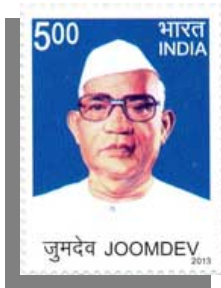


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Commemorative Stamp on Jumdev Thubrikar, popularly known as Baba Jumdev (Joomdev) - 30th Sept. 2013.

India Post issued a commemorative stamp on philanthropist and spiritual leader, Jumdev Thubrikar, popularly known as Baba Jumdev (Baba Joomdev) on 30th Sept. 2013.



Baba Jumdevji was born on April 3, 1921 near Golibar Square at Nagpur (Maharashtra). He was born in Halba community. His family was very poor and he was raised by his father "Vithoba" and mother "Saraswati". To bring happiness and satisfaction to his family, he attained a state of nirvana. He achieved enlightenment. When he saw that there were many unhappy and unsatisfied people in country, he shared with them the blessings which he found during enlightenment and worked towards betterment of such unprivileged people. Similarly, he formed many organisations and founded "Manav Dharma" to benefit and secure life of poor and uneducated people. People belonging to "Manav Dharma" are called as "Sevak".

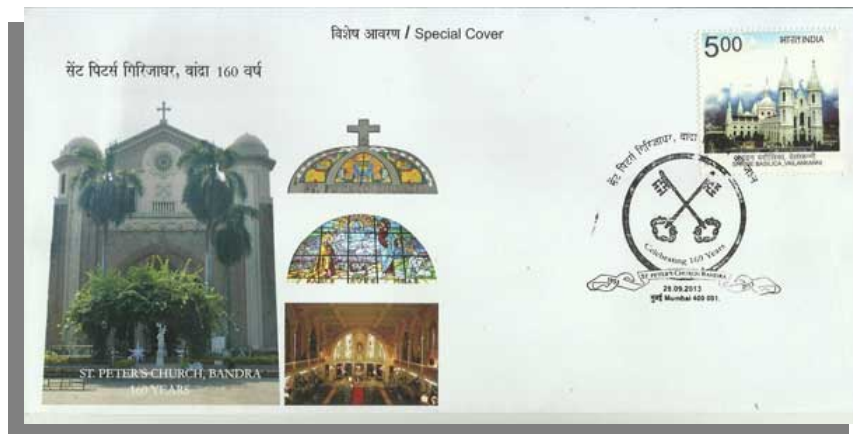
Vice President of India Mohammed Hamid Ansari released the Commemorative Postage Stamp in the memory of Baba Jumdevji on 30th Sept. 2013 at a function held at Gondia, Maharashtra. Governor of Maharashtra K Sankaranarayanan presided over the function. Praful Patel, Union Minister for Heavy Industries, Col. K. C. Mishra, Chief Postmaster General Maharashtra & Goa Circle and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.



Special Cover to mark 160 years of St. Peter's Church, Bandra, Mumbai - 28th Sept. 2013.

St. Peters Church, Bandra is a 160 year old parish in the Mumbai archdiocese which aims at Building a Faith Community for Service. The foundation of the original St Peter's Church was laid in April 12, 1852, by Bishop Hartmann. The Church was completed in September 1853. It measured approximately 100 by 75 feet. In 1867 a second storey was added to the old top floor.

India Post issued a Special Cover to mark 160 year of St. Peter's Church of Bandra on 28th September 2013.



Courtesy: Jigar Desai, Mumbai

Special Cover issued to mark 16 years of Indian Society of Neuroradiology – 26th September 2013.

The Indian Society of Neuroradiology (ISNR) was established in the year 1998 to provide a platform for the exchange of knowledge. Neuroradiology is a fast growing super specialty in the medical sector. ISNR is engaged in a wide range of activities to create awareness of the subject in both diagnostic & interventional neuroradiology among public and physicians (non-radiologists). It provides a platform to the members to share the recent advances in neuroradiology. It promotes public awareness programs. ISNR encourages its members to establish state & zonal chapters to conduct its training programs.

