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The first Indian Tramway !

A Bullock Tram was started between Dabhoi and Miyagam by Maharaja Khanderao Gaekwad of Baroda State in February 1862. It was the first such attempt by a native ruler anywhere in British dominions. Two Oxen were used to haul the train.

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Dear Friends,

I am a critic of India Post but healthy one Actually. I am a staunch follower of India Post because India Post gives the best service to the Nation by handling the communication system in most efficient manner.

During 2018, many odd value commemorative stamps were issued by India Post, but they were for a specific purpose/ service. Such as Rs 12/- which was for Airmail Post Card, Rs. 22/- which was for Registered Mail (Rs. 5/- Postage + Rs. 17/- Registration Charges), but what about Rs. 41/- ?

As far as my understanding goes the denomination of Rs. 41/- Stamp was issued for Speed Post, but the Speed Post charges were revised to Rs. 41.30 p (Rs. 35/- + 18% GST) in the month of August or September 2018. And India Post issued the Stamp of Rs. 41 for the first time on 2nd October 2018. Then on 30th December 2018 and last on 24th January 2019. This Rs. 41/- stamp is confusing the public at large. To find a stamp of 30 paise or a change of Seventy paise at Post Office counter is not feasible.

Therefore, India Post should do something to remove the confusion and refrain themselves from issuing such confusing denomination stamps in future.

Jai Philately.

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2. Rainbow Stamp News: November 2018, December 2018, January 2019, February 2019, March 2019.
3. Ananthapuri Stamp Bulletin: November 2018, December 2018, January 2019, February 2019, March 2019.

Philatelic Display

Dr. Arun Arya displayed his collection on “Conserving Heritage Plants on Postal Stamp” during Vadodara People’s Heritage Festival from 21-11-2018 to 25-11-2018 at Vadodara.

Congratulations to Winners at Vadopex – 2019

We congratulate our following members for winning prizes at Vadopex-2019.

Senior Group:

1st Prize: Shri Shisir V. Halkunde

2nd Prize: Shri Kaushik M. Choksey

3rd Prize: Shri Hitesh S. Choksi

Junior Group:

3rd Prize: Aditya A. Chavda

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Vadodara District Level Philatelic Exhibition titled VADOPEX –2019 was organized by the Vadodara West Division, Department of Posts, Vadodara on 11th and 12th January 2019 in Co-ordination with Baroda Philatelic Society, Vadodara at Akota Atithi Gruh, Akota, Vadodara 390 020.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Shri J. C. Doshi, Principal District Judge, Vadodara. During the exhibition two Special Covers were released on 11th Jan 2019. Special Cover on GAIL (India) Ltd. was released by Shri M. R. Joshi of GAIL. Second Special Cover on Delight & Devine Charitable Trust, Vadodara was released by Shri Sunilbhai L. Gandevikar. During the inaugural function Shri B. L. Sonal, Director Postal Services, Vadodara was also present.

There were 16 Entries (24 frames) in Senior Group and 7 entries (10 frames) in Junior Group 2. 55 frames were displayed in Invitee Class.

Following philatelists were declared as winners at the exhibition.

Senior Group: 1st Prize: Shri Shisir V. Halkunde, 2nd Prize: Shri Kaushik M. Choksey, 3rd Prize: Shri Hitesh S. Choksi.

Junior Group: 2nd Prize: Ms. Juhi Y. Shah, 3rd Prize: Aditya A. Chavda.

The Jury team consisted of Dr. P. S. Dixit and Shri Timir R. Shah. During the exhibition Letter Writing competition on the theme "Mahatma Gandhi – 150 years of Greatness" was organized. Philatelic workshop on Gandhian Theme was also organized by Sh. Timir R. Shah, Secretary of Baroda Philatelic Society. A Quiz Competition was also organized for School Children for Classes VI to XII.

Baroda Philatelic Society donated Complimentary Gift to all Junior Participants, winners of Letter and Quiz Competition. Vast publicity in local media attracted local citizens to visit & witness the well-organized exhibition.

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1. History of Anche

The Princely State of Mysore was one of the largest states of India. The map of Mysore State circa 1920 is shown along with the text (Fig. 1). The state of Mysore was ruled by a single dynasty from 1399 AD to 1950 AD when the state was integrated into the Republic of India and is now part of Karnataka State. However, there were two periods (1766 - 99), when Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan ruled, and (1831 - 81), when the then Government of India took over the administration directly. After defeating Tipu Sultan in the Fourth Mysore War (1799 AD) the British raised an infant Prince Krishna Wodeyar III, a descendant of the former ruler of Mysore to the throne.

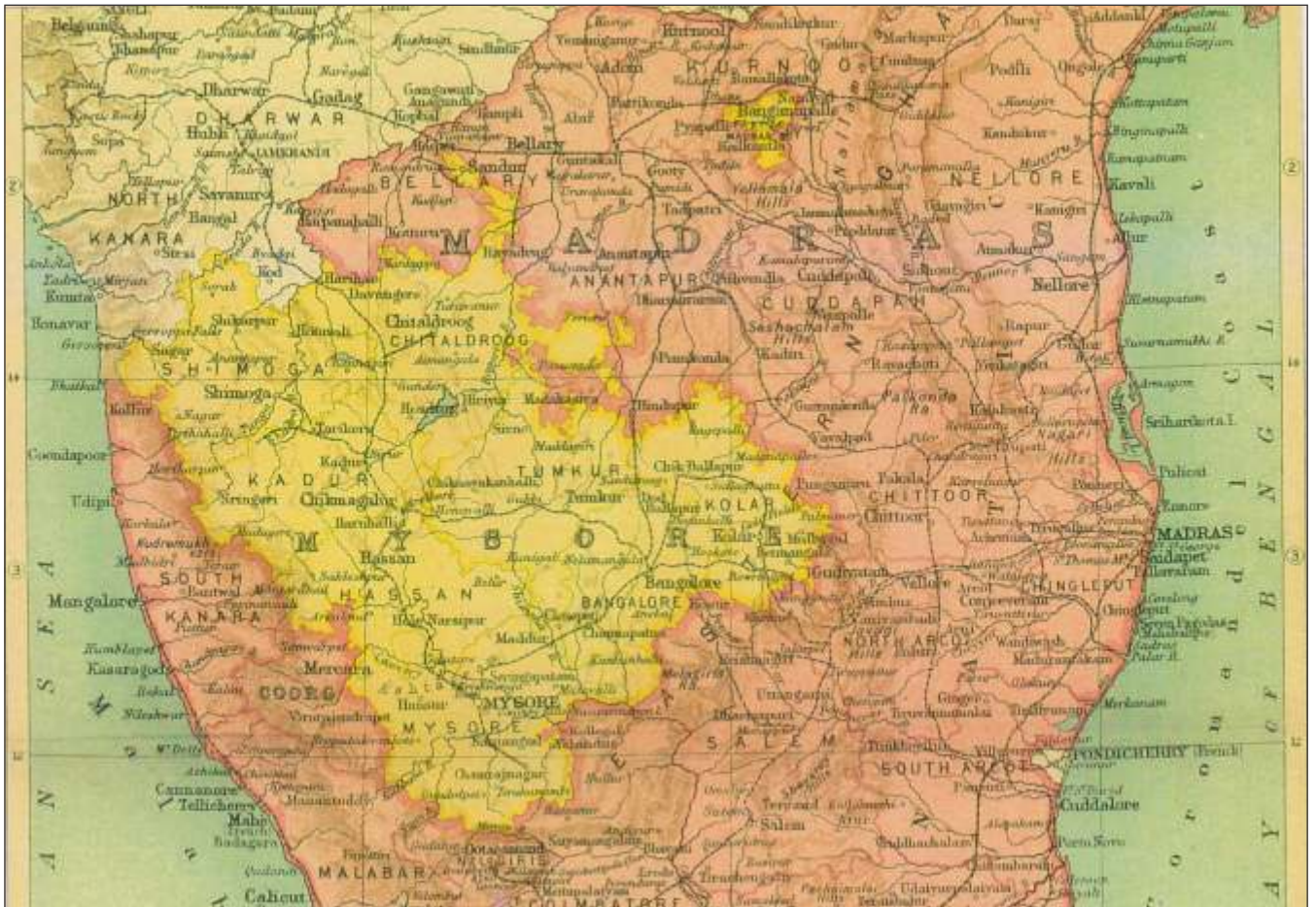
Lord Wellesley annexed Kanara, Coimbatore, and Srirangapatnam, a large part of Mysore, after defeating Tipu Sultan in the Fourth Mysore War (1799 AD). Before this, The Third Mysore War (1790 / 92 AD) was concluded by the Treaty of Srirangapatnam (1792) when Tipu Sultan had to cede half of his dominions. Coorg was maintained as an independent state until merged with the Karnataka State after the independence of India.

Among the several administrative measures which the Mysore rulers introduced during their regimes was the Mysore Postal System, ANCHE. It was in about the year 1692, when Chikkadevaraja Wodeyar was ruling the State, that the Mysore



▲ Tipu Sultan

Postal System came into existence. In Travancore and Cochin States the service was called Anche or Anchel. This service was initially instituted for the conveyance of official dispatches but was thrown open to the use of the public during the nineteenth century. The



▲ Fig. 1, The Map of Mysore State Circa 1920.



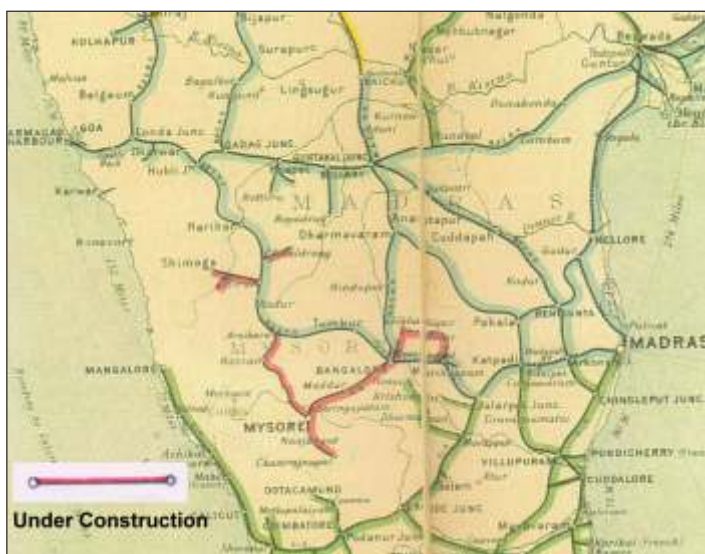
▲ Mysore Palace

service was integrated into the British India Postal System with effect from 1st April 1889.

Very little is known about the operations of the Anche prior to about 1830. It would appear that the service was primarily an intelligence gathering and conveying organization. The department of Police had at an earlier period had been annexed to that of the post office. Hyder Ali had, at different intervals, added to and improved the details of this office.

Stamp duties in Mysore were first introduced in 1828. More items included in its purview in 1935. From 1865 onwards, Mysore closely followed the legislation made for British India. Mysore has both Judicial and non-Judicial stamps and stamp papers. The non-judicial consisted of seal papers, one anna receipt stamps, foreign bills/notorial stamps and Hundi Stamps.

There is no information available as to the nature of operations of the Anche or whether and when the service was transferred in to a pure Postal service during the Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan (1766-79).



▲ Fig. 2, The map of railway lines constructed and under construction circa 1925-1930.



▲ Fig. 3, The Crest of Govt. of Mysore

2. Anche During the Imperial Regime

The Imperial Government assumed the direct administration of Mysore State in 1881. A Commissioner / Chief Commissioner appointed by the Viceroy of India and Governor General ruled the State. Anche ceased to be an intelligence gathering and conveying organization and became a Postal System around 1831. Anche was placed under the direct supervision of the Commissioner / Chief Commissioner. The main office of the Anche was located in Hazur Kucherri (the Chief Secretariat of the Government). The Anche Post Offices were located at every taluka headquarter station as well as every town. By 1834 the Anche was thrown open to the public for carrying their private correspondence. Letters from citizens to the address of the Divisional Officers be permitted to pass free of postage. The efficiency and the speed of postal service depended on the state of the lines of communications (Postal or Anche lines) available for use.

