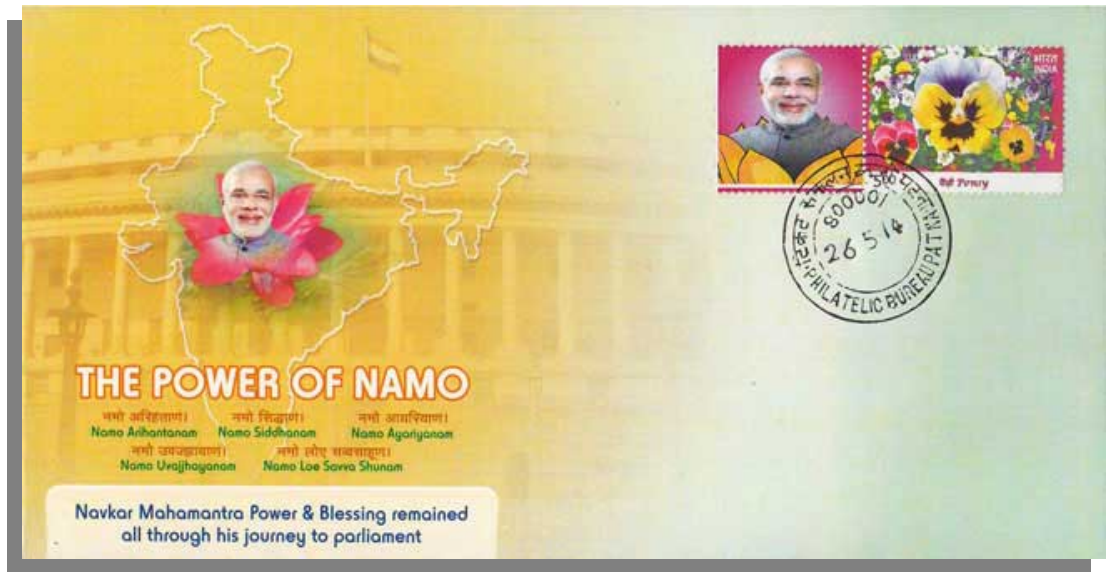


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Philatelic Tribute to Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi - 26th May 2014.

Marking the beginning of a new era in Indian politics, Shri Narendra Modi sworn in as 15th Prime Minister of India on 26th May 2014. Innovative philatelic items prepared / produced by the Philatelic fraternity to pay tribute to Shri Narendra Modi.



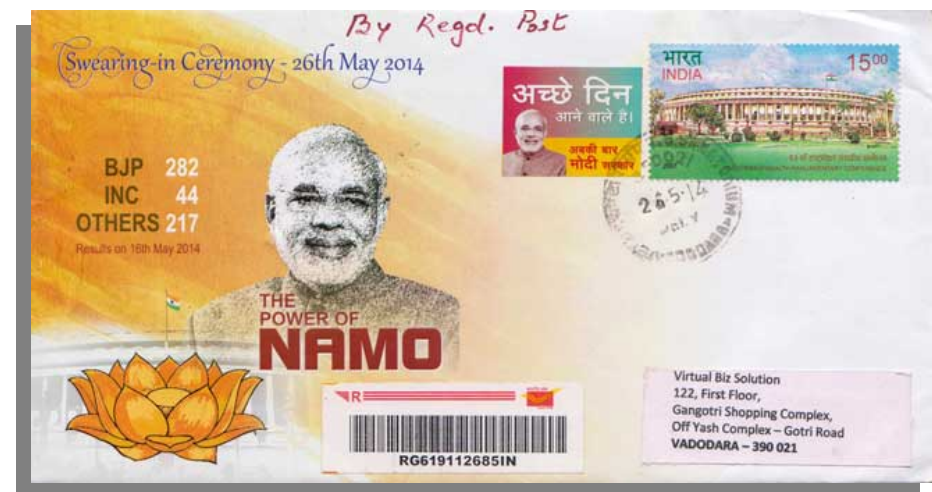
Courtesy: Pradip Jain, Patna



Note: Shri Narendra Modi is 15th Prime Minister of India.
 Courtesy: Parvesh Gupta, New Delhi



Courtesy: [Rainbow Stamp Club](#)



Courtesy: Sapan Jhaveri, Ahmedabad

Brazilian Post and Telegraph Corporation launched a set of two postage stamps commemorating 100 years of Indian Cinema - 15th May 2014.