The society aims to be on the forefront of medical research, technology adoption, technology development and adoption of best practices in the field of neuroradiology. 16th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Neuroradiology (ISNR) was held in the 'Garden City' of Bangalore. On the occasion a special cover was issued to mark 16 years of Indian Society of Neuroradiology at Bangalore.



Courtesy: Rainbow Stamp Club

Department of Posts Allots Country's First Customized Pin Code to the Supreme Court of India & Country's First 'Locality Based Online Pin Code Search Directory' also Launched - 26th Sept. 2013.



The Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, allotted a 'Customized Pin Code' to the Supreme Court of India on 26th September 2013. This dedicated Pin Code of the Supreme Court is '110 201'. In a function organized in the Supreme Court, Chief Justice of India, Shri Justice P. Sathasivam, received a blow up of this Customized Pin Code from Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of Communications & Information Technology. The event took place on the occasion that

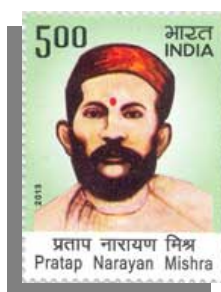
marked the completion of 41 years of the introduction of Pin Code in the country.

The PIN was introduced in India on August 15, 1972. Postal Index Number (PIN) or PIN Code is a 6 digit code of Post Office numbering used by India Post. The PIN was introduced in 1972 in the country. There are 9 PIN regions in the country. The first 8 are geographical regions and the digit 9 is reserved for the Army Postal Service. The first digit indicates one of the regions. The first 2 digits together indicate the sub region or one of the postal circles. The first 3 digits together indicate a sorting / revenue district. The last 3 digits refer to the delivery Post Office.

The Department of Posts also started a 'Locality Based Online Pin Code Search Directory' of Delhi on this occasion. Shri Sibal formally launched it by reading the Launch Message.

Commemorative Stamp on Pratap Narayan Mishra released - 24th Sept. 2013.

Pratap Narayan Mishra (b. September 24, 1856, d. July 1894) was a Hindi writer and one of the pioneers of modern Hindi language. He was born at Baijegaon in Unnao District in Uttar Pradesh. He was one of the most powerful pen-soldiers among the writers of Bhartendu - group. Pratap Narayan Mishra was a nontraditional reformist and a nationalist. His essays are known for his wit, sharpness, splendour and humour.



He published and edited journal 'Brahman' in 1883. This journal played great role in enriching Hindi language and literature in various ways. His more than hundred essays were published in it on various subjects. Apart from serious subjects, his essays as 'Daant', 'Budhaapaa', 'Bhaunh', 'Baat', 'Muchha', 'Pareekshhaa', etc. express his loving and lively inner personality full of enthusiasm, playfulness, enormous wit and humour. He wrote more than fifty books, but they could be published only after his death. Few of them are Prem Puspavali, Man Ki Lahar, Dangal Khand, Lokokti Shatak, Tripyantaam, Bradla - Swaagat, Shaiv - Sarvaswa, Shrigar - Vilaas, Manas vinod, Pratap Sangrah, Raskhan Shatak. He also wrote plays viz. Kali Kautuk, Bhaarat durdasha, Kali Prabhav, Hatthi Hamir, Go- sankat and Essay Narayan Nibandhawali.

India Post issued a commemorative stamp on Pratap Narayan Mishra on 24th September 2013.

Commemorative Stamp on legendary singer and actress Noor Jahan by Pakistan Post - 20th September 2013.

Pakistan Post issued a commemorative postage stamp of Rs 8 denomination on the occasion of 88th birth anniversary of legendary singer and a melody queen Noor Jahan. This stamp was made available for sale from September 21 at all the important post offices of Pakistan.



Noor Jahan was the adopted stage name for Allah Wasai (September 21, 1926 - December 23, 2000) who was a legendary singer and actress in India and Pakistan. She has recorded about 10,000 songs in various languages of India and Pakistan including Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi and Sindhi languages. In 1942, she played the main lead opposite Pran in Khandaan. It was her first role as an adult, and the film was a major success.