There existed in 1831 only three roads were worthy of transportation of goods, troops and postal matters. These were, the road from Naikneri to Mysore via Bangalore, the road from Srirangapatnam to Sira and Bellari, and the road from Bangalore to Harihar and all were in bad state for travel (See the map). Along these roads there were no bridges causing a great deal of inconvenience and delays. During the monsoon seasons and in Mysore State there are two seasons, situation

became worse. In 1831, there was not a single Pass through the Western Ghats practicable for cattle with loads. At the Agumbi Pass, in the Nagar County, which was most frequented, it was usual to carry everything of value on coolies, the hire for which was eight annas per bullock load.

There were no railways in the State until August 1864, when the



▲ Fig. 4, Official letter addressed to Chief Engineer of Mysore, Bangalore. "BANGALORE ANCH / JULY 1878" (in red) arrival postmark. Registered Postmark on the back of the cover.



▲ Fig. 5, "On Circuit" letter sheet addressed to "Chief Engineer, Shimogah or elsewhere". Arrival Postmarks of Bangalore, February, 1873 in black and red, BANGALORE ANCHE in an oval and "TOO LATE" hand stamp of Railway T. P. O.

broad gauge section of the Madras – Bangalore line lying in the Mysore territory was opened for traffic. The construction of the meter gauge Bangalore – Mysore line, a distance of about 86 miles, commenced in 1877 – 78 and was opened for traffic in February 1882. The construction of the meter gauge Bangalore – Harihar line was taken up in October 1882 and the section from Bangalore to Tumkur a distance of 43 miles, was opened for traffic in August 1884 (Map 2).

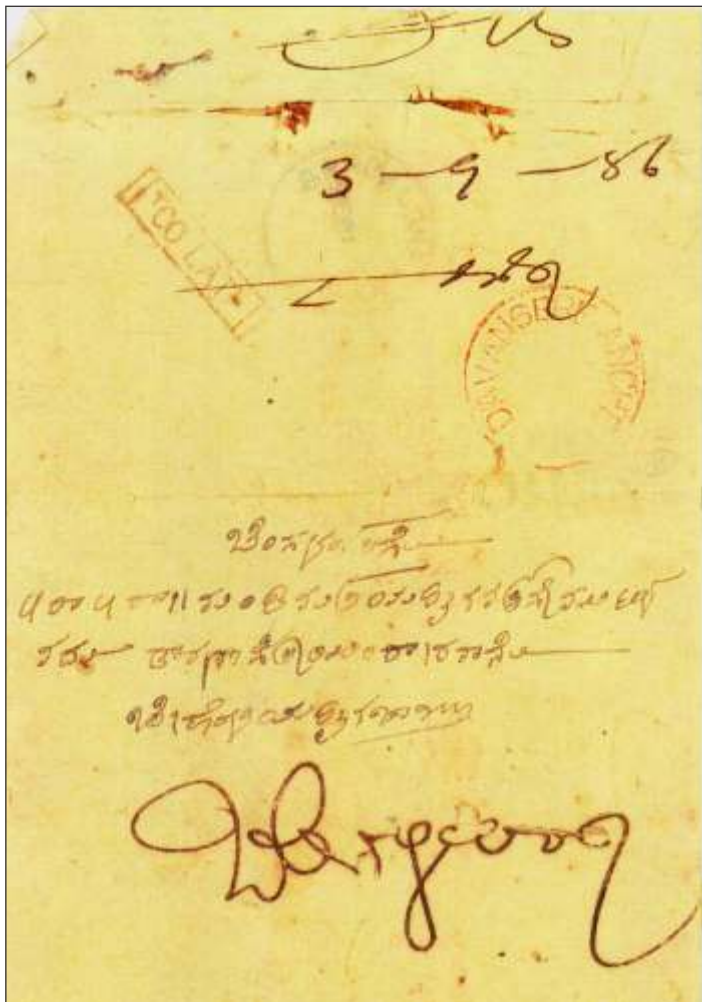
The Anche carried letters, book packets, news papers and parcels, Insurance, Money Order but Value Payable Post (VPP) system did not exist. Postage stamps were not introduced. Registration of letters was in vogue. Receipts were granted to all senders of letters in the early days and the practice was stopped later, limiting the grant of receipts to registered letters only.

The Anche had about 150 offices spread throughout the State until about 1887 and had a manpower strength of about 1800. Between 1872 and 1879, number of Postal (Anche) lines were increased from 2321 miles to 2365 miles.

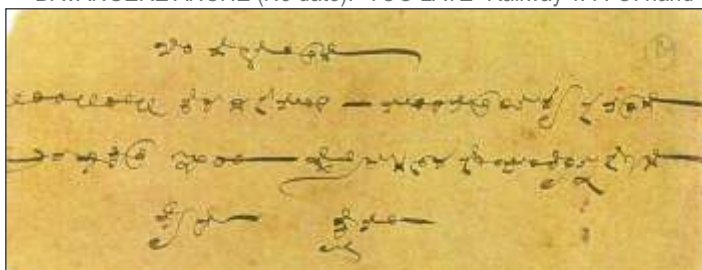
From about 1867 onwards, the Anche rules of Postage were assimilated to those current in the Imperial Post Office. The Anche service was confined to the Mysore State. Letters posted in Anche Offices and charged by the Anche, could not be sent to places outside the state, unless Indian Postage stamps were affixed. The Anche undertook the free delivery of all letters received from the Imperial Post offices for delivery within the State at locations where there were no Imperial Post Offices; the Anche also carried free, the Imperial Post Offices of exchange, letters posted in the Anche Offices addressed to British Indian territories or to foreign countries.

Difficulties, however, arose in the case of unpaid or insufficiently paid mail received for delivery by the Anche. It was the general experience of Anche and also the British Post Offices in India, that people generally refused to receive bearing letters simply because there were unwilling or unable to pay the due postage dues. Such letters have to pass through several authorities and some time addresses could not always be found or, when

found, they would disclaim the letter to avoid the payment. This led to the loss of revenue to the Anche.



▲ Fig.6, Letter Sheet from BANGALORE ANCHE / 02 Sep. 86 to DAVANGERE ANCHE (No date). "TOO LATE" Railway T. P. O. hand stamp.



▲ Fig.7, A small native cover from BANGALORE ANCHE to ARSIKERE ANCHE March 2, 1889.

These serious difficulties experienced by the Anche in the recovering postage induced the Mysore administration in 1863 to prohibit the delivery of unpaid letters received from the Imperial Post Offices. Since then, if any bearing letters were received by the Anche from the Indian Post, they were dispatched forthwith to the Dead Letter Office (D. L. O.) at Madras, without any attempt of delivery.

This decision placed the Imperial Post in a great quandary. The fact was there were a few Imperial Post Office in the Mysore territory. Imperial Post Offices were located at French Rocks, Hoonsoor, Mysore, Hurryhur, Virarajendrapet and Kolar Road. During the course of time, French Rocks and Hoonsoor were handed over to the Anche. As against these, Anche offices were widely spread and the number was of the order of 150. The Imperial Post could not stop unpaid letters, as the posting of unpaid letters was quite legal and the Post Office has an obligation to deliver them after, of course, levying double charge. Because of lack of Imperial Post Offices in the Mysore State the assistance of Anche was necessary. Eventually the unpaid letters returned to the D.L.O became too large. As a result, The Postmaster General of Madras proposed to the Mysore Administration the following arrangement in Nov. 1872.

- That, of the Postage due on unpaid letters from places in India forwarded to the Anche stations, one half be paid to Imperial Post, and the other half retained by the Anche Post.
- That, as regards unpaid covers from places beyond India forwarded to Anche Post Offices, the full bearing postage be paid to the Imperial Post as much of this postage is for the most part due to foreign countries, and the Indian Post Office has to account for it.
- That, all such unpaid letters be forwarded to the Anche Post Offices at Bangalore, Mysore and Mercara by the Imperial Post Offices at these stations.

One condition attendant to this arrangement was that there would be no deductions or refunds for postage due on undelivered covers. The Mysore administration after

looking into the benefits of the proposal to the people of Mysore State, decided to dope the new arrangement from 1st January 1883.



▲ Fig.8, On MYSORE GOVT. SERVICE Post Card addressed to Bangalore City dated 20 Oct. 1940 (Postage Free)



▲ Fig.9, ON INDIA (in manuscript, Mysore Cancelled) GOVT. SERVICE Post card dated 2 July 1950. Nine Pies postage stamp affixed. Post Card is from SERENGERI KADUR to BANGALORE. Also in manuscript "Service stamps are not available. Hence the Postal stamps have been affixed".

As mentioned earlier, the number of Anche Offices remained stagnant at about 150 until 1878-79. Measure to extend the Anche facilities to smaller stations were initiated during 1879 – 80. Between 1st December 1879 and 30th December 1880. 35 Experimental Post Offices were established in various districts of Mysore State. By 1881, the Anche had become an efficient utilitarian service.

3. After the Rendition

The governance of the State reverted to the Mysore Ruling Family in March 1881. The administration gave due importance to the necessity for extending Anche facilities to small towns and large villages throughout the State. This was achieved by opening Village Anche Offices (V. A. O.) run by hobly (= Village) School Masters who

were given the additional responsibility of Anche Musaddies on a very small allowance. The number of Anche Offices increased from 180 in 1880–81 to 412 by 1885–86.

The Government of Mysore made repeated efforts for the introduction of postage stamps, but the Paramount power did not give the necessary permission to the State to institute the system. This was also the case with the neighboring Pudukottai (Pudukottah) State. However, following two alternatives were extended to the Mysore State by the Imperial Government:

1. The Postal System in Mysore State will be surrendered to the Indian Post Office, who would treat Mysore in all Postal matters exactly as if it were a British Province.
2. Mysore would adopt all British Indian rules of Postage, using Indian Postage stamps overprinted "MYSORE" as in the case of some native states who were parties to a Postal Convention concluded with the Imperial Government.

The State Government was willing to accept the second proposal, but the Imperial Government had second thoughts about it and withdrew it.

In 1886 the State administration made an unsuccessful attempt to get permission for introducing Anche Post Card. After protracted consideration, discussion and negotiation, the transfer of Anche to the Imperial Post Office was agreed to and sanctioned on the following terms:

1. That the Imperial Post Office should take over all the Postal arrangements of Mysore without any charge to the State and administer the Post Office on the Imperial System, giving the Public all the facilities for both internal and external communication accorded by Post Offices in British India.
2. That the whole of the official correspondence of the State be carries within the limits of Mysore free of any cost to the state; and
3. That the official correspondence of the State which has to travel through British territory should be charged for at the reduced rate of postage allowed to the official

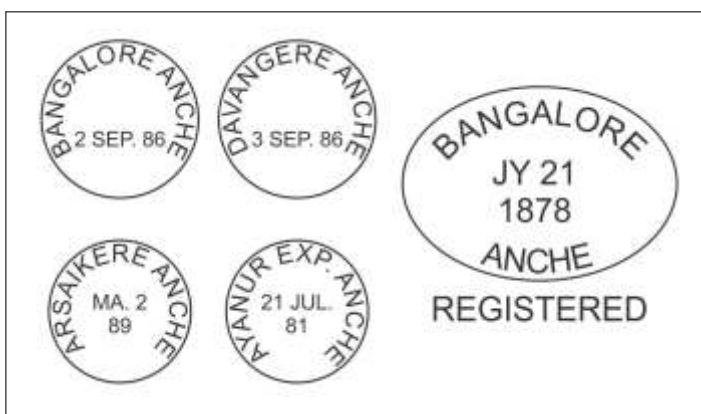
correspondence of the Imperial Government, certain Specified Officers of the State being authorized to use service postage stamps for the purpose.

Thus Passed in to history on 1st April 1889, the old and highly valued Anche, with the network of more than 400 Anche Offices spread through out the length and breadth of the Mysore State. However the Postal system within the Mysore State performed the role of Mysore Anche, so far as Mysore State's Official correspondence was concerned.

The privilege of free conveyance was enjoyed by the Government of Mysore until the merger of the State in the Republic of India in 1950.