'Indian Cinema One hundred years show' (Mostra 100 Anos Cinema Indiano) was organised by Ananda Jyothi and Carina Bini at the National Postal Museum, Brasilia-DF from 5th to 18th May 2014. The show featured a selection of 13 Indian feature films. During this show Brazilian Post and Telegraph Corporation launched a set of two postage stamps on 15th May 2014 commemorating 100 years of Indian Cinema in Brasilia-DF.

One stamp is showing logo of event of Indian Film Festival in Brazil and another stamp depicts an actress Parno Mitra of a Bengali Movie 'Apur Panchali' which is released this year.

Brazil Post has a product called Customized Stamps or Promotional Stamps [Characteristics: Set composed of one or more stamps printed in a small sheet, which can be used separately or together for correspondences postage or collection; Postal stamp destined to encourage divulgation (Public awareness) of specific ideas, facts or campaigns - in national ambit without commemorative nature - conceived by Correios or prepared in partnership with other institutions]. Brazil Post officially organise release function of such stamps at National Postal Museum. So these stamps may be called Customized stamps issued by Brazil Post.

Interestingly the year mentioned on stamp sheets is 2013.





Photo Source: [Cinema Indiano](#)

Brazil issues stamps to honour Indian Cinema.

Brazil has paid tribute to the Indian film industry on its centenary by releasing two postage stamps designed by an Indian graphic designer at a commemorative festival held in Brazil.



The \$2 billion (Rs.120 billion) Indian cinema completed 100 years in 2013.

Made by Kochi-based graphic designer Satya Raj, the stamps were jointly released by Indian Ambassador Ashok Tomar and curators and directors of the festival - Anand Jyothi and Carina Bini Palackapilly - when the festival officially opened in the capital city of Brasilia early this month, said a statement.

Cultural director of the Brazilian Postal Service Romulo Salvino, and cultural secretary Sueli Navaho and Brazilian and Indian officials attended the ceremony.

Jyothi said the first ever edition of the festival marking 100 years of Indian cinema to be held in South America will later move to important Brazilian cities such as Rio De Janeiro, Reife (northern Brazil) and Porte Alegre (southern Brazil) after the World Cup - June 12-July 13.

The festival, with focus on parallel art movies, is organised by Tantri Arte, a production house run by film curator couple Jyothi, a Malayali and his Brazilian wife Carina Bini, in collaboration with Brazilian cultural ministry.

The couple has been working as a cultural link between Brazil and India for over 15 years, and the film festival was one of their major initiatives that received recognition of both the governments.

Jyothi said the films were being well received by the Brazilian cinema connoisseurs and critics with Adoor Gopalakrishnan's award-winning "Katha Purushan" winning special accolades.

The couple organised the Indian film festivals in five Brazilian cities during 2011 and 2012. For their 2012 efforts, which saw the screening of 35 Indian films during a month, they won official recognition as the Best Foreign Film Festival.

The fest was curated to bring together top contemporary Indian cinema in different languages made by such maestros as Adoor, Girish Kasravalli, Shyam Benegal, and Anand Gandhi among others, Jyothi said.

Source: [Brazil Sun](#)

Philatelic Workshop at Bangalore Philatelic Bureau - 12th - 16th May 2014.

Karnataka Postal Circle took a unique step of entertaining children during summer holidays through "Philately - Study of Stamps". A Free summer workshop was organised from 12th to 16th May 2014 at Philatelic Bureau, Bangalore GPO to enlighten the children about the King of Hobbies "Philately".



Courtesy: Jagannath Mani, Bangalore

Commemorative Stamp on Drukpa Lineage of Buddhism - 14th May 2014.



The Drukpa Kagyu School called either 'Dugpa' or 'Red Hat Sect', is a branch of the Kagyu School at Tibetan Buddhism, which is considered to be one of the Sarma (new) schools of Tibetan Buddhism.