Khandaan's success saw her shifting to Bombay. Noor Jahan acted in Hindi film 'Anmol Ghadi' (1946) directed by Mehboob Khan, starring Surendra and Suraiya. The film was musical hit and still remembered for its music by Naushad, which have hits like, Aawaaz De Kahaan Hai, Jawaan Hai Mohabbat Haseen Hai Zamana and Mere Bachpan Ke Saathi Mujhe Bhool Na Jaana. Noor Jahan's last film in India was Mirza Sahibaan (1947) which starred Prithviraj Kapoor's brother Trilok Kapoor.

Noor Jahan sang 127 songs in Indian films and the number of talking films she made from 1932 to 1947 was 69. After partition in 1947, she moved from Mumbai to Karachi. Noor Jahan visited India after 35 years in 1982, to attend ceremonies commemorating Golden Jubilee of the Indian talkie movies.

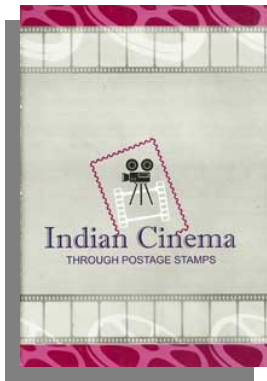
Picture Postcards on Indian Cinema

A set of 50 beautiful Picture Postcards on Indian Cinema has been prepared by enthusiastic philatelists from Thiruvananthapuram. Please contact Mr. John Emanuel Boben, Email: annakutty.03@gmail.com (M) +919495059324 or Mr. Sreejesh, Email: sreejesh.nt@gmail.com (M) +91 9400423402 for more information.



Courtesy: Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram

Indian Cinema and Art & Culture of India through Postage Stamps - Hard Cover Books from India Post



Philately Division of India Post has prepared a hard cover book of 16 pages, containing 44 stamps issued on India Cinema. Stamps issued earlier on film and film personalities have been put in Havid mounts. Price of the book is Rs.1000/-.

Another such hard cover book is prepared on Art & Culture of India containing 42 stamps and 1 Miniature Sheet issued on various Art and Culture related themes e.g. Greetings, Taj Mahal, Paintings, Handicrafts, Textiles, Gems & Jewellery, Miniature Paintings, Festivals, Musical Instruments, Dance of India, Masks etc. Price of the book is Rs. 2500/-.



These books are available at selected Philatelic Bureaux only.

Commemorative Stamp on Gurajada Venkata Apparao, a Telugu poet and writer released - 21st Sept. 2013



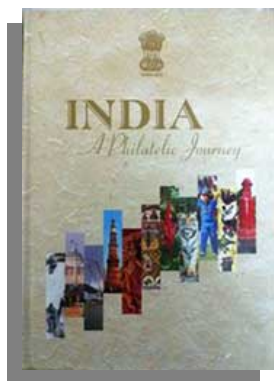
Gurajada Venkata Apparao (1862–1915) was a Telugu poet and writer of Andhra Pradesh. He wrote the first Telugu play, Kanyasulkam, which is often considered the greatest play in the Telugu language. Gurajada Apparao was an influential social reformer of his age and was lauded as Mahakavi, (the great poet). He frequently dabbled in poetry, and is credited with creating a new style of poetry in the Telugu Language. He also holds the titles Kavishekara and Abyudaya kavitha pithamahudu.

India Post released a commemorative stamp on Gurajada Venkata Apparao on 21st Sept. 2013.

It has been noticed that this issue was prematurely released and being sold by a dealer at ebay portal.

Coffee table book, 'India- A Philatelic Journey'.

This coffee table book, 'India- A Philatelic Journey', was released by Hon'ble President of India on 3rd September, 2013 at Vigyan Bhawan in the inauguration ceremony of 11th Asian Pacific Postal Union Congress. The book gives a glimpse of our country having chapters on Mahatma Gandhi, freedom struggle, art & culture, wild life, flora & fauna, sports and heritage sites of India. The book has been made in collaboration with the Times of India Group. The designing, printing and editing has been done by the Times of India Group. The packaging of the book is excellent; it is inside a beautifully designed Shrink-wrap box. The most important thing which differentiates it from other coffee table books is that real stamps are used to describe the above mentioned subjects. One side of the page have the text and other side have stamps related to the subject. Approximately 117 stamps issued since 1974 to 2012 have been inserted, in original, in each book. This book is a limited edition and exclusively for niche customers. Only 800 copies are available for sale. The book can be purchased from National Philatelic Museum, Dak Bhawan, New Delhi. This will also be made available to major philatelic bureaux. Interested customers can also place their orders to the nearest bureaux or send an email to Shri V.K.Singh, ADG(Philately) on vksinghs@yahoo.co.in. The price of the book is kept as Rs. 5500.



