




Permanent Pictorial Cancellations in India

GUJARAT

(Total 20 Permanent Pictorial Cancellations)

<p>Sasan Gir S.O. - 362 135 Lion of Sasan Gir Date of Introduction: 01.11.1975</p>	
	<p>The Gir Forest National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary (also known as Sasan-Gir) is a forest and wildlife sanctuary in Gujarat. Established in 1965, with a total area of 1412 km² (about 258 km² for the fully protected area and 1153 km² for the Sanctuary), the park is located 65 km to the south-east of Junagadh and 60 km to south west of Amreli.</p> <p>It is the sole home of the pure Asiatic Lions (<i>Panthera leo persica</i>) and is considered to be one of the most important protected areas in Asia due to its supported species. The ecosystem of Gir, with its diverse flora and fauna, is protected as a result of the efforts of the government forest department, wildlife activists and NGOs. The forest area of Gir and its lions were declared as "protected" in the early 1900s by the then Nawab of the princely state of Junagadh. The cancellation depicts lion.</p>
	<p>(Note: It appear that old cancellation has been replaced with new cancellation with new design)</p>
<p>Prabhas Patan S. O. - 362 268 Shri Somnath Temple Date of Introduction: 16.02.1977</p>	
	<p>The Somnath Temple is located in the Prabhas Kshetra (Prabhas Patan) near Veraval in Saurashtra, on the western coast of Gujarat. It is one of the twelve Jyotirlinga shrines of the God Shiva. Somnath means "The Protector of the Moon God". The Somnath Temple is known as "the Shrine Eternal", having been destroyed sixteen times by Muslim invaders. It was rebuilt in November 1947, when Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel visited the area for the integration of Junagadh and mooted a plan for restoration. After Patel's death, the rebuilding continued under K. M. Munshi, another minister of the Government of India. The cancellation depicts the Somnath Temple.</p>
	
<p>Modhera S. O. - 384 212 Sun Temple Date of Introduction: 02.04.1977</p>	
	<p>The Sun Temple, Modhera, at Modhera in Gujarat, is a temple dedicated to the Hindu Sun-God, Surya. It was built in 1026 AD by King Bhimdev of the Solanki dynasty. This temple depicts the essence of ancient times. The sculptures and architecture present in this temple are still magnificent after all these years. In the present times, prayers are not offered in this temple. This temple is now under the supervision of Archaeological Survey of India. The cancellation depicts the Sun Temple.</p>
	<p>(Note: It appear that old cancellation has been replaced with new cancellation with new design)</p>
<p>Saputara S. O. - 394 720 Saputara Hill Station Date of Introduction: 27.03.1984</p>	
	<p>Saputara is a hill station situated at a height of 2800 feet in the Dang District in Gujarat State on the border of Gujarat with Maharashtra. It has a very rich flora and has unparalleled scenic beauty. The cancellation design portrays a musical instrument used by the local tribes during Holi festival, marriages and other social events.</p>
	
<p>Ahmedabad G. P. O. - 380 001 Sidi Saiyad's Window, Architectural Delights</p>	

Date of Introduction: 16.07.1984

		The Sidi Saiyyed Mosque, built in 1573, is one of the most famous mosques of Ahmedabad. The mosque was built in the last year of the existence of Sultanate of Gujarat. The mosque is entirely arcuated and is famous for beautifully carved ten stone latticework windows (jalis) on the side and rear arches. The cancellation depicts one of the window of the mosque.
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Dwarka S. O. - 361 335
Land of Lord Krishna, Dwarka
Date of Introduction: 16.07.1984

		Dwarka is one of the seven most ancient cities in the country. It was the dwelling place of Lord Krishna. Moreover, Dwarka is one of seven most holy places for Hindus in India. The city derives its name from word dvar, meaning door or gate in Sanskrit. Dwarka is also the site of Dwaraka Pitha, one of the four cardinal mathas established by Adi Shankara. The cancellation depicts Dwarkadhish Temple.
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Bhuj H. O. - 370 001
Visit Flamingo City, Bird Sanctuary
Date of Introduction: 16.07.1984

		The world famous 'flamingo city' is located in the mudflats of the Rann, at the distance of around 10 km from the Nirout-post on Kala Dungar. Hundreds or thousands of greater flamingoes breed here, normally during the year at the optimum level of inundation. They construct their muddy nests, lay eggs and rear young ones. The cancellation depicts Flamingo Bird.
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Fatehgunj H. O., Vadodara - 390 002
Sayaji Rao Gaekwad
Date of Introduction: 16.01.1989

	Sayajirao Gaekwad III was the Maharaja of Baroda State from 1875 to 1939, and is notably remembered for reforming much of his state during his rule. On assuming the reins of government, some of his first tasks included education of his subjects, uplifting of the downtrodden, and judicial, agricultural and social reforms. He played a key role in the development of Baroda's textile industry, and his educational and social reforms included among others, a ban on child marriage, legislation of divorce, removal of untouchability, spread of education, development of Sanskrit, ideological studies and religious education as well as the encouragement of the fine arts. The cancellation depicts statue of Maharaja Sayaji Rao Gaekwad.
	(Note: As the old cachet was worn out, new cachet was ordered by SSP, Vadodara West Division in year 2009 and new cachet was received by Vadodara Philatelic Bureau in November 2009)