Within the Drukpa Lineage, there are further sub-schools, most notably the eastern Kham tradition and middle Drukpa School, which existed in Ladakh and surrounding areas. In Bhutan, the Drukpa Lineage is the dominant school and State religion.

The Drukpa Lineage was founded in Western Tibet by Dragon Tsangpa Gyare Yeshe Dorje (1161-1211), a student of Ling Repa, who mastered the Tantric Buddhism practices of mahamudra and six yogas of Naropa at an early age.

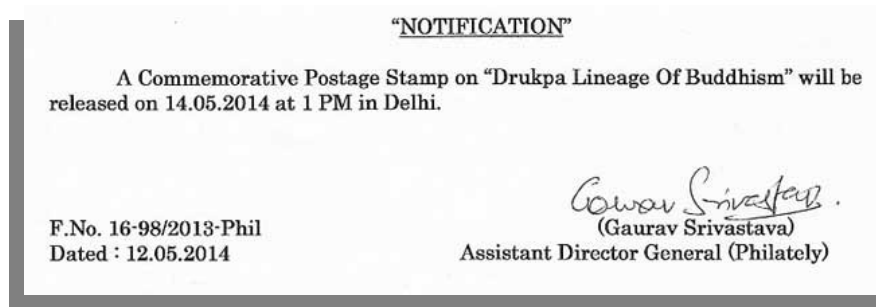
On the occasion of Buddha Pournima, which marks Gautama Buddha's birth, enlightenment and death, the Department of Posts released a commemorative postage stamp on 'Drukpa Lineage of Buddhism' on 14th May 2014.

The stamp was released by Shri S. K. Sinha, Member (HRD), Department of Post in the august presence of His Holiness the Gyalwang Drukpa, spiritual head of Drukpa Buddhists and Drukpa Thuksey Rinpoche, spiritual regent of the lineage, at a ceremony in New Delhi. Dr. B. K. Modi, Chairman, Spice Global, Mrs Sterre Sharma, a philanthropist and international acclaimed artist, Arjun Pandey, documentary filmmaker, Dasho Ugyen Takchhu, Surveyor General at the National Land Commission of Bhutan and Mr. Ugyen Gonphel, Head of Chancery for the Embassy of Bhutan in India and other dignitaries were also present at the stamp release function.



Photo Courtesy: [Facebook Page](#)

India Post Notification about stamp release on 'Drukpa Lineage of Buddhism' at 1.00 pm on 14th May 2014 at New Delhi.



Source: [India Post](#)

PS: We are happy to learn that India Post has started issuing notification about time and place for the release of commemorative stamp. Let us hope same procedure will be followed for all forthcoming issues.

Royal Mail issues stamp on 'Bend It Like Beckham' - 13th May 2014.



Indian-origin filmmaker Gurinder Chadha's award-winning film about a British Sikh family, 'Bend It Like Beckham', has been selected by Royal Mail, UK as one of the films with a stamp issued in its honour in the 'Great British Film Stamp Set'. The 2002 comedy-drama is about an Indian girl who breaks traditional barriers to play football for UK won rave reviews across the globe. 'Great British Film Stamp Set' has been issued by Royal Mail on 13th May 2014. Bend It Like Beckham stamp issued is in denomination of £ 1.28.

Royal Mail announced that we are delighted to present this celebration of our home-grown film industry, which features six classic British films that have enjoyed global success in the post-war era. The Mint Stamps feature iconic movie stills from six classic British films viz. Matter of Life and Death (1946), Lawrence of Arabia (1962), 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968), Chariots of Fire (1981), Secrets & Lies (1996).

Special Cover on birth place of 10th Jain Tirthankar Shri Shitalnath Swami - Shri Bhaddiplur Jain Shwetamber Tirth Anjanshalaka Prathistha at Hunterganj (Jharkhand) - 12th May 2014.