My Stamps now available in Assam Postal Circle.

India Post's 'My Stamp' scheme has been operationalised in the Assam Circle and customers can now approach the Philately Bureau of Guwahati GPO for printing 'My Stamp' with their own photo using a stamp template.

News Source: [The Assam Tribune](#)

Commemorative Stamp on Jainacharya Gyan Sagar Ji Maharaj release function held at Satna - 10th Sept. 2013

Jain Acharya Gyansagar stamp release function was also organised at Satna (M.P.) in the auspicious presence of 27 Jain Sadhwis headed by Pujya Aryika Dradhmati Mataji in a grand way. On this occasion, Mr. Sudhir Jain, National Chairman of Jainism Philately Group, in his speech, informed that this stamp was originally scheduled to release in March 2013. Stamp printed at that time was bearing portrait photo of Acharya Gyansagar Ji and compulsory items of a Digamber Jain saint, Morpankh Pichhi and Kamandal were absent. On the protest of Digamber Jain community, India Post, for the first time, cancelled that stamp and printed another stamp bearing Pichhi & Kamandal alongwith the full image of Acharya Gyansagar Ji.



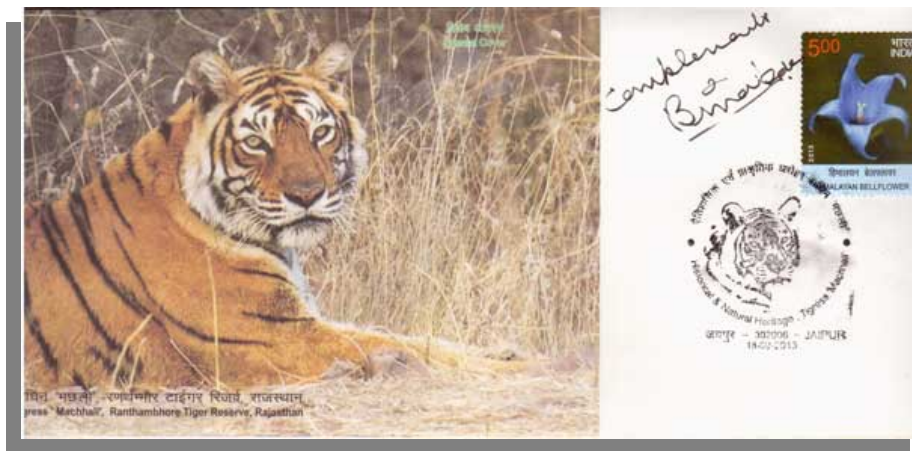
Courtesy: Sudhir Jain, Satna

A Special cover released in honour of Machali (T-16), the royal tigress and pride of Ranthambore National Park - 18th September 2013.



Machali (T-16), the royal tigress is the most famed in India and is exclusively the pride of Ranthambore National Park. It is the most photographed tigress in Ranthambore and is also being known as the "lady of the lake" since it can mostly be found along the water territory of the jungle. The most noticeable thing in Machali is in her name. It is named so since she has the fish shaped marking on the left part of her face. Her legendary fight with 14 foot long crocodile has really created a history and it was the first time since such an encounter has been recorded and filmed.

This renowned tigress was first witnessed during monsoons in 1997, probably in July and this was the time when people impressed with her majestic look and flexible movements. She gave birth to three cubs, one female and the other two male by mating with a large male tiger called "Bamboo Ram". The female one was being named "Sundari (T-17)" and the cubs were named "broken tail" and "slant ear".



