

Collector's Guide to
First Day
COVERS
&
FOLDERS
OF INDIA
1947 - 1964
Official & Private



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As a collector of various collectibles, he has faced many difficulties in collecting, understanding and arranging the collection. The same may happen with the new collectors and they may face similar hurdles too. To overcome such situations and to encourage various hobbies and to preserve such a classic collection of Indian heritage, he has made attempts through websites too.

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In 2008, The Numismatic Society of India Varanasi, Indian Coin Society, Nagpur and Indian National Trust for Art Culture and Heritage, Gwalior have awarded him the 'Life Time Achievement Award' for his innumerable and invaluable contribution to Indian Numismatics and Para-numismatics in all its aspects.

In 2009, he has been considered as National record holder by Limca Book of Records and has been placed as record holder for his collections of Autographs and Indian Canteen Tokens.

In the same year 2009, Gujarat Coin Society took cognizance of his excellent works and achievements and has also given him 'Life Time Achievement Award' for his outstanding service to numismatic fraternity. He has given his services as Chairman in Coinex-2006 and Coinex-2010, which were National Level Numismatic Exhibitions organised by Gujarat coin Society, Ahmedabad. And he has successfully accomplished his mission.

Print media and TV media have, time and again, covered his various themes of collection.

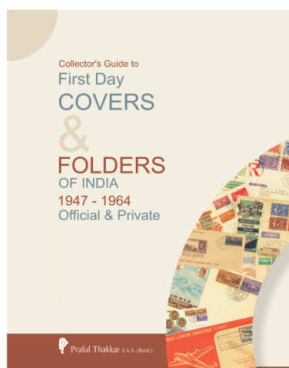
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(Classic gallery of Private covers, First Day covers &
Folders of India from Anna Value to NP Value)

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Dedicated to
Kiran
'The Disturber of my Sleep'
My Friend, Philosopher & Guide
With all my love, respect & gratitude
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Having been a lifelong collector of first day covers and folders of India, I have seen their popularity at peak when every collector used to buy several copies of the FDC for his collection, for creating combination covers in future, and for exchange. While smaller stamp dealers bought a couple of hundred and big stamp dealers bought them in thousands!

Since 1980 collectors in India abandoned collecting FDC in droves primarily due to implementation of new rules for philatelic exhibitions where these were not being accepted as an exhibit, not even a part of the exhibit. As a cascading effect the demand for FDC gradually disappeared and prices tumbled really low. The relentless work of the promoters of FDC has finally helped to change the situation even though it has taken nearly 20 years for this once very popular stream of philately in India to be back in the limelight. Happily at the turn of the millennium, FDC collecting also turned over a new leaf. New fan following infused new blood in to the stream and slowly but surely collecting FDC surpassed all past high points to scale new heights. FDC collecting now has a class of its own at philatelic exhibitions in India up to national level.

It gives me great satisfaction and immense joy to welcome the publication of "Collectors Guide to First Day Covers & Folders of India 1947-1964 Official & Private". This is the first step towards building infrastructure for collecting FDC of India. Unbelievable as it may sound, the fact remains, there has not been a work with visual database or illustrated catalogue of Indian FDC of any period, before this publication of "Collectors Guide to First Day Covers & Folders of India 1947-1964 Official & Private".

Shri Praful Thakkar, the pioneer compiler of this unprecedented work needs no introduction to the collectibles community. He has authored and published several books on numismatics, autographs, and several other collectibles. I genuinely consider it the good fortune of Indian philately that such an avid scholar turned his valuable attention to philately. I am sure we will see many more great works of philately by him.

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I came to know Shri Prafulbhai Thakkar IAS (Retd.) some 2 years ago as an expert in numismatics and autograph collection. His vision, passion, dedication and expertise of the subject have given a new dimension and direction to the collectors of these hobbies. He has authored number of books/catalogues in numismatics and related field and has created classic websites for these subjects.

He was also an old collector of philatelic items. However, after a few meetings with him I could see that he had a keen interest in philately too. Over the time, he restarted and revived his deep interest in philately. Amongst many subjects in philately, he was fascinated by the beauty of private covers of 1947-1957. His creative and matured insight led him to build his own collection. Motto of his life is 'Share the knowledge - Spread the knowledge'. And as an outcome of his motto, this book 'Collector's Guide to First Day Covers & Folders of India 1947-1964 -- Official & Private' is seeing the light of the day.

This collector's guide provides detailed illustrations of the covers of post independence era 1947-1964. The philately of this period has remained a little low profile mainly due to lack of systematic exposition of the inherent charm, variety and adventure embodied in these covers. I myself being an ardent collector of private covers always felt the need of a reference book/catalogue. This collector's guide will fill the gap and help the collector to expand his/her collection.

One can see over 250 private covers (Commemorative/Definitive/Military). The numbering system has also been carefully devised so as to simplify the task of the collector. One can see the covers with the same design with different colour variations diligently arranged in this Guide. Private first day covers of UN Day, 2500th Buddha Jayanti, Indian Mutiny Centenary etc. are the brilliant examples. 24 Gandhi Private First Day Covers are a treat to see at one go. The illustrated covers in this Guide are from the classic period of modern India i.e. from Anna value to NP value. Moreover one can see the artistic designs of folders, presentation folders and souvenir albums which are compiled very systematically. Collectors of rare items in philately will be fascinated by the beauty and designs of private covers because of the classic printing done in those days.

