



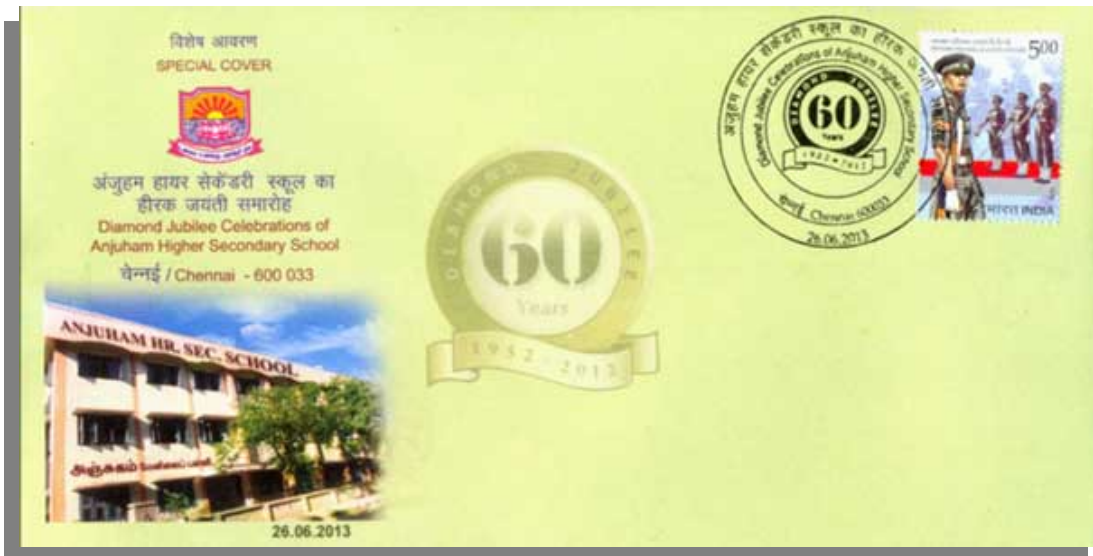
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**Special Cover on Anjuham Higher Secondary School, Chennai – 26th June 2013.**

Anjuham Higher Secondary School, Chennai was founded by Prof M. K. Shanmugam, in June 1952. In 1959 this esteemed Institution was established by Thiru Velur D Narayanan and it has witnessed 60 years of fruitful service in the field of education. Anjuham toils to ‘till’ the minds of her pupils to make them fertile by ‘sowing’ the seeds of right thinking, eradicating the ‘weeds’ of doubt, fear and ignorance, ‘applying’ the manure of confidence and ‘sprinkling’ the water of hope to ‘yield’ the fruit of success in life.

To celebrate Diamond Jubilee of School, a special cover was release at Chennai on 26th June 2013.



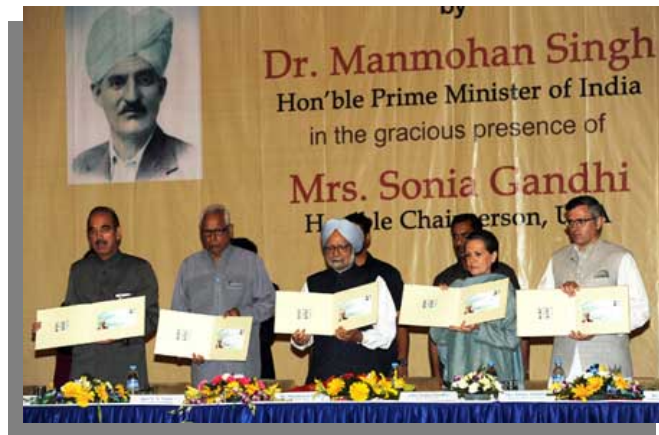
*Courtesy: Ankit Agrawal, Pune*

**Commemorative Stamp on Kashmiri poet Ghulam Ahmad 'Mehjoor' - 25th June 2013**

Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh will release Postage Stamp on renowned Kashmiri poet Ghulam Ahmad 'Mehjoor' at SKICC, Srinagar on 25th June, 2013 in presence of Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson, UPA. John Samuel, Chief Post Master General, J&K said in a press release that the Department of Posts is pleased to bring out the Postage Stamp on Mehjoor, a poet of great excellence and doyen of secularism.