4. Cancellations, Postal Instructions etc. of Mysore Anche

Cancellations, instructional postmarks etc. are in English. Mysore Anche did not adopt regional language for the obliterations unlike Travancore Anche, Cochin Anche, Hyderabad Deccan. Some examples are given along with the text.



▲ Fig. 10, Imperial Post Office Bangalore Obliterator and Anche Obliterations Examples.

5. Acknowledgement

I have utilized information available from the unpublished notes and published literature by the late Col. L. G. Shenoi, who was an eminent Philatelist and Postal Historian of Mysore State.

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I frequently try new things related to exhibiting; pushing my boundaries helps me learn and grow as a philatelist and as an exhibitor. In the past, I've tried new exhibit types and styles – with varying degrees of success– and I've learned new things.

In doing this I've learned a lot about ephemera. Ephemera is, generally speaking, paper items that were originally meant to be discarded after use but have since become collectibles. This material can be a useful addition to almost any exhibit. Ephemera includes post cards, poster stamps, world war paper items, maps, baggage labels, photographs, stereo cards (photographs that appear three dimensional when viewed with a special viewer), 18th and 19th Century documents, matchbooks, trade cards, autographs and more. This material is frequently of special interest for thematic exhibitors.

I attended one of the large ephemera shows in the United States. I was amazed at the diversity of material available. Small-size items I saw for sale that would fit on an exhibit page included:

- Map of the principal roads in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island (if I wanted to see the route a letter took in this area, this would be a good start to figure it out);
- Archive of President Eisenhower letters from his time in the White House on White House stationery and on his personal stationery after he left the White House with each item individually priced;
- Political memorabilia;
- Four-volume collection of Zeppelin memorabilia;
- Railroad company archives; and
- Full color Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Program.

Any of these items might fit well within a specialized collection of the same or similar subject. Of course, serendipity plays a role. Who knows what material a dealer will have and how it might relate to your exhibiting interests? Let me tell you what I found at this show that fits within one of my exhibits.



▲ Fig.1,2,3, Indian Christmas Seal 1944, 1945 and 1947

For background, I need to mention that I collect Indian Christmas seals of the 1940s. Indian Christmas Seals, like Christmas seals of other countries, were issued to raise money to fight Tuberculosis. Examples of some of these seals are shown in Figures 1 -3 which are Indian Christmas seals of 1944, 1945 and 1947. Information about these seals is hard to come by. We don't know who the

designers were or much about their development. I had been able to acquire a variety of seals and printing varieties but I was ignorant of the details of their production. And, like stamps, being a small size (about 1 x 1.5 inches), the sometimes-complicated designs are hard to appreciate.

I found something spectacular from an exhibiting perspective at the ephemera show. I found note cards with the designs of the Indian Christmas seals, which were printed by the Christmas Seal Committee in India in the same year the seals were printed. These note cards, roughly 4 x 5.5 inches, were sold as an additional way for the Christmas Seal Society of India to raise money to fight Tuberculosis. Figures 4-6 show some of these cards. These cards are a great addition to my exhibit as they show the original artwork for the Christmas seals and are printed by the same publisher as

Obituary



The renowned Philatelist Dr. (Mrs) Sita Bhateja, who hailed from Bangalore passed away on 18th December, 2018. She was 93 and underwent the treatment for Leukaemia. She was known as the queen of Indian Philately. She won many awards from National and International philatelic exhibitions. Her collection of British India was mostly appreciated. She was a Doyen of Indian Philately. David Feldman - SA (Swiss) brought out a Luxury book edition on her great India exhibit. She was also the pillar to the Karnataka philatelic society. Always stood behind to support all promotional activities and stamp exhibitions. She was one of the jury members from India. She was also a governing council member of the Philatelic Congress of India. She is survived by three sons. We express our heartfelt condolences to the surviving family.



▲ Fig.4, 5, 6 and 7 Indian Seal Note Card of 1944, 1945 and 1947, Cross of Lorraine – symbol of the Crusade against Tuberculosis.

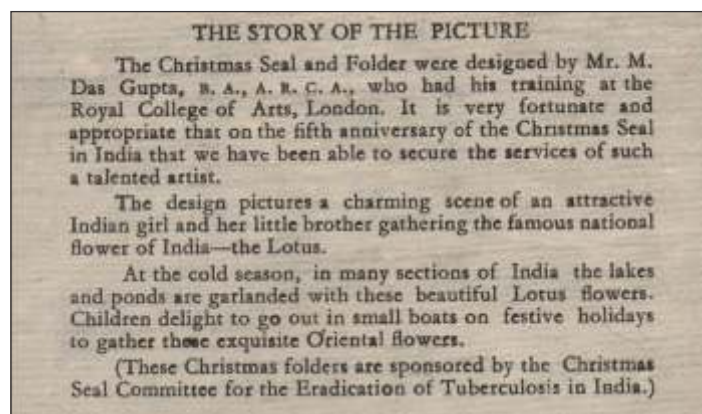
the seals themselves.

Significant differences between the designs of the cards and the Christmas seals (primarily in the addition of text on the stamps and the Cross of Lorraine -symbol for the crusade against Tuberculosis shown in Figure 7) add to our knowledge of the development of the design.

But, completely unexpected, was something even more significant: small printed notes inserted in each card providing detailed information about the designer and/or painter of the original artwork for the seal. With this bit of good luck in finding these cards with their inserts, I will be able to show additional knowledge and research in my exhibit.



▲ Fig. 8, Insert in 1944 card.



▲ Fig. 9, Insert in 1945 card.



▲ Fig. 10, Insert in 1947 card.

- From the insert in the 1944 card (Figure 8), I learned that the original artwork for the seal was painted by Mrs. W.J. A. Moore of Ajmer, who was not only an artist and explorer but also a tiger hunter, or, as the insert suggests, huntress.
- From the insert in the 1945 card (Figure 9), I learned that the seal was designed by Mr. M. Das Gupta.
- From the insert in the 1947 card (Figure 10), I learned that the original sketch was prepared by Juanita Owen, an American missionary nurse in Allahabad.

When the dealer from whom I purchased these cards asked me if I collected India or Tuberculosis, I replied that I collected Indian TB seals. That surprised him: even though he was used to specialized collecting, my response was a little more specialized than he expected. I was even more surprised that I could find specialized material that I never knew existed which was so perfectly suited for

one of my niche exhibits and which added to the knowledge base of information about these issues.

After I returned from the show I explored the topic of ephemera on the Internet. I found a great observation I'd like to share that may resonate with you:

“Eventually I came to understand that collecting stamps, collecting postal history, collecting printed broadsides, collecting trade cards, collecting quack medicine bottles . . . these are not separate and distinct hobbies; they are all aspects of the same visual and cultural history. Together they constitute a spectrum ... of material chronicling our culture's passage....

Today there is an ongoing conjoining of these once isolated pursuits, so long considered as separate hobbies. Stamp dealers saw that the "paper" they happened to have was often selling better than their stamps and covers. Customers asked for paper items. Ephemera dealers found that some customers expressed interest in postal history and stamp material. Postcard dealers now routinely

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From Dick Sheaff at
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I thought it was interesting and very accurate. If you have an opportunity to attend a show such as this, consider attending.

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India Post New Issues



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We usually do not find an instructional postmark showing "SERVICE SUSPENDED" on a mail originated in India to a destination in India. While going through my collection, the above thought came in my mind, when I saw two different mails with inscriptions "SERVICE SUSPENDED". Immediately, I decided, I should write the history of this unusual postmark, which I am narrating now.

The plan for partition of India was announced on 3rd January 1947 and accepted by the principal political parties in India. It was also made clear that the Cabinet Mission Memorandum of 12th May 1946 which was published on 22nd May 1946, would remain unchanged. It meant that the rights of the states which flowed from their relationship (Treaties) to the Crown (British India) would no longer exist and the rights surrendered by the states to the paramount power would return to the states. Thus, the Indian Independence Act left the Indian States completely free and thus created 562 independent countries within India.

At that time, there was a widespread fear that the vast number and striking diversity of Princely states would prove a serious obstacle to the unity, cohesion and stability of India, because they had their own individual revenue sources, land tenure patterns, legal and monetary system, transportation networks, administrative machinery and police force.

It meant that the partitioned India was left with nine provinces and 562 independent states and imputed parts known as West and East Pakistan located in West and East of India. The British followed the policy of "divide and rule" throughout their stay in India by encouraging regional rivalry, religious enmity, economic inefficiency and general negligence of the masses and eventually dividing India into two separate nations.

While in process of assuming power, the new Indian Government had to cope with one internal crisis after another. Following the blood letting, looting and unprecedented mass migration that accompanied partition, law & order had to be restored, and mass machinery had to be organized to deal with millions of non Muslim refugees from East and West Pakistan. But the major task of the new administration was to unite India and to dethrone 562 princely rulers.

Against the above stated background, the Government of India

decided to set up a separate "States Department" on 13th June 1947 to deal with matters of common concern with Princely States. This department was in charge of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, the then Home Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of India. Mr. V.P. Menon was appointed as his first secretary. On 5th July 1947, the States Department started functioning and on this occasion Sardar Patel announced an important statement to Princely rulers' Negotiating Committee, defining the policy of India, on the accession of States of three subjects. Foreign affairs, Defence and Communications in which the common interests of the country were involved. The safety and preservation of these States as well as of India, demanded unity and mutual co-operation between its different parts. Sardar Patel gave a long and forceful speech to princely rulers on merits of integration. He said "One should not forget that one's conflict, internecine quarrels and jealousies were the main cause of one's downfall in the past, and becoming victims to foreign domination a number of times. Therefore, one should preserve the unity of the country". A special meeting was convened on 25th July 1947 to consider the question of accession of the States to the Dominion of India. The Princes were assured that their accession on three subjects of Defence, External Affairs and Communications would involve no financial liabilities and that in other matters there would be no encroachment on their internal sovereignty.

The bloodless revolution which integrated all states in India, was brought about by the operation of democratic forces unleashed by freedom and also by patriotic attitude of the States Rulers who had been quick to appreciate the change. All this happened

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because there is a considerable unity in India—a unity characterized by the love of country, devotion to democratic principles, common historical bonds, elements of cultural similarity and common interest.

Actually, within a week's time negotiations were concluded and all states excepting Hyderabad Deccan, Junagarh and Kashmir acceded to the India Union.

The accession of the States was a momentous event in India's history. India became welded into a constitutional entity for the first time, after hundreds of years.

Now, we should come back to complete the amalgamation and/or merger of Hyderabad State into Indian Union.



▲ Fig. 1, Map of Hyderabad

Hyderabad State is situated on the Deccan Plateau. It is surrounded by the Central Provinces in the north, Bombay State in the west and the Madras state on the east and the south (Fig.1). It had an area of 86,698 sq miles and a population of 117 millions. Nizam Mir Usman Alikhan Bahadur was the ruler of Hyderabad since 29th August 1911. Nizam was granted the title of "Faithful Ally of the British Government" by the king Emperor. Three different Labels in three different languages i.e. Hindi, Urdu and Telgu in three different colors. Thus nine different labels were issued (Fig.2).

The population of Hyderabad was over 85 percent Hindu. But Muslims filled almost all the important government posts including those in the army and the police. In population, revenue and importance, Hyderabad was the premier state in the country. It had its own coinage, paper currency and postage stamps. But, ethnically, culturally, socially and linguistically Hyderabad was always an integral part of India. It had been dependent upon India for food supplies and essential commodities for living, its railways, post & telegraph and air communication were conducted by Indian Government.

After the announcement of the plan by the Crown, regarding the status of the Indian States vide Indian Independence Act, the Nizam



▲ Fig. 2, Labels in Hindi, Urdu and Telgu.

issued a firman on 26th June 1947 declaring that Hyderabad would neither participate in the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan nor of India and made clear that on 15th August 1947, he would be entitled to resume the status of an independent sovereign. The Nizam sent a delegation to Delhi on 11th July 1947, to meet Lord Mountbatten and the States Department to negotiate on Dominion status for Hyderabad or accession to India.