Machali, the queen of the tiger dynasty is now in her devolving stage; a painful fact to be accepted. Machali is about 17 years old today old and has defied big cats' general life span of around 10-15 years in the wild. But still her royalty resounds at every nook and corner of Ranthambore. Machli or T-16, is not only the most famous tigress of the park. It has also delivered and protected as many as 11 cubs. The tigress was given the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by the Travel Operators For Tigers (TOFT).



A Special cover was released in honour of the tigress 'Machali' on 18th September 2013 by Shri Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister of Rajasthan.

During the Sp. Cover release function Shri Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister of Rajasthan and Environment Minister Bina Kak informed that India Post will also issue a commemorative stamp on tigress Machali. Dept. of Post has approved the request of releasing stamp on tigress Machali.

Cover Courtesy: Rajesh Paharia, Jaipur
News Source : [Times of India](http://timesofindia.com)

Shri Aziz Ansari, veteran philatelist and a dealer from Varanasi passed away - 15th Sept. 2013



With profound grief, we inform the sad demise of Shri Aziz Ansari (b. December 14, 1951), veteran philatelist and a dealer from Varanasi. His collecting interest were in Freemasonry / Masonic Lodge, Islam & Islamic Architecture, Physics, Chemistry, Astronomy, Arab Scientists of olden days, Indian themes and so on.

We pray to the Almighty to Rest His Soul in Peace.

Shri Noren Singh Nahar, noted philatelist and an authority on French India philately passed away - 11th Sept. 2013



With profound grief, we inform the demise of Shri Noren Singh Nahar, a philatelist and a great human being.

Shri Noren Singh Nahar was a Life Member of SIPA and an authority on French India philately and has authored a well researched book on French India Stamps.

Noren Singh Nahar was born on 1 December 1920. He was graduated from Kolkata. His father Prithwi Singh Nahar was a noted disciple of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. In 1939, at the age of nineteen, Noren Singh became a permanent member and an inmate of Sri Aurobindo Ashram. Mother had an interest in stamps since her childhood and hence philatelic activities began in the Ashram. Pavitra-da (Monsieur St. Hilaire) was the first stamp collector in the ashram. After joining Ashram, Noren Singh started working with Pavitra-da, assisting him in the stamp collection related work. Later Mother entrusted to him the responsibilities of the Philately Department which flourished under him and his sister Suprabha Nahar.



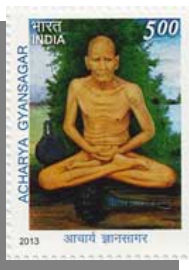
His main interest was in French India and Meter Stamps. He visited France in 1975 and attended an International Philatelic Exhibition. He was member of Philatelic Advisory Committee from 1990-1992. He wrote many articles about the stamps of the French Settlements in India in India Post published by India Study Circle for Philately. Mr. Nahar had won several

Awards at the State, National and International level.

He hailed from the famous Zamindar family of the Nahars of Azimgunj, Murshidabad and belonged to the Svetambar Murtipujak Oswal Jain sect. Also his family was close associate of Rabindranath Tagore and Nandalal Bose.

We pray to the Almighty to Rest His Soul in Peace.

Commemorative Stamp on Jainacharya Gyan Sagar Ji Maharaj - 10th Sept. 2013



Commemorative Stamp on Jainacharya Gyan Sagar Ji Maharaj, a renowned scholar, has been released on 10th Sept. 2013. Union State Minister for Corporate Affairs Mr. Sachin Pilot released this stamp in a grand function organised at Kishangarh, Dist. Ajmer, Rajasthan. Lt. Col. D. K. S. Chauhan, Chief PMG Rajasthan Circle, Mr. Jitendra Gupta, PMG, Rajasthan South Circle, renowned industrialist and senior personality of Jain community Mr. Ashok Patni, MLAs of Ajmer District etc. were present on the stage during the release of stamp. Many members of Jainism Philately Group from various states were also present in the function.