A special cover has been issued on birth place of 10th Jain Tirthankar Shri Shitalnath Swami - Shri Bhaddiplur Jain Shwetamber Tirth Anjanshalaka Prathistha at Village Bhondal P. O. Hunterganj (Jharkhand) on 12th May 2014 on the occasion of Anjanshalaka Pratistha Samaroh of Kalyanak Bhumi Jin Prasad of 10th Jain Tirthankar Shri Sheetalnath Swami. Special Cover and special cancellation were released by the Supt. of Post Offices, Hazaribagh Division in the auspicious presence of Pujya Muni Shri Mahendra Sagar jee and Manish Sagar jee Maharaj. This special cover was issued by Shri Jain swetamber Kalyanak Tirth Nyas and sponsored by Shri Harakhchand Nahata family. Shri Lalit Kumar Nahata was instrumental in issuance of this cover. Special Cover is approved by Jharkhand Postal Circle (Sp. Cover Approval No. JH/05/2014)





Courtesy: [Rainbow Stamp Club](#)

Shri R. K. Mishra of Patna passed away.

We are deeply saddened to inform you of the sad demise of our member and an active philatelist Shri R. K. Mishra of Patna. Shri R. K. Mishra departed for his heavenly abode on 15th April 2014. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family. We pray to the Almighty God to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and to give strength and courage to the bereaved family to bear this loss.

Mrs. P. Gopinath, Secretary, Department of Posts has been selected as Bureaucrat of the month by Bureaucracy Today magazine.



Mrs. P. Gopinath, (IPoS-1977) assumed the office of Secretary, Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology and Chairperson, Postal Services Board and Director General, Postal Services on 1st February 2013. India Post under the leadership of Mrs. P. Gopinath has taken various revolutionary measures which have transformed the India Post into a highly reliable service for both common people and corporates alike.

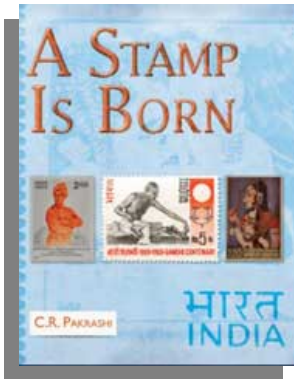
Bureaucracy Today magazine has selected Mrs. P. Gopinath as Bureaucrat of the month for May 2014. Bureaucracy Today is the most comprehensive and widely read English print news magazine on governance in India. We congratulate Madam Mrs. P. Gopinath on this occasion.

Source & Full Story : http://www.bureaucracytoday.com/mustread_bureaucrat.aspx?id=24

Fourth National Stamp Fair, New Delhi - 6th, 7th & 8th June, 2014.

Philatelic Dealers Association has organised Fourth National Stamp Fair at Galleries C & D, (Air-Conditioned), All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society, AIFACS, 1 Rafi Marg, New Delhi - 110 001 from 6th to 8th June 2014. Stall Booking is open for dealers. Please contact Mr. Rohit Prasad, (M) +919810304233, Email: prasadrohit1962@yahoo.com for more information and stall booking.

'A Stamp is Born' authored by Shri C. R. Pakrashi released by Hon'ble Vice President Shri M. Hamid Ansari - 6th May 2014.



'A Stamp is Born' authored by Shri C. R. Pakrashi, a renowned stamp designer was released by Hon'ble Shri M. Hamid Ansari, Vice President of India on 6th May 2014 at Conference Hall, Vice President's House, New Delhi.

In the modern world postage stamps are as ubiquitous as bank notes. The general public hardly knows about the designing and production of stamps. A Stamp is Born aims to fill this void. This is probably one of India's first authoritative book on stamp designing. The author describes his first-hand experience with all stages of production of the stamp, right from conception to final execution and printing. He steadfastly focuses on designing which plays the most vital and important role in the entire process. The book also gives a graphic account of history and evolution of postage stamps in the world in general and in India in particular. Simultaneously he offers a glimpse into the glorious chapters of Indian history. The book will be of interest not only to philatelists, but also to public at large as well as students and historians.

This book is published by [Niyogi Books](#) and priced at Rs. 795.