As the proposals were unacceptable and it was also impossible to persuade Hyderabad to accede by 15th August, an extension of two months was granted to Nizam. Negotiation again started from 17th August, but met with a stalemate even after 3 months. By 18th October, Mr. V.P. Menon prepared a draft of Stand Still Agreement, which was acceptable to Sardar, Nehru and Lord Mountbatten. It also got approval of Nizam. But, on 27th October 1947, a melodrama was enacted by Razakars; a para military wing of Ittehad-ul-Musalmeen, who prevented the delegation to

leave for Delhi. The delegation was dissolved and a new delegation was appointed to change the agreement but failed. Thus the Stand Still agreement was signed on 29th November 1947.

The Government of India implemented the Stand Still Agreement and withdrew the Indian Army from Hyderabad. But Nizam wanted to buy time to assert his independence. He went on persisting his negative approach. In April 1948, the Nizam rejected the suggestion of India to hold plebiscite in Hyderabad to test the will of the people on the issue of accession. On 16th April 1948, Sardar Patel warned that India would not ever agree to Hyderabad's independence. He said that he could not contemplate for Hyderabad any relationship different from that of other states.

The Indian Government also noticed that the activities of the Rajakars grew in intensity and violence and border incidents assumed grave proportions. The Indian troops were posted on the Indian boundary to prevent the import of Pathans and Muslims into the State. In an endeavor to convert the minority into majority in the State. Muslims were encouraged to immigrate and Hindus were terrorized to migrate from the State. There was a complete breakdown of Law and order.

The uncompromising attitude of the Nizam led the breakdown of negotiations on 17th June 1948. On 21st June 1948 extremely disappointed Lord Mountbatten left India and was succeeded as Governor General by Mr. C. Rajagopalachari.

Tensions now began to mount both in Hyderabad and India due to depredations of the Razakars. Hindus were killed, women were raped, houses were burnt down in large numbers inside the State. Unable to bear the deplorable condition of the State, some prominent citizens including several eminent Muslims wrote to Nizam about the deteriorating conditions of the law & order, and urging him to disband Rajakars. When this letter was published in Urdu Paper Imroz, his editor was hacked to death by Rajakars, on the orders of the Kasim Rajavi, the leader of Rajakars.

On 17th August 1948, Laik Ali, the president of Nizam's Executive Council, decided that Hyderabad issue should be taken to United Nations Organization (UNO). And on 28th August, the case was presented to the Security Council of UNO, though the Government of India did not recognize the Nizam's claim to invoke the office of UNO because the Hyderabad issue was a domestic problem.

On 7th September 1948, the Indian Government requested Nizam to take immediate steps to disband the Rajakars, who were involved in murder, rape, arson and pillage and had created wide spread anarchy within Hyderabad. But, Nizam's Government blamed India for the activities of the Rajakars.

As no other alternative remained open, the Government of India, after careful evaluation of all considerations, decided on 9th September, to send Indian troops into Hyderabad to restore peace.

On 10th September, an ultimatum was delivered by Mr. V.P. Menon, Secretary to Ministry of States to the Nizam. A decision was taken that the Indian forces should march into Hyderabad on 13th September but, efforts were made to postpone it till 15th instant. Because Hyderabad army was arranging demolition of all important bridges.

But, the Indian forces marched into Hyderabad on the 13th September 1948. They were commanded by Major general J.N. Chaudhuri under the direction of Lt. General Maharaj Shri Rajendrasinghji, who was then the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command. This operation was given the name "Operation Polo" by the Army Head Quarters and "Police Action" by the then Governor General Mr. C. Rajagopalachari. It was a two pronged advance, the main force moving along the Sholapur-Hyderabad road, a distance of 186 miles, and a smaller diversion moving along the Bezwada-Hyderabad road, a distance of 160 miles. There was some stiff resistance on first two days. After that resistance collapsed. Some 800 Rajakars were killed.

On the evening of 17th September 1948, the Hyderabad army surrendered. On the 18th September, the Indian troops entered Hyderabad city. The operation lasted for 108 hours only.

On 17th September Laik Ali and his cabinet tendered their resignations. Major General Chaudhuri took charge of administration as Military Governor, on 18th September 1948. On 23rd September Nizam withdrew the Hyderabad Case from Security Council of UNO. He assured that he would be loyal to Indian Union and work for the benefit of his people. The administration of Major General Chaudhuri continued till December 1949, when Mr. Vellodi ICS took over the administration of the State as the Chief Minister.

During "OPERATION POLO" or "POLICE ACTION", the postal services in Hyderabad were effected in the 3rd week of September 1948. It appears to me that postal activities remained closed in September 1948. Therefore, letters addressed to Hyderabad or

Secunderabad were returned to sender with "Service Suspended" hand stamped. Such mail is very scarce. I was looking for such hand stamp, on mail to Hyderabad, since 20 to 25 years. And I could collect only two envelopes with hand stamps as follows:-

1. The first is dated 20th September 1948, posted from Cathedral Post Office Madras to Secunderabad Deccan", which received a hand stamp reading "SERVICE TEMPORARILY / SUSPENDED RETURNED/ TO SENDER" in 3 lines. The said mail was delivered to sender on 3rd October 1948. (Fig. 3)



▲ Fig. 3 & 4, Examples of Service Suspended markings.

2. The Second mail is also dated 20th September 1948, posted from Yeravda, Poona, to Hyderabad Deccan which received a hand stamp reading "SERVICE SUSPENDED" in one line. The said letter was sent to Bombay DLO as the address of the sender was not written on the mail. October 48 with DLO Bombay is visible in the handstamp which is on the back side of the envelope. The date is not clear. (Fig. 4)

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Preface

In Prayagraj, as the word Kumbh enters ones ears the picturesque vision of Triveni Sangam, the sacred confluence of the Ganga, the Yamuna and the mystical Saraswati flashes in the minds of people. At the sacred confluence huge multitudes move like waves in the ocean filled with sense of devotion. 'Shahi Snaan' of Akharas, chanting of vedic mantras and elucidations of religious hymns in the Saint pandals, proclamations of knowledge, tatvamimansa and truth by rishis, charming music, mesmerizing sound of multitudes of instruments, holy dip in sangam with utmost devotion fills the heart of devotees with immense joy and offering prayers at many divine temples exhibits the greatness of Prayagraj Kumbh.

The Kumbh Mela at Prayag takes place for approximately 55 days, spread over thousands of hectares around the sangam area, and becomes the greatest of ephemeral city in the world. Regularity of this celebration continuing since ancient times is unique in itself. Ever increasing pressure of populace and expanding cities tend to engulf the rivers and events like Kumbh, graces the rivers with the profound status of creators of the world. There is a deeply enrooted feeling of devotion and faith flowing in the veins of every Indian since eternity.

The formation of Prayagraj Mela Authority 2018 is an important stepping-stone towards organising the event of the scale of Kumbh. Its primary responsibility is to ensure that the basic amenities are provided in Kumbh 2019 to the devotees visiting the Mela. For the Kumbh 2019, modern technologies were being deployed to enhance the 'Divyata' and 'Bhavyata' of the Kumbh. Gates based on various themes were set up to welcome pilgrims and information boards to guide them to their destination. Huge pandals and tents to facilitate the stay of pilgrims and visitors.

1. The Department of Post and Kumbh Mela – 2019

The Department of Post acknowledges its greatness and had established four sub-post offices within the premises of Kumbh Mela area. The Central Post Office. The Central Post Office was the



▲ Central Post Office, Kumbh Mela, Prayagraj



▲ Arhail P.O., Prayagraj

hub of the Kumbh Mela, where mails were received from pilgrims and delivered to the pilgrims. The pilgrims were provided the facility of registered, speed post and money order. The post office had also set up UID updating centres to facilitate aadhar services. A floating post office was also set up which was the extension of the Central Post Office. Parade Sub-Post Office – was set up within the Parade Campus which catered to the mails of adjoining areas. The Arhail Sub-Post Office was set up in the trans Yamuna area to provide mail services to the pilgrims who were residing in the other side of the river. The Jhunsi Sub Post Office catered to the needs of people who were staying towards the trans-Yamuna towards Jhunsi side.

2. Philatelic Activities at Kumbh Mela

The Kumbh Mela – 2019 witnessed the release of various philatelic items – 9 special covers, a set of picture postcards, My Stamp and Commemorative Stamp on Kumbh Mela.

2.1 Release of Special Cover – Makar Sankranti on 15.1.2019

The first cover on the first snan was released on the occasion of Makar Sankranti on 15.1.2019. The cover depicts the official logo of Kumbh Mela 2019.

2.2 Release of Special Cover – Paush Purnima on 21.1.2019

The second cover on the second snan was released on the occasion of Paush Purnima on 21.1.2019. The cover has the image of

temple situated in the campus of Kumbh Mela.



2.3 Release of Special Cover – Mauni Amavasya on 4.2.2019

The third cover on the third and most auspicious snan was released on the occasion of Mauni Amavasya on 4.2.2019. The cover was dedicated to Kinnar Akhara – It was the first time that Kinnar Akhara was part of the Kumbh Mela.

2.4 Release of Special Cover – Basant Panchami on 10.2.2019

The fourth cover on the fourth snan was released on the occasion of Basant Panchami 10.2.2019. The cover has the image of Akshayavat. It is very old Banyan tree which is housed inside the Allahabad Fort. It is now open for the public to view and seek its blessings.

2.5 Release of Special Cover – Maghi Purnima on 19.2.2019

The fifth cover on the fifth snan was released on the occasion of Maghi Purnima 19.2.2019. The cover has the image of Saraswati Koop. It is believed that River Saraswati flows from this koop.

2.6 Release of Special Cover – Maha Shivratri on 4.3.2019

The sixth and cover on the sixth snan was released on the occasion



of Maha Shivratri 4.3.2019. The cover was dedicated to Pontoon Bridges which are most significant during Kumbh Mela. These temporary bridges are prepared for pilgrims to cross the rivers. During Kumbh many such temporary bridges were prepared to facilitate the pilgrims to move within the Kumbh Area.



3. Release of Commemorative Stamp – Kumbh Mela, Prayagraj

The commemorative stamp on Kumbh Mela, Prayagraj was released on 2.2.2019 by the Shri. Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Minister of Communication, Government of India. It was for the first time that a stamp was released on Kumbh Mela. The stamp denotes the confluence of River Ganga and Yamuna. Pontoon bridge, a most significant element of Kumbh Mela. Pilgrims, saints and seers who are bathing in the holy river.

The stamp is of Rs.5 denomination. The stamp sheet has 28 stamps on it. The first day cover depicts the samudra manthan which is the most important element of Kumbh Mela.



Picture Postcards on Kumbh Mela were also prepared by Kumbh Mela and Philately enthusiasts during the Kumbh Mela.

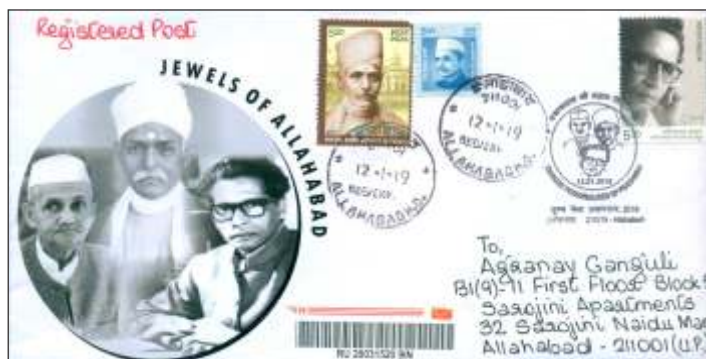
4. Commemorative Covers on Kumbh Mela 2019

Philatelists also prepared some commemorative covers on Kumbh Mela and postally used on the date of release with commemorative stamp of Kumbh Mela.



5. Special Cancellations

During the Kumbh Mela, three Special Cancellations were also released on 12th, 13th and 14th January 2019 viz. on Eminent Personalities of Prayagraj, Heritage Buildings of Allahabad and Religious Heritage of Prayagraj.