Peerzada Ghulam Ahmad (born 3 September 1885 - 9 April 1952), better known by the pen name Mehjoor, was a renowned poet of the J&K Kashmir Valley, along with contemporaries, Zinda Kaul, Abdul Ahad Azad, Dinanath Nadim. He is especially noted for introducing a new style into Kashmiri poetry and for expanding Kashmiri poetry into previously unexplored thematic realms. In addition to his poems in Kashmiri, Mehjoor is also noted for his poetic compositions in Persian and Urdu.



The Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh releasing a commemorative postage stamp on Shair-e-Kashmir Peerzada Ghulam Ahmad Mehjoor, at a function, in Srinagar on June 25, 2013. The Chairperson, National Advisory Council, Smt. Sonia Gandhi, the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri N.N. Vohra, the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad and the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Omar Abdullah are also seen.  
*Courtesy: PIB*

**Special Cover to mark Golden Jubilee of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa - 20th June 2013.**

To mark the golden jubilee of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa since its establishment in 1963, a Special Cover and Cancellation release function was held on 20th June 2013 in collaboration with the Department of Posts. The release of the Special Cover was graced by the chief guest archbishop of Goa and Daman, Filipe Neri Ferrao, guest of honour, Michael Lobo, MLA, Calangute constituency and others.

St. Xavier's College located in the North Goan town of Mapusa. It is the largest and oldest college north of the Mandovi River in Goa, a state along the west coast of India. The college is accredited by the NAAC with a grade of A and as a college with the "potential for excellence". This college was set up in 1963, soon after the end of Portuguese rule in Goa, when the new administration undertook an expansion of higher education in the region. It was affiliated to the University of Bombay during 1963. Since 1986, St Xavier's College has been attached to Goa University, which was set up in the State of Goa.





Chief Guest His Grace, Archbishop of Goa and Daman, Filipe Neri Ferrao, releasing Special cover. Also seen in picture, Guest of Honour, Mr. Michael Lobo, honorable MLA, Calangute Constituency, Deputy Superintendent of Post Office, Panjim and Principal of St. Xavier's College, Dr.Fr. Walter de Sa.

**Special Cover on 50th Anniversary of the Space Mission by Valentina Treshkova - 14th June 2013.**

India Post, Delhi Postal Circle issued a Special Cover on 14th June 2013 on the occasion of 50th Anniversary of the Space Mission by Valentina Treshkova.



Valentina Vladimirovna Tereshkova (born 6 March 1937) is a retired Soviet cosmonaut and engineer, and the first woman to have flown in space, having been selected from more than four hundred applicants and five finalists to pilot Vostok 6 on 16 June 1963. In order to join the Cosmonaut Corps, Tereshkova was only honorarily inducted into the Soviet Air Force and thus she also became the first civilian to fly in space. During her three-day mission, she performed various tests on herself to collect data on the female body's reaction to spaceflight. Before being recruited as a cosmonaut, Tereshkova was a textile factory assembly worker and an amateur skydiver. After the dissolution of the first group of female cosmonauts in 1969, she became a prominent member of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, holding various political offices. She remained politically active following the collapse of the Soviet Union and is still revered as a heroine in post-Soviet Russia. This celestial feat has been a source of inspiration for all women in the world ever since. The year 2013 is being celebrated as the Golden Jubilee year of her maiden Flight to outer space.