Vadodara H. O. - 390 001
Chamar Dharini
Date of Introduction: 16.01.1989

	The cancellation depicts exquisite Jain bronze statue of Chaurie Bearer (Chamar Dharini) which was found in Akota area of Baroda and belong to 8th Century A.D. It is now exhibited in the Baroda Museum. Despite its small size, the figure has an aesthetically impressive form. The graceful figure stands in the three bedded (tribhanga) posture on a lotus pedestal symbolising its importance in the pantheon.
	(Note: As the old cachet was worn out, new cachet was ordered by SSP, Vadodara East Division in year 2009 and new cachet was received by Vadodara Philatelic Bureau in October 2009)




Kevadia Colony S. O. - 393 151
Sardar Sarovar Project
Date of Introduction: 09.10.1990

		<p>The Sardar Sarovar Project is a gravity dam on the Narmada River near Navagam, Gujarat. It is the largest dam and part of the Narmada Valley Project, a large hydraulic engineering project involving the construction of a series of large irrigation and hydroelectric multi-purpose dams on the Narmada River. The Cancellation depicts sketch of Sardar Sarovar Project.</p>
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Rajkot Philatelic Bureau - 360 001
Alfred High School Rajkot (Mahatma Gandhi's School)
Date of Introduction: 02.10.1991

		<p>The Alfred High School (also known as Mohandas Gandhi High School) in Rajkot is one of the oldest institutions in India today. This school was constructed during British rule in India by political agent Kernel Singh. This was the first English school in the saurashtra (region), which was originally called Rajkot English School was founded on October 17, 1853. It later became a full fledged high school By 1868 AD. It came to be known as the Rajkot High School in 1886. It was named Alfred High School in the late 1907. Mahatma Gandhi did his schooling from Alfred High School. The name Alfred High School was changed to "Mohandas Gandhi High School" after a independence, as Gandhiji took his primary education in this school. The cancellation depicts School Building.</p>
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Porbandar H. P. O. - 360 575
Birth Place of Mahatma Gandhi ji
Date of Introduction: 18.04.1992











			<p>Porbandar, the birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi is situated at the end of Saurashtra and is a picturesque seaport on the Arabian Sea. Kirti Mandir is the memorial temple built in memory of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and Kasturba Gandhi located in city of Porbandar. It is a three storeyed ancestral house of Gandhiji where in the exact place where Putlibai, Gandhiji's mother, had given birth to Gandhi, is marked with a 'swastik'. The Cancellation depicts the house where Mahatma Gandhi was born.</p> <p>(Note: It appear that old cancellation has been replaced with new cancellation with new design)</p>
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Palitana P. O. - 364 270
Palitana, Jain Temples
Date of Introduction: 03.07.1992

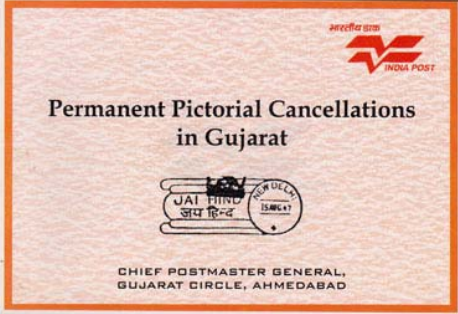
			<p>Palitana is a city in Bhavnagar district, and located 50 km southwest of Bhavnagar city and is a major pilgrimage centre for Jains. The Palitana temples and whole mountain are considered the most sacred pilgrimage place (tirtha) by the Jain community, and is the world's largest Temple Complex. There are more than 3000 temples located on the Shatrunjaya hills, exquisitely carved in marble. The main temple on top of the hill, is dedicated to 1st tirthankar lord Adinath (Rishabdeva). On the top the Shatrunjai Hill is a cluster of Jain temples, built by generations of Jains over a period of 900 years, from the 11th century onwards. "Siddha Chakra" is a symbol of Jainism and the cancellation depicts "Siddha Chakra".</p>
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Gandhi Ashram S. O. (Ahmedabad) - 380 027
Gandhi Ashram / Spinning Wheel (Charkha)
Date of Introduction: 30.01.1995