6. Special Covers Released on Kumbh Mela by Prayag Philatelic Society

Swami Vivekananda in December 1889 had to visit Prayag to attend to his ailing brother disciple. He had to extend his stay to honour the



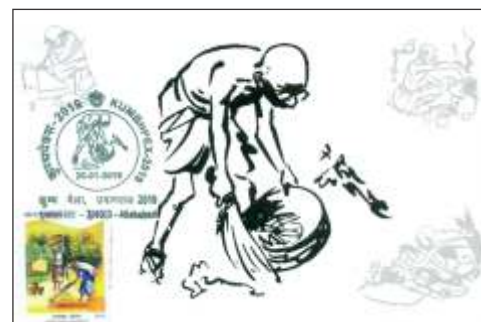
request of the host. During his stay, he also visited the ongoing Magh Mela at Prayag. A Special Cover on Visit of Swami Vivekananda in Prayag was released on 12th January 2019.

A Special Cover on Kumbh Mela was also released on 9th February 2019.

One of the most interesting features of Kumbh Mela was the Floating Post Office. It was the extension of the Central Post Office set up at Kumbh Mela. A Special Cover was released on the Floating Post Office on 2nd March 2019.

7. Philatelic Exhibition at Kumbh Mela – Kumbhpex 2019

A 30 frame exhibition was held at the Kumbh Mela Central Post office from 26.1.2019 to 30.1.2019 to promote philately and celebrate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. During the exhibition the philatelists of Allahabad had put up their exhibits on Gandhiji. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Chief Postmaster General of UP Circle Shri. V. P. Singh. He was accompanied by Shri. Suwendu Swain, PMG Allahabad Region and Shri. Sunil Kr. Rai, DPS Allahabad Region. On this occasion a special cancellation on Mahatma Gandhi was released. A set of six picture post cards on Kumbh Mela was also released during the function.



New Commemorative Stamps (October 2018 - March 2019)

1. 2nd Oct. 2018, (₹ 5, ₹ 12, ₹ 20, ₹ 22, ₹ 25, ₹ 25, ₹ 41, Miniature Sheet ₹150 MS, 150 Years of Gandhi [Personality, Mahatma Gandhi, Spinning Wheel]
2. 3rd Nov 2018, (₹ 5), 3rd Battalion Rajputana Rifles, [Army, Battalion, Costume, Rifle, Head Gear]
3. 14th Nov 2018, (₹ 15x2, Miniature Sheet ₹30) Children's Day [Painting, Communal Harmony]
4. 27th Nov 2018, (₹ 5), Utkal University, [University, Education]
5. 28th Nov 2018, (₹ 5 x 5, Miniature Sheet ₹25, Odd Shape MS) Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2018, [Hockey, Games, Tournament]
6. 13th Dec 2018, (₹ 5), Ustad Sabari Khan, [Personality, Musician, Sarangi Player]
7. 8th Dec 2018, (₹ 5), Rajkumar Shukla, [Personality, Freedom Fighter, Farmer]
8. 19th Dec 2018, (₹ 5), Gulabrao Maharaj, [Personality, Saint]
9. 22nd Dec 2018, (₹ 10, ₹ 15, Miniature Sheet ₹ 25), National Police Memorial, [Memorial, Police]
10. 24th Dec 2018, (₹ 5), Paika Rebellion, [Freedom movement, Head Gear]
11. 28th Dec 2018, (₹ 5), Kakaji & Papaji, [Personality, Saint]
12. 29th Dec 2018, (₹ 5 x 3, ₹ 12 x 3, Miniature Sheet ₹ 51, (Odd Shape MS), UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Hill Forts of Rajasthan [Forts, UNESCO Sites, Kumbhalgarh, Gagron, Ranthambore, Amer, Jaisalmer, Chittorgarh]
13. 29th Dec 2018, (₹ 5), Maharaj Suheldev, [Personality, King, Ruler]
14. 30th Dec 2018, (₹ 12, ₹ 22, ₹ 41, Miniature Sheet ₹ 75), 75th Anniversary of the First Flag Hosting at Port Blair, [Flag, Cellular Jail, Personality, Subhash Chandra Bose, Soldiers]
15. 31st Dec 2018, (₹ 5 x 5, Miniature Sheet ₹ 25), Geographical Indication Registered, Handicraft Products, [Handicraft, Pottery, Maddalam, Musical Instrument, Bronzeware, Embroidery, Sikki Grass Craft]
16. 31st Dec 2018, (₹ 5 x 2, ₹ 15 x 2, Miniature Sheet ₹ 40), Indian Fashion through the ages, [Fashion, Costumes, Head Gear]
17. 24th Jan 2019, (₹ 41, Miniature Sheet ₹ 41), 50 Years of Central Institute of Plastics Engineering & Technology, [Plastic, Technology, Institute]
18. 25th Jan 2019, (₹ 5), Mahamati Prannath, [Personality, Saint]
19. 30th Jan 2019, (₹ 5), Financial Inclusion, [Finance, Currency]
20. 2nd Feb 2019, (₹ 5), Kumbh Mela, Prayagraj, [Kumbhmela, Fair, Religion]
21. 19th Feb 2019, (₹ 5), Indian Institute of Technology - Benaras

Special Covers and cancellations issued on various occasions from various places in India:

1. Gandhinagar Higher Sec. School, 1st Sept. 2018, Seshadripuram.
2. 100th Year Celebration of Sri K. C. Gupta, 1st Sept. 2018, Hyderabad.
3. Monument Friends, Tarangini 2018, 6th Sept. 2018, New Delhi.
4. Gandhi Walks, Tarangini 2018, 6th Sept. 2018, New Delhi.
5. National Career Service, Tarangini 2018, 7th Sept. 2018, New Delhi.
6. Monti Fest, 8th Sept. 2018, Bengaluru.
7. Academy of General Education, Manipal, 8th Sept. 2018, Manipal.
8. International Association of Lions Club, 8th Sept. 2018, Lucknow.
9. Bhubaneshwari Temple, Udaipur, Philex-Tripura 2018, 10th Sept. 2018, Tripura.
10. 125th Year of Chicago Speech, 1893, 11th Sept. 2018, Thiruchirappalli.
11. 63rd Punyathithi Mahamahotsav of Prathmacharya Charitra, 11th Sept. 2018, Shraavanabelagola.
12. "Queen" Variety Pineapple of Tripura, Philex - Tripura 2018, 12th Sept. 2018, Tripura.
13. Reshampex 2018, 12th Sept. 2018, Berhampore.
14. World Sepsis Day, 13th Sept. 2018, Bengaluru.
15. Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College, 14th Sept. 2018, Kolkata
16. Karam Festival, 18th Sept. 2018, Ranchi.
17. 8th Codficon & Aesthetica Asia 2018 Conference, 20th Sept. 2018, Jaipur.
18. Lions Club, Juhu, 22nd Sept. 2018, Mumbai.
19. Water Conservation Festival, 22nd Sept. 2018, Rajnandgaon.
20. 34th All India Postal Table Tennis Tournament, 24th Sept. 2018, Dharmasala.
21. National Inst. of B. M. , 24th Sept. 2018, Pune.
22. Tribute to Muni Tarun Sagar ji Maharaj, 26th Sept. 2018, Varanasi.
23. Blue Star - Platinum Jubilee, 27th Sept. 2018, Mumbai.
24. Indian Institute of Industrial Engineering, 27th Sept. 2018, Bhubaneswar.
25. World Rabies Day, 28th Sept. 2018, Bengaluru.
26. All India Postal Table Tennis Tournament, 28th Sept. 2018, Dharmasala.
27. Singal Vilak Pension Yojana, 1st Oct. 2018, Bhopal
28. Celebrating 150 Years of Kolkata GPO, 1st Oct. 2018, Kolkata.
29. Inauguration of Electrified KIUL - GAYA Rail Line and Memu Service, 2nd Oct. 2018, Nawada. ►

Hindu University, [Education, University]

22. 23rd Feb 2019, (₹ 5, ₹ 20, Miniature Sheet (₹ 25), Aero India – 2019, [Aviation, Air Craft, Pilot]
23. 6th March 2019, (₹ 5), Prof. Ram Chand Paul, [Scientist, Educationist, Administrator]
24. 9th March 2019, (₹ 5), Kubernath Rai, [Writer, Scholar, Hindi Literature]

2018 Stamps Statistics

Total Stamps Issued:	117	Rs. 1068.00
Total Miniature Sheets Issued:	23	Rs. 881.00
Total Sheetlets Issued:	20	Rs. 2295.00

My Stamp New issues

1. 23rd March 2018, GMR Hyderabad International Airport, (Customised)
2. 30th September 2018, MGR Centenary Valedictory, (Customised)
3. October 2018, Indian Institute of Nutrition, (Customised)
4. 4th October 2018, Rayat Shikshan Sansthan, (Customised)
5. 6th October 2018, Narayan Seva Sansthan, (Customised)
6. October 2018, Hyundai Motors, (Customised)
7. October 2018, Taj Connemara, Chennai, (Customised)
8. 12th October 2018, National Human Rights Commission, (Customised)
9. 29th October 2018, World Stroke Day, (Customised)
10. 12th November 2018, Union Bank, (Customised)
11. November 2018, Tamil Nadu Newsprint & Papers Ltd, (Customised)
12. 7th December 2018, Danik Bhaskar, (Customised)
13. 11th December 2018, Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences (Customised)
14. 15th December 2018, Bangalore Club, (Customised)
15. 18th December 2018, SBI Hyderabad Main Branch (Customised)
16. December 2018, Red Panda (Customised)
17. 15th January 2019, Worship of Livestock: Sohrai Festival (Customised)
18. 18th February 2019, Apollo Hospitals (Customised)
19. 22nd March, Wedding Wishes, (Personalised)

Note: Personalised My Stamp sheets are priced at ₹ 300 for sheet of 12 stamps. All customized my stamp sheets are sold at ePost Office portal at ₹ 500 per sheet. Face value of each stamp is ₹ 5.

► Special Covers Continued

30. 150th Years of Celebrating Mahatma, 2nd Oct. 2018, Bangalore.
31. Gandhiji in Shimla in Rickshaw, 2nd Oct. 2018, Shimla.
32. Gandhi Hill, 2nd Oct. 2018, Vijayawada.
33. Anashakti Ashram, Kausani, 2nd Oct. 2018, Dehradun.
34. Gandhi Mandir, Bhatra, 2nd Oct. 2018, Sambalpur.
35. Kheda Satyagrah Centenary year, 2nd Oct. 2018, Raipur.
36. 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, 2nd Oct. 2018, Kolkata.
37. 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, 2nd Oct. 2018, Lucknow.
38. AVR Kumbakonam Silver Shop Jewelers, 2nd Oct. 2018, Salem.
39. International Day of Non-violence, 2nd Oct. 2018, Salem.
40. Gandhi and Freedom movement in Tamilnadu, 2nd Oct. 2018, Salem.
41. Paramathi - Velur Taluk Lorry Owner's Association, 2nd Oct. 2018, Salem.
42. Modern Theatres, 3rd Oct. 2018, Salem.
43. Steel Authority of India Ltd., 3rd Oct. 2018, Salem.
44. Rotary International Dist. 2982 Free Medical Camp, 3rd Oct. 2018, Salem.
45. Mahatma Gandhi Philately Museum, 4th Oct. 2018, Salem.
46. K. S. R. Educational Institutions, 4th Oct. 2018, Salem.
47. Centenary of Mahasamadhi of Shri Shridi Sai Baba, 4th Oct. 2018, Salem.
48. Subramanya Siva Manimandapam, 4th Oct. 2018, Salem.
49. ANS Dhivyam Jewels, 4th Oct. 2018, Salem.
50. Rayat Shikshan Sanstha, 4th Oct. 2018, Satara.
51. Pichhola Lake, Haldighatpex 2018, 4th Oct. 2018, Udaipur.
52. Monsoon Palace, Sajjangarh, Haldighatpex 2018, 4th Oct. 2018, Udaipur.
53. Babu 150 - Philately Exhibition with Collectables on Mahatma Gandhi, 6th Oct. 2018, Bengaluru.
54. Pune Half Marathon - Run for Swachh Bharat, 7th Oct. 2018, Pune.
55. Bihar Industries Association, 8th Oct. 2018, Patna.
56. The Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 9th Oct. 2018, Coimbatore.
57. Kalaprapoorna Dr. Saluri Rajeswara Rao, 10th Oct. 2018, Hyderabad.
58. Balarama's Story, Mysuru Dussehra, 10th Oct. 2018, Mysore.
59. National Postal Week, 10th Oct. 2018, Chennai. ►