Acharya Gyansagar Ji was born at village Ranoli, District Sikar (Rajasthan) and his childhood name was Bhooramal. His father was Chaturbhuj Chhabra and mother was Ghrithbhari devi. He was second of five brothers. After completing primary studies in his village, he further studied Sanskrit and swadwad in Banaras. He was initiated Kshullak Diksha by Acharya Veersagar Ji who belonged to the lineage of Acharya Shantisagar. He was then named Kshullak Gyanbhusan. He remained a Kshullak for 2 years and 2 more years as Ailak before becoming a Muni. He was initiated a monk Diksha by Acharya Shivsagar Ji Maharaj Khaniya ji, Jaipur on 20th June 1959. He was further elevated to the Acharya status in 1968 at Naseerabad, Rajasthan. He had conferred his Acharya status to his follower Vidhyasagar Maharaj on 22nd Nov. 1972. He died on June 1, 1973 in Naseerabad.



As an expert in Sanskrit, he had been a great composer in Sanskrit. At least 30 researchers have studied his works and were honored doctoral degrees. At least 300 scholars have presented research papers on his work. His works includes 4 Sanskrit epics and 3 more Jain Granthas and that too in the time when the Sanskrit composition was almost obsolete. These creations have always surprised the modern Sanskrit scholars.

Courtesy: Sudhir Jain, Satna / Pradip Jain, Patna

Commemorative Stamp on Lala Jagat Narayan - 9th Sept. 2013



Lala Jagat Narayan (b. 31 May 1899 – d. 9 September 1981) was the founder of the Hind Samachar group and a Congress Party leader, was born at Wazirabad, Gujranwala District (now in Pakistan). He graduated from D.A.V. College, Lahore in 1919, and joined the Law College, Lahore. He left his studies in 1920 at the call of Mahatma Gandhi to join the non-cooperation movement. He was sentenced in two and a half years imprisonment, in jail he acted as Lala Lajpat Rai's Personal Secretary. In 1924 he became the editor of Bhai Parmanand's Weekly Hindi Paper Akashvani. He participated in all the Satyagraha movement and was in jail for about nine years on different occasions. Narain was President of the Lahore City Congress Committee for seven years, leader of the Congress Party in the Lahore Corporation, a member of the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee for more than thirty years and member of the All-India Congress Committee for about 30 years.

India post issued a commemorative stamp in memory of Lala Jagat Narayan on 9th September 2013. The Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, released the stamp in New Delhi.

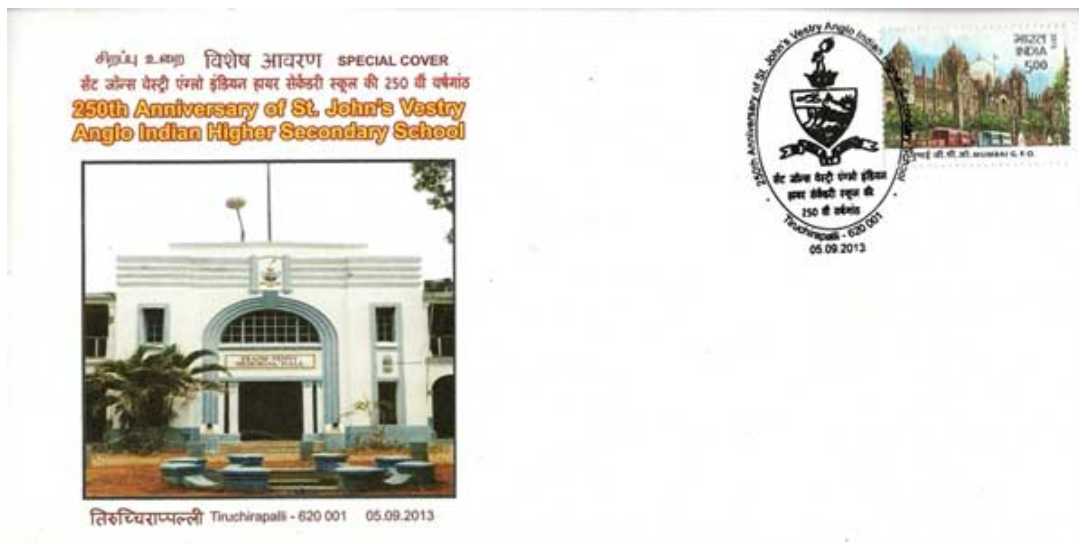


Special Cover on 250th Anniversary of St. John Vestry Anglo-Indian Higher Secondary School, Tiruchirappalli - 5th September 2013.