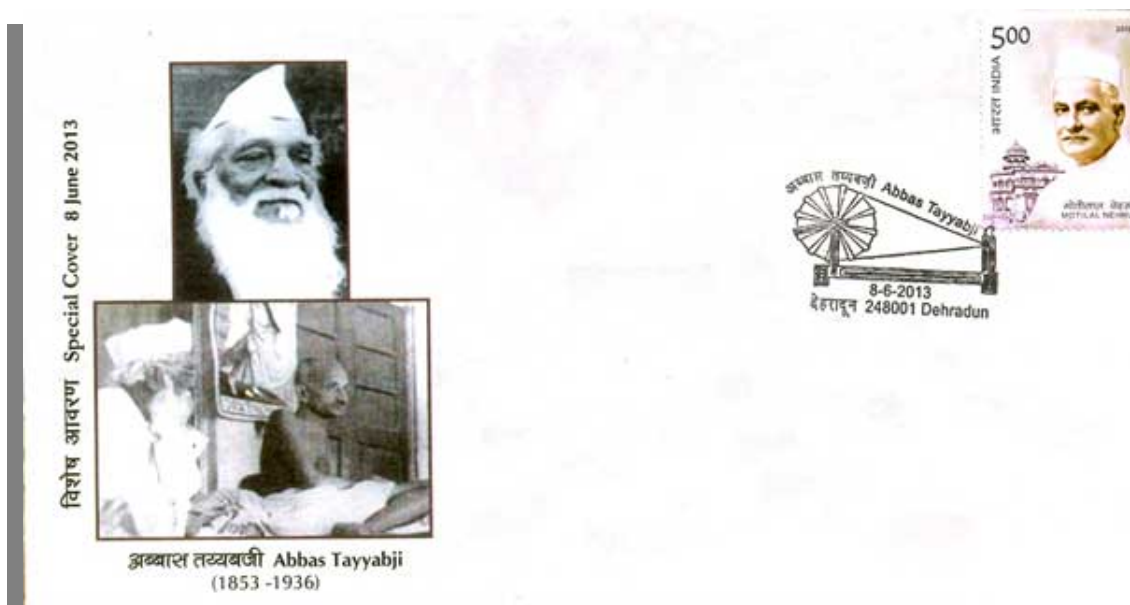
Cover Courtesy: Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram.



### Special Cover in honour of Abbas Tayyabji - 8th June 2013.

Uttarakhand Postal Circle released a special cover in honour of Abbas Tayyabji on 8th June 2013. The cover was released by Governor of Uttarakhand H.E. Aziz Qureshi at Rajbhawan, Dehradun on the occasion of 77th death anniversary of Abbas Tayyabji. The cover was designed by Abhai Mishra while the cancellation was designed by Rajesh Varma.

Abbas Tayyabji (February 1, 1854 – June 9, 1936) was an Indian freedom fighter from Gujarat, who once served as the Chief Justice of the (Baroda) Gujarat High Court. Mahatma Gandhi appointed Tayyabji, at age seventy-six, to replace him as leader of the Salt Satyagraha in May, 1930 after Gandhi's arrest. Abbas Tayyabji is also popularly known as 'Chhota Gandhi'. Tayyabji was arrested soon afterward and imprisoned by the British Indian Government. Gandhi and others respectfully called Tayyabji the 'Grand Old Man of Gujarat'. Abbas Tyabji died in Mussoorie, (now in Uttarakhand) on June 9, 1936.



Courtesy: [Rainbow Stamp Club](#)



Governor Aziz Qureshi and Chief Minister Vijay Bahuguna releases a Special Cover. (Photo Source: The Tribune)

### National Commissioners from India for Forthcoming International Exhibitions.

Philatelic Congress of India has nominated National Commissioners for the forthcoming two International Philatelic Exhibitions, viz. **SAUDI-2013** and **PHILAKOREA-2014**.

**SAUDI-2013**, 29th FIAP Asian International Stamp Exhibition, 11-16th December, 2013, Kingdom Shopping Mall, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

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**PHILAKOREA-2014**, World Philatelic Exhibition, 7-12th August, 2014, Samseong 1-dong, Gangnam-gu, Seoul, Korea.