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60. 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, 10th Oct. 2018, New Delhi.
61. Hobby Festival, 10th Oct. 2018, New Delhi.
62. Pedda Sesha Vahanam, 10th Oct. 2018, Thirumala.
63. Chinnna Sesha Vahanam, 11th Oct. 2018, Thirumala.
64. Hamsa Vahanam, 11th Oct. 2018, Thirumala.
65. 7th Indian Chitin and Chitosan Society Meeting, 11th Oct. 2018, Pune.
66. World Sight Day, 11th Oct. 2018, Begaluru.
67. Tercentenary Celebrations of the New Jerusalem Church, 11th Oct. 2018, Tarangambad.
68. Simha Vahanam, 12th Oct. 2018, Thirumala.
69. Muthyapu Pandiri Vahanam, 12th Oct. 2018, Thirumala.
70. Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Addresses, 12th Oct. 2018, Kolkata.
71. Neelakurunji Blooms of God's own Country, 12th Oct. 2018, Munnar.
72. National Human Rights Commission, 12th Oct. 2018, New Delhi.
73. Ahimsapex - 2018, 12th Oct. 2018, Lucknow.
74. 150th Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, 13th Oct. 2018, Udhampur.
75. Kalpa Vriksha Vahanam, 13th Oct. 2018, Thirumala.
76. Sarvabhoopala Vahanam, 13th Oct. 2018, Thirumala.
77. Mohini Avataram, 14th Oct. 2018, Thirumala.
78. Garuda Vahanam, 14th Oct. 2018, Thirumala.
79. Postal Cyclothon 2018, Bicycle Carrier Cover, 14th Oct. 2018, Chennapatana, Kolar and Tumkur.
80. Tamirabarani Mahapushkaram 2018, 15th Oct. 2018, Palayamkottai.
81. Hanumantha Vahanam, 15th Oct. 2018, Thirumala.
82. Pushpaka Vimanam, 15th Oct. 2018, Thirumala.
83. Gaja Vahanam, 15th Oct. 2018, Thirumala.
84. Surya Prabha Vahanam, 16th Oct. 2018, Thirumala.
85. Chandra Prabha Vahanam, 16th Oct. 2018, Thirumala.
86. G. Devarajan Music Master, 16th Oct. 2018, Shringverpur.
87. Boat Carried Cover, 16th Oct. 2018, Shringverpur.
88. Malviya Nagar Puja Samiti, 16th Oct. 2018, New Delhi.
89. Swarna Rathotsavam, 17th Oct. 2018, Thirumala.
90. Aswa Vahanam, 17th Oct. 2018, Thirumala.
91. Chakra Snanam, 18th Oct. 2018, Thirumala.
92. Kullu Dussehra, 19th Oct. 2018, Kullu.
93. Shri Digamber Jain Tirthkshetra, Napex 2018, 20th Oct. 2018, Nashik. ►



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94. Brahmagiri, the Origin of River Godavari, Napex 2018, 20th Oct. 2018, Nashik.
95. Bangalore Philatelic Seminar, 21st Oct. 2018, Bengaluru.
96. Bharat Ratan Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya Dak Sanskritik Kendra, 22nd Oct. 2018, Patna.
97. Naval Armament Dept. 24th Oct. 2018, NAD Aluva.
98. Kashmir Autumn FAM Tour, 25th Oct. 2018, Srinagar.
99. Vidyarthi Bhawan Platinum Jubilee, 26th Oct. 2018, Vidyarthi Bhawan.
100. Bapu Stamp Expo 2018, 26th Oct. 2018, Rajgir.
101. Bapu Stamp Expo 2018, 26th Oct. 2018, Rajgir.
102. Visnupex - 2018, Sri Bhattam Srirama Murthy, 26th Oct. 2018, Visakhapatnam.
103. First IAF Air Operations that saved Kashmir, 27th Oct. 2018, Bengaluru.
104. Goa College of Engineering, 29th Oct. 2018, Goa.
105. Thayatheri Abdul Rahman, 29th Oct. 2018, Calicut.
106. National Integration Camp, 29th Oct. 2018, Bhubaneswar.
107. Golden Jubilee of CODISSIA, 29th Oct. 2018, Coimbatore.
108. Wonder Nut - Cashew Nut, Kollampex-2018, 30th Oct. 2018, Kollam.
109. Gandhiji's Visit to Kollam, Kollampex-2018, 31st Oct. 2018, Kollam.
110. Guru and Disciple, 31st Oct. 2018, Bengaluru.
111. 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, 1st Nov. 2018, New Delhi.
112. 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, 1st Nov. 2018, New Delhi.
113. Sri S. P. Balasubrahmanyam, 1st Nov. 2018, Nellore.
114. 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, 2nd Nov. 2018, New Delhi.
115. Salwan Educational Trust, 2nd Nov. 2018, New Delhi.
116. Karunagappally Taluk Jama, ATH Union Head Qtrs., 3rd Nov. 2018, Karunagappally.
117. Ayurveda for Public Health, 5th Nov. 2018, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru.
118. Archbishop Bernardine Baccenelli, 10th Nov. 2018, Ernakulam.
119. Platinum Jubilee of Rotary Club of Patna, 10th Nov. 2018, Patna.
120. Makkala Habba, 10th Nov. 2018, Bengaluru
121. Union Bank of India - Centenary Year, 11th Nov. 2018, Mumbai.
122. Nongkrem Dance, 12th Nov. 2018, Shillong.
123. Indian Ocean Naval Symposium, 13th Nov. 2018, Mulavukad. ►



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124. International Lavi Fair Rampur, Bushahr, 14th Nov. 2018, Rampur Bushahr.
125. Providence Girls' Higher Secondary School, 15th Nov. 2018, Calicut.
126. 150 Glorious Years of Loco Workshop, 15th Nov. 2018, Lucknow.
127. Pt. Sundarlal Shridhar, 17th Nov. 2018, Bhopal.
128. Rahat Manzil, 17th Nov. 2018, Bhopal.
129. Letter to Mahatama Gandhi's Son, 18th Nov. 2018, Bhopal.
130. Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Cathedral, 18th Nov. 2018, Mangaluru.
131. Madhavarao Spre Smriti Samachar Patra, 18th Nov. 2018, Bhopal.
132. Canara Girls' High School, 19th Nov. 2018, Kodiyalbel.
133. International Shri Renuka ji Fair, 19th Nov. 2018, Dadahu.
134. Valley of Words, 23rd Nov. 2018, Dehradun.
135. Birth Centenary of Dr. Siddayya Puranik, 24th Nov. 2018, Bengaluru.
136. Ilkar Saree, 24th Nov. 2018, Bagalkot Navanagar.
137. Charaka is an Insurance against Drought, 25th Nov. 2018, Bagalkot Navanagar.
138. Shri Ambadevi Temple, 25th Nov. 2018, Amaravati.
139. Homage to Martyrs of 26/11, 26th Nov. 2018, Mumbai.
140. 32nd All India Postal Wrestling Tournament, 26th Nov. 2018, Lucknow.
141. Venice of the East, Alpex 2018, 26th Nov. 2018, Alappuzha Iron Bridge.
142. 9th Indian Organ Donation Day, 27th Nov. 2018, Bengaluru.
143. 63rd Annual Conference of Indian Orthopaedic Assn. 28th Nov. 2018, Coimbatore.
144. Gita Niketan Awasiya Vidhyalaya, 29th Nov. 2018, Kurukshetra.
145. The Titus Museum - 15th Anniversary, 30th Nov. 2018, New Delhi.
146. Post Centenary of One Rupee Currency, 30th Nov. 2018, Thiruchirappalli.
147. Coimbatore - Delhi First Flight Cover A1 548, 1st Dec. 2018, Coimbatore.
148. Gujarat State Annual Dental Conference, 1st Dec. 2018, Ahmedabad. ►

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149. Yogi Ramsuratkumar, 1st Dec. 2018, Thiruvannamalai.
150. St. Aloysius College, 3rd Dec. 2018, Elthuruty.
151. India's First Insect Museum, 4th Dec. 2018, Coimbatore.
152. Gass Forest Museum, 5th Dec. 2018, Coimbatore.
153. Dravyavati River Project, 5th Dec. 2018, Jaipur.
154. Hoysala Karnataka State Conference, 7th Dec. 2018, Shivamoga.
155. PES Institute of Technology and Management, 7th Dec. 2018, Shivamoga.
156. Sunset of Agumbe, 7th Dec. 2018, Shivamoga.
157. TUMCOS, Channagiri, 7th Dec. 2018, Shivamoga.
158. Kashur Kong (Kashmir Saffron), 8th Dec. 2018, Gandhinagar, Srinagar.
159. Saint John's Academy, 8th Dec. 2018, Allahabad.
160. Partnership between DOP and MV Dept., 8th Dec. 2018, Gandhinagar, Srinagar.
161. PACE UM PU College 8th Dec. 2018, Shivamoga.
162. Head Post Office, 9th Dec. 2018, Shivamoga.
163. The Issur Rebellion, 9th Dec. 2018, Shivamoga.
164. Perfect Alloy Components, 9th Dec. 2018, Shivamoga.
165. Arulmigu Jambukeswarar Akhilandeswaran Temple, 12th Dec. 2018, Thiruvananthapuram.
166. 150 Years of Cantonment Post Office Building, Ampex-2018, 12th Dec. 2018, Ahmedabad.
167. Universal Health Coverage Day, 12th Dec. 2018, Bengaluru.
168. Western Naval Command, 12th Dec. 2018, Mumbai.
169. Series of Special Covers on the writings of Mahatma Gandhi, 12th Dec. 2018, Ahmedabad.
170. K. R. Murthy - Builder of Bangalore GPO, Postpex-2018, 14th Dec. 2018, Bengaluru.
171. Culture of Telangana, Set of Special Covers, 14th Dec. 2018, Hyderabad.
172. Philatelic Exhibition Venue, Postpex-2018, 14th Dec. 2018, Bengaluru.
173. Post Crossing, Postpex-2018, 15th Dec. 2018, Bengaluru.
174. 150 Years of Bangalore Club, 15th Dec. 2018, Bengaluru.
175. Festival of Tripura - Garia Puja, 15th Dec. 2018, Agartala.
176. Maharaja Bir Bikram College, 15th Dec. 2018, Agartala. ►