St. John's Vestry Anglo-Indian Higher Secondary School, Tiruchirappalli is missioned by the Church of South India. It is one of the oldest school in Tamil Nadu and was established by the British around 1763.

In 1763, a gun powder magazine in the Rock Fort of Trichinopoly exploded, killing some of the European and Indian Soldiers. The Reverend Christian Frederick Schwartz, a Danish Missionary established an orphanage to look after the fatherless children. Later it established itself as a school. When this school was started on 1763 by the British, it was first held inside the vestry room of St. John's church. (A vestry room is the room where a priest changes his clothes to ceremonial robes.) Hence it acquired its name of St. John's vestry school. It has a long history and rich in Anglo-Indian tradition dating back to three centuries.

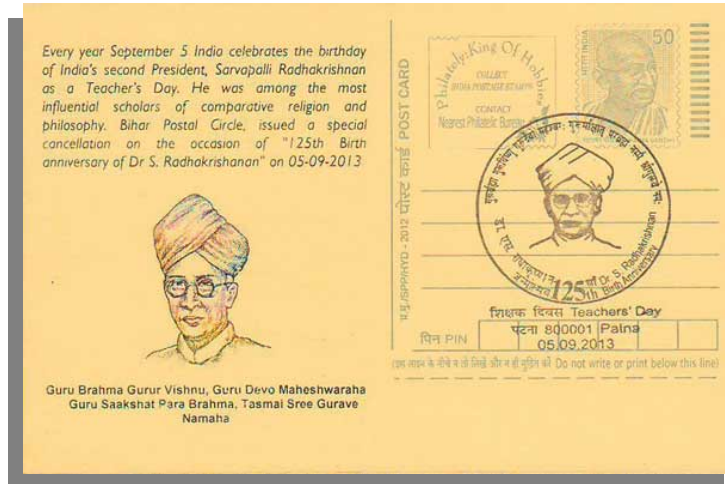
It completes 250 years of distinguished service of providing excellent education to its numerous students, from all communities. On this occasion, as special cover is released on 5th September 2013 at Tiruchirappalli.



Courtesy: [Rainbow Stamp Club](#)

Special Cancellation on 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan (Teachers' Day) - 5th September 2013.

Department of Post, Bihar Circle, issued a Special Cancellation on the occasion of "125th Birth Anniversary of Dr S. Radhakrishnan" on 5th September 2013 (Teachers' Day) at Philatelic Bureau, Patna GPO. The Special Cancellation consists of message about reverence for teacher. The Spl. Cancellation has been conceptualized and designed by Sri Lalit Kumar Mishra (Patna based Philatelist). The said Spl. Cancellation was released by Sri K.K. Jha, Chief Postmaster, Patna GPO in presence of Sri Umesh Chandra Prasad, Dy. Chief Postmaster (Admin), and eminent Philatelist & official staff were present.



Courtesy: [Rainbow Stamp Club](#)

Commemorative Postage Stamps on "Wild Flowers" - 3rd September 2013.

The Commemorative Postage Stamp on "Wild Flowers" released on 03.09.2013. Three miniature sheets and a sheetlet depicting 12 wild flowers of India are released. This issue has been released on the occasion of 2013, Asian Pacific Postal Union Congress (APPU Congress) held at New Delhi from 3-7 September, 2013. The mixed sheetlet depicts Dibang Chirita, Kashmir Mallow, Himalayan Mini Sunflower, Himalayan Lantern, Roundleaf Asiabell, Blue Poppy, Globe Thistle, Himalayan Iris, Himalayan Bellflower, Cobra Lily, Bladder Campion and Rhododendroin varieties of Wild Flowers of India.

The print quantity is as follows :

1. Miniature Sheet - 8.1 Lakh each
2. Sheetlet - 8.1 Lakh each





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- Listing of Philatelic Organisations in India: <http://www.indianphilately.net/porg.html>
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