Courtesy: Kapil Gogri, Mumbai | PIB

Special Cover on Celebrating the 175th year of issuance of Penny Black, Bangalore - 6th May 2014.

Karnataka Postal Circle released a Special Cover "Celebrating the 175th year of issuance of Penny Black", at Meghdhoot Auditorium, G.P.O., Bangalore on 6th May 2014 (Special Cover approval no. KTK/06/2014). Shri M. S. Ramanujan, Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle released the cover and the first cover was presented to Shri S. S. Swamy, Vice President of Karnataka Philatelic Society. Well known Philatelist Dr. Sita Bhateja gave a special talk on Penny Black on the occasion. The Cover and Cancellation are designed by noted philatelist Mr. Ramu M. Srinivasa of Bangalore. Single Frame Exhibit on Penny Black will be on display at the venue.





Courtesy: Jagannath Mani, Bangalore | Suresh Rao, Bangalore

Special Cover on National Board of Examinations - 5th May 2014.

Established in 1982. The National Board of Examinations has a distinguished track record of sending the country with capacity building and excellence in the field of Post Graduate Medical Education and Examinations. NBE conducts examinations in 65 disciplines of modern medicine, 5 streams of entrance examinations & screening test for foreign medical graduates.

To commemorate 32 Years of Excellence in Post Graduate Medical Education and Examinations, India Post issued a Special Cover on 5th May 2014 at New Delhi.



Cover Courtesy: Sreejesh Krishnan, Thiruvananthapuram

India Post launched facility to locate Delhi Post Offices online - 4th May 2014.

Secretary (Posts) launched facility to locate Delhi Post offices on line on 4th May, 2014. The facility can be accessed at <http://geoportal.gsdل.og.in>

Special Cover on Golden Jubilee of Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur - 1st May 2014.

Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University is Chhattisgarh's largest and oldest institution of higher education, founded in 1964, and named after the first chief minister of erstwhile Madhya Pradesh. The University has a sprawling campus in the western part of the capital of Chhattisgarh, Raipur. The campus of University is spread in 207 acres of land. There are Twenty-Nine teaching departments in the University. Out of which six departments buildings have been

constructed recently. A variety of self financed courses have been initiated in some departments. The total number of employees is 700, who provide the administrative support at different levels.

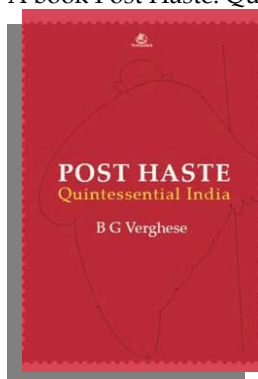
Chhattisgarh Postal Circle issued a special cover to mark Golden Jubilee of Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur on 1st May 2014. Chhattisgarh Governor Shri Shekhar Dutt released the Special Cover at the Golden Jubilee Celebration function held at Raipur. Chief Postmaster General Shri Y. P. Rai was also present in the function.



Cover Courtesy: Dr. Bhanu Pratap Singh, Raipur | Photo Courtesy: www.dprcg.gov.in

Post Haste: Quintessential India - Unveiling an amazing India through stamps

A book Post Haste: Quintessential India written by B.G. Verghese was released on 1 May 2014 at India International Centre in Delhi. Post Haste provides a glimpse of the colours and strands of India through its stamps. B. G. Verghese decided to illustrate the book with stamps rather than photographs or drawings. Post Haste offers a 350-page magical tour through its space and time. It is also possibly the only book in the world that tells the story of a country through postage stamps.



The story of the stamps covers important events in India's history and the contributions of significant individuals who made a mark in the nation's life. Verghese has intended "Post Haste..." as a book for young readers who know little about amazing India, but it is a book for all ages. It is a delightful book, to be dipped in again and again at leisure, to savour the interesting facts, amazing tales and engaging myths.

About the Author: Boobli George Verghese is a senior Indian journalist. He began his career as a journalist with the Times of India in 1949. In 1975, he received the Ramon Magsaysay award for outstanding contribution to journalism. He is currently Visiting Professor at the Centre for Policy Research, Chairman, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative and Fellow, ASCI, Hyderabad.

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