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177. Hojugiri Dance of Tripura, 15th Dec. 2018, Agartala.
178. Tata Sponge Iron Ltd., 15th Dec. 2018, Keonjhar.
179. 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, 15th Dec. 2018, Keonjhar.
180. D. N. High School, 15th Dec. 2018, Keonjhar.
181. Keonjhar C. C. Bank, 16th Dec. 2018, Keonjhar.
182. District Police Office, 16th Dec. 2018, Keonjhar.
183. Kashvi Group of Companies, 16th Dec. 2018, Keonjhar.
184. Mera Dost India Post, Postpex-2018, 16th Dec. 2018, Bengaluru.
185. 102 Years of Mahatma Gandhi's First Arrival at Kanpur, 16th Dec. 2018, Kanpur.
186. Babinfra Vidya Niketan, 17th Dec. 2018, Keonjhar.
187. Kanji Daya Dharmasala, 17th Dec. 2018, Keonjhar.
188. Sai Krishna Pyramid, 17th Dec. 2018, Keonjhar.
189. CTG Foundation, 17th Dec. 2018, Keonjhar.
190. Hotel Brundaban, 17th Dec. 2018, Keonjhar.
191. Krishak Shiromani Shri Kshtrabasi Behera, 17th Dec. 2018, Keonjhar.
192. Maa Tarini Temple, 18th Dec. 2018, Keonjhar.
193. Bank of India, 18th Dec. 2018, Keonjhar.
194. The Wildlife Preservation Society, 18th Dec. 2018, Dehradun.
195. Shaheed Roshan Singh, 19th Dec. 2018, Malaka.
196. 40 Years of Tiger Conservation, 21st Dec. 2018, Thekkady.
197. Postal Training Centre, Madurai, 21st Dec. 2018, Madurai.
198. My City My Duty - Mission Uyyakondan, 23rd Dec. 2018, Tiruchirappalli.
199. Shri Shirdi Sai Anantha Alayam, Potrayadi, 23rd Dec. 2018, Kottaram.
200. 1008, Gomatha Pooja, 24th Dec. 2018, Pongalur.
201. 39th INC Session, 27th Dec. 2018, Belagavi.
202. Bharatiya Sanskriti Utsava - 5, 27th Dec. 2018, Shivanagi.
203. Hamfest India, 29th Dec. 2018, Yelhanka, Bengaluru.
204. Golden Jubilee Year - Manas Sangam, 29th Dec. 2018, Kanpur.
205. Singanallur Lake: An Urban Paradise, 30th Dec. 2018, Coimbatore.
206. Golden Jubilee of Sri Sathya Sai Bal Vikas, 31st Dec. 2018, Solan.
207. Mahatma Gandhi & Ahimsa, 2nd Jan. 2019, Bilaspur.
208. Fight against Plastic Pollution, 2nd Jan. 2019, Bilaspur.
209. Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana, 2nd Jan. 2019, Lucknow.
210. Makhan Lal Chaturvedi, 3rd Jan. 2019, Bilaspur.
211. Gurudwara Shri Nankana Sahib, 3rd Jan. 2019, Bilaspur.
212. J. J. College of Arts and Science, 4th Jan. 2019, Sivapuram.
213. World Braille Day, 4th Jan. 2019, Maniknagar.
214. Dr. G. Venkataswamy Birth Centenary Year Celebration, 5th Jan. 2019, Coimbatore.
215. Ram Ki Paide, Ayodhya, 5th Jan. 2019, Faizabad.
216. Sambhu Narayan Singh, Freedom Fighter, 5th Jan. 2019, Faizabad.
217. Maulavi Ahmadullah Shah, Freedom Fighter, 6th Jan. 2019, Faizabad.
218. Mela of Gobind Sahib, Ambedkar Nagar, 6th Jan. 2019, Faizabad.
219. St. Xavier's High School, Fort, 6th Jan. 2019, Mumbai.
220. 7th International Yoga Festival, 6th Jan. 2019, Indore.
221. Ernakulam, Women's Association Celebrating 100 Glorious Year and Priceless Heritage - 7th Jan. 2019, Kochi.
222. Ram Nevaj Singh Post Graduate College, 7th Jan. 2019, Faizabad.
223. Prakash Bhai Mohadikar Birth Centenary, 9th Jan. 2019, Mumbai.
224. Centenary Celebrations of Besant Girls's Higher Primary School, 10th Jan. 2019, Kodyiyal.
225. Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, 11th Jan. 2019, Kolkata. ►

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226. Antarmana 50th Golden Jubilee Janm Jayanti, 11th Jan. 2019, Ahmedabad.
227. Natural Gas for Greener Prosperity, 11th Jan. 2019, Vadodara.
228. Delight & Devine Charitable Trust, 11th Jan. 2019, Vadodara.
229. Swami Vivekananda's Visit to Kashmir, 12th Jan. 2019, Srinagar.
230. Swami Vivekananda in Prayag, 12th Jan. 2019, Allahabad.
231. 72nd Indian Dental Conference, 12th Jan. 2019, Indore.
232. Devi Ahalyabai Holkar Airport, 12th Jan. 2019, Indore.
233. Memories of Mahatma Gandhi's Arrival at Indore, 13th Jan. 2019, Indore.
234. Makar Sankranti, 15th Jan. 2019, Allahabad.
235. Centenary of Medical Education, 18th Jan. 2019, Vellore.
236. Paush Purnima, 21st Jan. 2019, Allahabad.
237. Celebrating Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, 23rd Jan. 2019, Cuttack.
238. Shree Bollina Gangaraju Zilla Parishad High School, 24th Jan. 2019, Yernagudem.
239. Alupotsava - 2019, 25th Jan. 2019, Barkur.
240. Mahatma Gandhi's Visit to Kashmir, 26th Jan. 2019, Srinagar.
241. Birth Centenary Celebration of Dr. V. Subramanian, 26th Jan. 2019, Mumbai.
242. Birbal Ka Chhatta, 29th Jan. 2019, Gurgaon.
243. Heritage Transport Museum, 29th Jan. 2019, Gurgaon.
244. 150 Years of Celebrating the Mahatma, 30th Jan. 2019, Gurgaon.
245. Martyr's Day, 30th Jan. 2019, Raipur.
246. National Cleanliness Day, 30th Jan. 2019, Raipur.
247. Martyr's Day, 30th Jan. 2019, Cuttack.
248. 71st Martyr's Day, 30th Jan. 2019, Kanpur.
249. Jaipur in Babu's News Paper "Harijan", 30th Jan. 2019, Jaipur.
250. Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology, 30th Jan. 2019, Thanjavur.
251. 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, 1st Feb. 2019, Jaipur.
252. Mahakavi - Mahatama - Aurobindo, 1st Feb. 2019, Pondicherry.
253. Installation of the Relic of St. Antony at St. Antony's Shrine, 1st Feb. 2019, Mundankal.
254. JIPMER, 2nd Feb. 2019, Pondicherry.
255. Communal Harmony, 3rd Feb. 2019, Pondicherry.
256. Mauni Amavasya, 4th Feb. 2019, Allahabad.
257. Tigress MT-2 in Mundandara Hills Tiger Reserve, 5th Feb. 2019, Kota.
258. Kalpana Chawla, 5th Feb. 2019, Karnal. ■

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Thematic:

1. India, Heritage: Seven Arches of Champaner, on Cover, Sadbhavna Diwas, Godhra (20.01.12), ₹ 40/-
2. India, Heritage: Konark Horse & Konark Elephant on cover – Gandhinagar, Nashik (20.09.50), ₹ 50/-
3. India, Heritage: Sidi Saiyad Window Pictorial Can. On 15 p Comm. Used PC, ₹ 30/-
4. India, Heritage: 6 ps. Konark Horse stamp on 2 annas red envelope, ₹ 30/-
5. India, Heritage: Canc. Of Sun & on cover Sun Temple, Modhera – Gujpex 2003 (04.10.2003), ₹ 100/-
6. India, Heritage: Hira Gate, Dabhoi (ASI Site) - Vadopex 2013, ₹ 100/-
7. India, Birds: Rajpex 17 – Sp. Cover on Pradyuman Park- Rajkot (12.11.17), ₹ 40/-
8. GB, Birds: Meter Franking of Int. Council for Bird Preservation, Cambridge (10.1.84), ₹ 30/-
9. Australia, Bird: Cormoran Bird FDC (25.02.61), ₹ 50/-
10. India, Bird: Seasons Greeting Card on Indian Pitta 25 p. stamp with Mint Stamp, ₹ 30/-
11. India, Birds: Birdhouse (Chabutaru) Canc. - Gujpex 75, Sidi Saiyad Jali on cover, ₹ 100/-
12. India, Butterfly: Butterfly Canc. - Gujpex 86 (25.04.86) on 55 p Envelope, ₹ 100/-
13. Australia, Wild Life: Tasmanian Tiger FDC (21.03.62), ₹ 50/-
14. Australia, Wild Life: Rabbit FDC (03.05.61), ₹ 50/-
15. Australia, Wild Life: Kangaroo FDC (21.10.59), ₹ 50/-
16. Australia, Wild Life: Platypus FDC (09.09.59), ₹ 50/-
17. Australia, Wild Life: Banded Ant-Eater FDC (30.09.60), ₹ 50/-
18. Australia, Wild Life: The Tiger Cat, a native of Tasmania FDC (11.05.60), ₹ 50/-
19. India, Gandhi: Sp. Cover of "Dhai Akhar – Vadodara", (02.10.17), ₹ 40/-
20. India, Gandhi: Appex 2017- Gandhiji's Last Visit to Travancore (26.05.17), ₹ 75/-
21. India, Gandhi: Vadopex 91, ₹ 125/-
22. India, Gandhi: FDC of Kasturba Gandhi – Gandhi Ashram, Sabarmati (22.2.64), ₹ 100/-
23. India, Gandhi: Comm. Used FDC of 2 as Charka Stamp-5 Yr Plan (26.1.55), ₹ 50/-
24. India, Gandhi: Gandhi Centenary ILC 15 p. with Gandhi Bust, ₹ 75/-
25. India, Gandhi: Gandhi Day canc. Millepex 2000 (30.01.2000), ₹ 50/-
26. India, Gandhi: FDC of Gandhi – 5th Def. Series (2.10.76), ₹ 100/-
27. India, Gandhi: "Be True - Inpex 2013" (23.02.13), ₹ 75/-
28. India, Gandhi: Thrissurpex 2008 (21.11.08), ₹ 125/-
29. India, Gandhi: 11-12-13 Canc. Of Gandhi On 250 p Gandhi ILC, ₹ 100/-
30. India, Nehru: Nehrupex 89, Vadodara – Complete of Set of 3 sp. Covers, ₹ 500/-
31. India, Nehru: FDC of Nehru – 5th Definitive Series (27.05.76), ₹ 75/-
32. India, Sardar Patel: Anandpex 2014 – Canc. On Sardar Patel Museum, ₹ 50/-

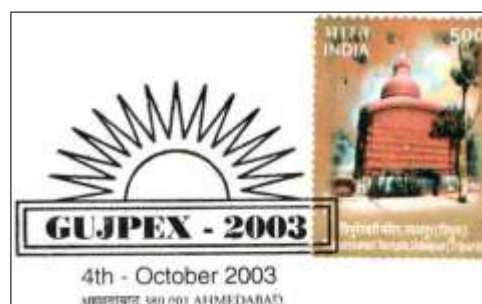
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33. India, Cricket: India World Cup Victory (27.04.84), ₹ 200/-
34. India, Cricket: Captain Vijay Hazare – Gujplex 2011 (23.12.11), ₹ 30/-
35. India, Airmail: Vayudoot First Flight Cover – Himalayan Airtrek (01.03.87), ₹ 300/-
36. India, Airmail: Air India First Flight Cover – Bombay-Ras Al Khaymah-Bombay (16.11.78), To & From covers, ₹ 550/-
37. India, Airmail: Air India First Flight Cover – Bombay-Lusaka-Bombay (02.06.80), 1 Cover, ₹ 300/-
38. India, Airmail: Air India First Flight Cover – Bombay-Melbourne-Bombay (05.06.80), 1 Cover, ₹ 300/-
39. India, Airmail: Air India First Flight Cover – Bombay-Durban-Johannesburg-Bombay (02.16.93), To & From, ₹ 550/-
40. India, Airmail: Air India – Boeing 747-400 Arrival, Non-Stop USA –India Flight (14.08.93), 1 Cover, ₹ 300/-
41. India, Airmail: First Flight Cover – Amritsar -Singapore (Singapore Airlines) (01.10.04), ₹ 300/-
42. India, Airmail: GJ of First Aerial Post – Allahabad-Naini with Dely mark of Nini at Back, ₹ 200/-
43. India, Science: Rajgir Satellite Antenna – Bipex 84 (10.6.84), ₹ 40/-
44. India, Science: Tropo Antenna – Appex 81 (13.1.81), ₹ 40/-
45. India, Science: Canc. on First Rocket, Thumba – Kepex 72 (18.10.72), ₹ 40/-
46. India, Science: Canc. On Indian Remote Sensing Satellite, I-A – Appex 88 (7.6.88), ₹ 40/-
47. India, Energy: Canc. Of NTPC & on Cover Kanha National Park – Mappex 86 (27.12.86), ₹ 40/-
48. India, Religion: FDC of Shivaji Jayanti – Shivneri, Poona (17.4.61), 2 Nos., ₹ 40/- each
49. India, Religion: Shivaji Park, New Delhi – Rectangular Can. Of VPP on cut size envelope, ₹ 30/-
50. India, Religion: FDC of Shri. Yogiji Maharaj (2.12.92), (Cat. Value 300/-) 3 Nos. Each, ₹ 150/-
51. India, Religion: Comm. Used FDC on 2 as (24.5.66) – 2500th Buddha Jayanti stamp, ₹ 30/-
52. India, Religion: Combination cover of Shri Shirda Sai Baba (15.12.17), ₹ 50/-
53. India, Akshardham Temple & Pramukh Swami Maharaj, ₹ 50/-
54. India, Flower: Canc. On Lotus – Indo-American Society Stamp Exhibition, Bombay (23.10.62), ₹ 40/-
55. Bulgaria: Orchids set of 6 Mint Stamps, ₹ 150/-
56. India, Army: Comm. Used Unit Censor cover from FPO no. 977, (17.10.73), ₹ 60/-
57. Australia, Railways: FDC of Railway Centenary, (1954)-Melbourne, Australia, ₹ 50/-
58. India, Railway: 60 Yrs of Railway Staff College Canc. On 50 P PC (31.01.12), ₹ 40/-
59. India, Children: FDC of Childrens Day (14.11.58) used on 24.11.58, ₹ 40/-
60. India, Medicine: “Strike Back at Cancer Give American Cancer Society” on 13 c USA Airmail, ₹ 40/-
61. Argentina, Medicine: Malaria Eradication FDC (14.04.62), ₹ 50/-
62. Australia, Medicine: Cent. Of Red Cross FDC (08.05.63), ₹ 50/-
63. Australia, Medicine: Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia – Carried by Flying Doctor Aircraft to Brisbane Airport on FD of Issue, for onward Transmission. (21.08.57), ₹ 100/-