		<p>Sabarmati Ashram (also known as Gandhi Ashram, Harijan Ashram, Hriday Kunj or Satyagraha Ashram) is located in the Sabarmati suburb of Ahmedabad adjoining to Ashram Road, at the bank of River Sabarmati. This was one of the residences of Mahatma Gandhi, who spent approximately 12 years of his life here. This ashram is now a national monument established by the Government of India due to its significance for the Indian independence movement in the form of the Dandi March in 1930. The ashram now has a museum , Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalay. A Spinning Wheel (Charkha) used by Gandhiji is kept here. The</p>
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		<p>cancellation depicts Spinning Wheel (Charkha) of Mahatma Gandhi.</p> <p>(Note: Earlier the pictorial cancellation depicted Hriday Kunj Sabarmati Ashram which was introduced in 1976 and late it was replaced with new design of Spinning Wheel)</p>
<p align="center">Lothal Bhurkhi R. S. (S.O.) - 382 230 Lothal Seal Date of Introduction: 17.12.1997</p>		
		<p>Lothal is one of the most prominent cities of the ancient Indus valley civilization, situated near the village of Saragwala of Dholka Taluka of Ahmedabad District. The literal meaning of the word Lothal is "Place of the Dead". The site was excavated by from 1955-62 which unearthed many structural remains of Harappan town (Circa 2500-1900 BC). Before the arrival of Harappan people (c. 2400 BCE), Lothal was a small village next to the river providing access to the mainland from the Gulf of Khambhat. The cancellation depicts Seal with Unicorn Motif.</p>
<p align="center">Ellisbridge S. O. (Ahmedabad) - 380 006 Kochrab Satyagraha Ashram Smarak Date of Introduction: 30.01.1998</p>		
		<p>The Kochrab Ashram is the first Ashram developed by Mahatma Gandhi after he came to India from South Africa. It was founded on 25th May 1915. The ashram was a major centre for students of Gandhian ideas to practise satyagraha, self-sufficiency, Swadeshi, work for the upliftment of the poor, women and untouchables, and public education and sanitation. The ashram was organized on a basis of human equality, self-help and simplicity. The cancellation depicts front view of Ashram and a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi.</p>
<p align="center">Patan H. O. - 384 265 Rani Ki Vav (Stepwell) Date of Introduction: 09.10.2002</p>		
		<p>'Rani Ki Vav' is a famous stepwell situated in Patan town in Gujarat. It is generally assumed that it was built in the memory of Bhimdev I (AD 1022 to 1063) son of Mularaja, the founder of the Solanki dynasty of Anahilwada Pattan in about 1050 AD by his widowed queen Udayamati. This magnificent east facing step well measures approximately 64m long, 20m wide & 27m deep. A stepped corridor compartmented at regular intervals with pillared multi-storeyed pavilions is a unique feature. It was one of the largest and the most sumptuous structures of its type. The cancellation depicts picture of Stepwell.</p>
<p align="center">Karamsad S. O. - 388 325 Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Date of Introduction: 31.10.2002</p>		
		<p>Karamsad is a town in Anand district of Gujarat. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, one of India's greatest leaders in the Indian Independence Movement grew up in Karamsad. It was also the home of his elder brother Vithalbhai Patel, who was also an important political leader. The Patel brothers lived with their two elder brothers and one younger brother and sister, and parents Jhaverbhai and Ladba Patel in a mud-brick house adjacent to his family's farm holdings. This house is preserved to date as a memorial to Patel. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel - and Veer Vithalbhai Memorial is established in 7 acres of land at Karamsad. The cancellation depicts portrait of Sardar Patel. It was introduced on the birth anniversary of Sardar Patel.</p>
<p align="center">Shahibaug P.O. (Ahmedabad)- 380 004 Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Memorial Date of Introduction: 14.08.2006</p>		

		<p>Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Memorial Museum was established to commemorate the birth centenary of Sardar Patel in Shahibaug (Motishahi) Palace. Sardar Patel was a symbol of hardship and simplicity. The objects he used are preserved in the museum, like hand-spun Khadi shirt, jacket, Dhoti, two aluminium lotas, tin trunk, shoes, tiffin box, spinning wheel, pen, the Bhagwad Geeta etc. Besides these, gifts, citations, books, photographs of his life, pictures, correspondence, paper cutting etc. are also exhibited here. The cancellation depicts portrait of Sardar Patel.</p>
<p align="center">I. I. M. S. O. (Ahmedabad)- 380 015 The Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad Date of Introduction: 31.03.2007</p>		
		<p>The Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, also known as IIM Ahmedabad or simply IIMA, is a public business school located in Ahmedabad. It was the second Indian Institute of Management (IIM) to be established, after IIM Calcutta and is consistently ranked as one of the best business schools in India and in the Asia-Pacific region. The institute offers Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Management and Agri-Business Management, a Doctoral (Fellowship) Programme and a number of Executive Training Programmes. Research and Consultancy Services to industry form an integral part of the academic structure at IIM Ahmedabad, with several projects commissioned and funded by national and international organisations such as the Ford Foundation, UNO, World Bank, NCERT, Planning Commission, Central and State ministries etc. Famous Siddi Sayyed Jali is incorporated in the logo of the Indian Institute of Management. The cancellation design depicts logo of IIM.</p>



A booklet on Permanent Pictorial Cancellations of Gujarat State was released by Gujarat Postal Circle on the occasion of 'Gujpex-2003', state level philatelic exhibition held at Ahmedbad from 2nd to 4th October 2003. This book features 18 permanent cancellations of Gujarat State. Two more pictorial cancellations were introduced later on.

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