPA*

One of the most jovial and gregarious member of EIPA. A very cheerful and friendly person with a good sense of humour. He made it point to meet and interact with people came across during any meeting. I would occasionally get surprise phone calls in the late night to commend me or criticize about the TV debate with honest opinion. His conversation was always were centred on stamps and philately. He has deep knowledge about the pursuing hobby. Ojha babu will be long remembered by all those who knew him.

*Mr Anil Kumar Dhir
Vice-President, EIPA*



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Monthly Meeting

The 299th Monthly meeting of association was organised at Hotel Marrion, Bhubaneswar on 19th May, 2024 with participation of 13 members. The points discussed were member fees as demanded by PCI, MOU between EIPA-Regional Science Centre, Bhubaneswar regarding Science exhibit display etc.



MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATION

ACHIEVEMENTS

- American Tropical Association Congratulates Captain Vijay Wadhwa for One Page Exhibit-2024
- 5 e-Books of Captain Vijay Wadhwa qualified for GASS 2024 (Grand American Stamp Show)-Literature Festival (17th August, 2024)
- Capt Vijay Wadhwa, scored 75 marks in Virtual Philatelic Exhibition for Exhibit "Above and Beyond"
- Ananthapuri Stamp Bulletin completes 100th issue in June, 2024

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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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