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64. India, Music: GJ of Sh. Swati Tirunal Sangeet Sabha, Thiruananthapuram on 15 p. PC (20.4.82), ₹ 30/-
65. India, Sport: Indraprastha Indoor Stadium, New Delhi on 15 p. PC, ₹ 25/-
66. India, Sport: London 2012 Olympic Games Blank Max. Card – set of 4, ₹ 100/-
67. Australia, Sport: Commonwealth Games FDC (01.11.62), ₹ 50/-
68. Australia, Girl Guide: G.J. Guiding :1910-1960 FDC, (18.08.60), ₹ 50/-
69. India, Bird, Flower, Wildlife: Indipex 73 canc. of 18.11.73 (Thematic Day) on 10 p. PC, ₹ 30/-
70. India, Mountain: Pictorial Canc. Of Saputara Hill Station, (12.10.89), ₹ 40/-
71. India, Film: Legendary Singers of India FDC (30.12.16), ₹ 100/-
72. India, Jainism: Acharya Vimal Sagar FDC (14.12.16), ₹ 40/-
73. India, Jainism: Acharya Gyansagar FDC (10.09.13), ₹ 40/-
74. India, Jainism: "Ahimsa Permo Dharm "Meghdoot PC with Gujplex 15 canc. of Lion (24.12.11), ₹ 50/-
75. USA, Spcae: NASA Project Mercury 4 c stamp FDC (20.02.62), ₹ 50/-
76. Argentina, Tagore: Cent. of Rabindranath Tagore Anniv. FDC (15.5.61), ₹ 100/-
77. Argentina, Tagore: Cent. of Rabindranath Tagore Anniv. Canc. On Card (15.5.61), ₹ 100/-
78. India, Dairy: AMUL cancellation – Gujplex 2003 (03.10.03) with Int. Dairy Congress Stamp, ₹ 50/-
79. India, Agriculture: Reapers (Fasal Katai) cancellation – Gujplex 1979 (29.04.79) on cover Nyay mandir, Vadodara, ₹ 100/-
80. India, Festival: Navratri, Gujarat – Gujplex 2003 (02.10.2003), ₹ 100/-
81. India, Festival: Dandia Ras Cancellation – Gujplex 86 (24.04.86) cancellation on 55 p Envelope, ₹ 100/-

Post-Independence India

82. FDC - Cent. Of Mahasamadhi of Sai Baba (15.12.17), ₹ 30/-
83. FDC – Indian Hand Fan (30.12.17), ₹ 350/-
84. FDC – Means of Transport through Ages (25.03.17), ₹ 500/-
85. Carried Cover on "Kabali (Rajanikant Movie)- Sp. Flight Bengaluru –Chennai- Bengaluru (22.07.16), ₹ 400/-
86. Permanent Pict. Cancellation of Kalaghoda (Sayaji Rao Gaekwad) & on Cover Laxmi Vilas Palace Fatehgunj P.O. – Vadodara, (Inaugural Day Cover – 16.01.89), ₹ 125/-
87. Permanent Pict. Cancellation of Chamar Dharini (Jain Idol) & on Cover Baroda Museum Vadodara H.O. – Vadodara, (Inaugural Day Cover – 16.01.89), ₹ 125/-
88. 125th Birthday Celebration of Sayajirao Gaekwad (11.,03.89), ₹ 150/-
89. GJ Nirmala Niketan College of Home Science & Polytechnic (20.11.04), ₹ 50/-
90. India 80 – Complete Set of Exhibition Covers - 10 Covers + 1 Cover with set of 4 stamps, ₹ 700/-
91. Inpex 82 – Complete Set of Exhibition Covers – 7 Covers, ₹ 400/-
92. Rajpex –88, Indira Gandhi Canal (27.2.88), ₹ 40/-
93. Tanapex 81, Canc. On BHEL (25.12.81), ₹ 30/-
94. Kerapex-76, Canc. On Cochin Shipyard (28.2.76), ₹ 40/-
95. India –89 Booklet, ₹ 400/-

Auction Lots:



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96. Comm. Used FDC - Cent. India's First Freedom Struggle – 15 np. (15.08.57), ₹ 100/-
97. Comm. Used FDC – 25th Anni. of Independence, (15.8.72), ₹ 30/-
98. Comm. Used FDC – Cent of Tilak, Nagpur, (23.7.56) with Express Delivery Sticker, ₹ 50/-
99. Gujplex -15, set of 3 Covers (River Front, Swami Chidananda, Immortal Martyres of Adas), ₹ 75/-
100. Republic of India Cancelled Folder, (26.01.50), ₹ 800/-
101. Fancy Numbers Cancellation 6 Diff. (8.9.10, 1.11.11, 11.11.11, 10.11.12, 12.12.12, 11.12.13), ₹ 90/-
102. Dhirubhai H. Ambani FDC (28.12.2002), ₹ 40/-
103. Gujplex 2007 – Set of 3 covers with Card (Child, Cricket & Space), ₹ 500/-
104. Sp. Cover on 1st Anni. - Jassi Jaissi Koi Nahin (01.09.2004), ₹ 40/-
105. Vadopex 2013 – Set of 3 cancellation (Music, Heritage, Lion – Tourism) on 50 p PC, ₹ 150/-

Postal Stationery:

106. 1½ Anna Comm. Used ILC (05.08.1955), ₹ 75/-
107. 2 Anna Red Envelope Used with By Air Mail Rubber Stamp (03 Mar 1951), ₹ 75/-
108. 400 p (200 p + 200 P) Comm. Used Competition Post Card, ₹ 30/-
109. 3 NP Comm. Used Local Post Card - in Hindi), ₹ 30/-
110. 5 nP Comm. Used Reply PC with rubber stamp of "Surcharged to 6 Paise in Rectangular Box, ₹ 30/-
111. Airmail Envelope 14 as. – Address written but not used, Reg. AD, ₹ 200/-
112. K.E VII ½ anna Green Comm. Used Envelope, 3 Nos., Each ₹ 200/-

Foreign Countries:

113. Australian Antarctic Territory FDC, ₹ 100/-
114. Republic of Korea Year Pack of 1990 with Stamps, ₹ 1000/-

Miscellaneous:

115. 0.40 p Meter Franking with instruction Request to Postmaster..., ₹ 30/-
116. ILC Advertisement & Slogans by Surendra Kotadia 1st Edition (Upto 1999), ₹ 500/-
117. Sp. Folder on Late Jal Cooper with 14.11.1973 cancellation (Issued by Indore Philatelic Society), ₹ 50/-

Last Date for Bidding: 15th June 2019.

Terms & Conditions for Bidding:

1. Bids are to be sent by Post/Hand Delivery/ email / WhatsApp or SMS.
2. The highest bidder for each lot shall be the purchaser thereof. If

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Auction Lots:



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▲ Lot No. 86



▲ Lot No. 111

highest bids of the same amount are received from more than one person, 'First come first served' policy will be observed.

3. Each lot shall be at the purchaser's risk from the Auction date and must be taken way at his or her expense by purchaser within 15 days from the date of sale.
4. Unless otherwise indicated each lot is sold as genuine and properly described.
5. Payment may be sent in favour of Baroda Philatelic Society by MO. Postage will be charged extra on actual basis.
6. Minimum bids at 80% of the estimate will be accepted.
7. For Fiscals & Revenues lower bids will be accepted by the permission of Vendor.
8. All bids are confidential and will not be disclosed to third parties.
9. Bidding will increase in the following manner.: Up to ₹ 50/- by ₹ 2 steps, ₹ 51/- to ₹ 100/- by ₹ 5 steps, ₹ 101/- to ₹ 250/- by ₹ 10 steps, ₹ 251/- to ₹ 1000/- by ₹ 25/- steps.
10. 5% of total sale amount will be deducted from the realisation of Sellers' lots.

Armenia

15.12.2018, Flora and Fauna of the Ancient World

Austria

22.09.2018, Styrian Hat (Embroidered Stamp)

Australia

05.02.2019, Moments to Treasure

Brazil

04.12.2018, 50 Years of Friendship Brazil-Guyana

04.12.2018, 200 Years of National Museum of Rio de Janeiro

04.12.2018, Christmas 2018

China

31.10.2018, Taichung World Flora Exposition

Croatia

26.11.2018, Christmas

21.03.2019, Carniolan Honey Bee

Czech Republic

04.09.2018, Wild Life

Faroe Islands

11.01.2019, Provisional Issue 1919

Finland

13.03.2019, Easter

13.03.2019, Flora Art

Foroyar

24.09.2018, End of World War I

Hong Kong

12.01.2019, Year of the Pig

Hungary

11.03.2019, Easter

Isle of Man

22.01.2019, Lunar Year 2019 - The Pig

Jersey

03.09.2018, Links with China - Bird Life

19.11.2018, Christmas

05.03.2018, Birds and Symbolism

Korea

12.09.2018, Inter Korea Summit

01.2019, Postage Stamp Design Contest.

Liechtenstein

21.11.2018, Christmas

04.03.2019, Europa 2019 - National Bird

Moldova

13.02.2019, World Radio Day

Netherlands

02.01.2019, Experience Nature

New Zealand

14.12.2018, Bangkok 2018 Exhibition
(Predator Free 2050)

16.01.2018, Lunar Year 2019 - The Pig

Poland

21.12.2018, Polish Industrial Design

Portugal

08.02.2019, Portugal China Joint Issue

Romania

05.10.2018, Birds

Russia

12.02.2019, Uniforms of the Courier Service
of Russia

Malta

22.03.2019, Easter

Slovenia

25.01.2019, Chinese horoscope - year of pig

25.01.2019, Greetings

25.01.2019, Modern Craftsmen of Slovenia –
modern design of porcelain

Spain

23.01.2019, Almeria : the Spanish capital of
gastronomy for 2019

Sri Lanka

26.02.2019, Spices of Sri Lanka

Switzerland

07.03.2019, Animal Friends

United Kingdom


16.10.2018, Harry Potter

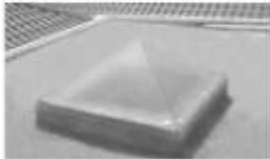
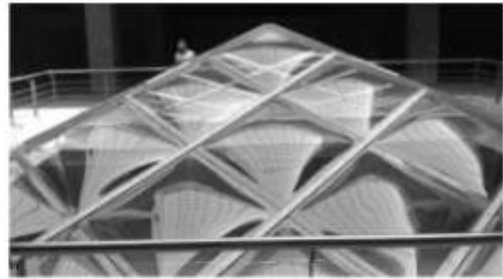
13.02.2019, Drawings of Leonardo da Vinci
from Royal Collection

14.03.2019, Cartoons

USA

10.01.2019, Hearts Blossom Forever Stamp

17.01.2019, Year of Boar Forever Stamp 



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