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Philatelists, interested in participating in above exhibitions may contact Commissioner for more details.

**Special Cover on Harithakeralam 2013 - 5th June 2013**

Social Forestry Wing, Kerala Forest and Wild Life department, released a Special Cover on 'Harithakeralam - 2013' with the approval of Kerala Postal Circle on 5th June 2013 on the occasion of The World Environment Day. The areas outside forests have their fair share of rich biodiversity and critical ecosystems, which can be best conserved with people's participation. The Social Forestry Wing of Kerala Forests & Wildlife Department works closely with people to increase greenery, enhance and conserve biodiversity and improve ecosystem services outside forest areas. The Haritha Keralam programme is flagship programme with wide participation that is launched each year on 5th June, the World Environment Day that serves to green our world. The Special Cover depicts Kerala falls within the famed Western Ghats.



Courtesy: Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram.

**Jeffrey Brown, the noted Aerophilatelist Passes Away**

Jeffrey Brown, the noted Aerophilatelist, died on the night of May 31 - June 1, 2013. He was born in Calcutta (now Kolkata) on August 10, 1945. He was a long time member of India Study Circle for Philately (ISC) and served on committee over the years. Brown wrote two books, 'Indian Airmails' & 'Indian Airmail Postage Rates Until 1956' that were published by ISC, but more importantly he kept these up to date on digital versions. His demise is an irreparable loss to Indian philately in general and to Indian Aerophilately in particular.

### Commemorative Stamp issued in honour of Swami Vivekananda by Sri Lanka Post - 7th June 2013



Department of Posts, Sri Lanka released a commemorative stamp to commemorate 150th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. In appreciation of the contribution of the Hindu/Indian civilisation to the world, President Mahinda Rajapaksa released a postage stamp featuring Swami Vivekananda on 7th June 2013. Earlier in 1997 Sri Lanka had issued commemorative stamp on Swami Vivekananda. The first day cover has a sketch of the Vivekananda temple at Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu.

Significantly, the stamp was released in the presence of a six-member delegation of BJP affiliates, led by Ravi Shankar Prasad, Deputy Leader of the Party in the Rajya Sabha, the Upper House of the Indian Parliament. President Mahinda Rajapaksa had other equally important reasons for releasing a stamp to honour the Hindu monk. Firstly, Vivekananda was the Indian counterpart of the Sinhalese-Buddhist revivalist, Anagarika Dharmapala. The two fiery campaigners knew each other well, having participated in the World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893, sitting side by side on the dais. Both had given a religious dimension to the nationalist movements then emerging in their countries. Secondly, Vivekananda was no stranger to Sri Lanka. He had visited Sri Lanka in January 1897 at the invitation of Jaffna Tamils, who, already awakened to the glory of Hinduism by Arumuga Navalar, were in search of a spiritual leader after Navalar's death in 1879.

*Courtesy: [Rainbow Stamp Club](#) / [Ceylon Today](#)*

### Commemorative Stamp in honour of Sri Satya Sai Baba to be released

Union Minister Killi Kruprani has stated that a commemorative postage stamp will be released in honour of Puttaparthi Sri Satya Sai Baba on his birth anniversary this year.

She stated Sri Satya Saibaba was an inspiration to people of all faiths. As a preacher of highest human values, Sri Satya Saibaba was an iconic figure for over five decades, who inspired millions to lead a moral and meaningful life even as they followed the religion of their choice. "His teachings were rooted in the universal ideals of truth, right conduct, peace, love and non-violence and endeared himself to the people through various institutions, with headquarters at Prashanthi Nilayam that promoted moral values, education and public health. Because of him, Prashanthi Nilayam was put on the international tourist map as one of the important pilgrimage destinations of our country".

Keeping in view his noble services to the humanity and particularly for the welfare of the people in Andhra Pradesh, the Union Minister directed the Department of Posts to release a commemorative postage stamp on him.

*Courtesy: [Andhra Headlines](#), 3rd June, Srikakulam*

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