I am confident that this book will see more systematized collectors and it will be treated as a reference book for the years to come. I wish Shri Prafulbhai a great success in his maiden endeavor in philatelic field.

Mainak Kathiara

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Since my childhood, collection of autographs, numismatic items and Philatelic objects have remained my favorite themes of Hobby. All the three have great friendship. They are educating, energizing and enriching hobbies. They all have given me new energy and enthusiasm. All the three hobbies have very attracting, fascinating and interesting themes of objects for the collector. I have enjoyed and am enjoying these hobbies as a collector. For me any such hobby is a worship that keeps me pure, fit and healthy. People have hobbies for happiness and harvesting profit in future. For me it is for keeping good health too. Hence my motto is 'Hobby is for Health & Hobby is for Happiness'

As a collector of various collectibles, I have faced many difficulties in collecting, understanding and arranging the collection. The same may happen with other collectors and they may face similar hurdles too. To overcome such situations and to encourage various hobbies and preserve classic collection of Indian heritage, I have made attempts to give dimension to autograph and numismatic collection through following two websites viz. www.indianautographs.com and www.indiannumismatics.com. During my pursuit of these hobbies I have experienced collector's pranks. I have realized that collector needs right information, proper way of presentation and items of his hobby at a reasonable price. For this he requires a good Guide. And hence I have written some Collector's Guides in Numismatic field for the benefit of Collectors in particular and hobby in general. This is my maiden attempt to present, in the Philatelic field, a little or less known wonderful thematic subject of Classic Official/Private First Day Covers along with folders, VIP folders, Souvenir Albums & Booklets of the early years of 1947 to 1964 (Anna Value to NP Value).

This subject has an attraction because these ornamental Private First Day Covers have got the touch of creative imagination of Philatelists and Dealers of those days. They are artistically and exquisitely made to commemorate respective events. In some cases they fill the Postal gaps for FDC collection and do provide the continuity in collection of Commemorative & Definitive FDCs.

Apart from the antique worth of such highly fascinating and attracting subject, it is capable to delight the collector's eyes with various sizes, color shades, cancellation marks, legends and creative designs which are appropriate to the theme of respective stamps.

In this book, I have made an effort to present this subject of Private First Day Covers 1947-1964 along with the official FDCs, with all its facets. I have also included folders, VIP folders, Souvenir Albums & Booklets of the early years of 1947 to 1964 (Anna Value to NP Value). After first seeing, then collecting and studying most of these FDCs/Folders, I realized that they can be arranged year wise and sub-arranged date wise with further classification of color, size and design. Accordingly, they are chronologically presented with year indicating numbers. (Please do read the explanations given in Key to Guide for unusual numbering system.)

I have also incorporated a "Rarity" marker for the type of FDCs illustrated in this book. This could be used by the collectors to assess the worth of any FDC.

I have made a conscious effort to make my entire collector's guide as concise & compact as possible without compromising on content in order to make them affordable and easy to use for all. In this Guide, I have tried to maximize the number of examples. I still feel that some more are yet to surface and I wish that they all may see the light of day and delight collectors. This Guide is my maiden humble attempt to show collectors glimpses of a fascinating philatelic theme. I, as a collector, have made all efforts to be accurate but if at all there are any lapses I request readers to draw my attention to the same so that corrections could be effected in future editions. I also request my readers to inform me of any new varieties they may discover, so they can be published, with due credit, in future editions.

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Key to Guide

1. Here in this catalogue, mere listing of the private FDCs/Folders is not intended. A complete description of each FDC, along with its size, color and design, is provided.
2. In this catalogue, I have tried to use a numbering system which may be considered unusual by the standard of most catalogues. It does not give consecutive numbers to the FDCs but, on the other hand, it provides for further expansion in future, without renumbering. The first three digits of numbering system will indicate the year of issue of a particular FDC. For example, 948.2.1 will indicate that this is the FDC of stamp issued 2nd in the year of 1948.
3. Every new date of FDC will get a separate middle number of that year. For example, 948.1.1 is the first FDC of 1948 bearing the date of 29/05/1948. Then 948.2.1 is the 2nd FDC of 1948 bearing the date 15/08/1948.
4. The last digit will show the variety and variation of the FDC of a particular date and year. For example, various variations in Gandhi mourning issue covers are shown as 948.1.1, 948.1.2, 948.1.3 etc. Thus the last digit will indicate FDC which is having a specific variation in the FDCs of particular date.
5. Similarly, Folders including Presentation folders and Souvenir Albums, produced during this period of 1947-1964 (Anna Value to NP Value), are also shown with similar type of 'year' and 'Date' digits. In this case of Folders instead of last digit, letter 'F' is shown for Folders etc.
6. In the chapter of Special Event Covers from 1947 to 1964, a few Special Event Covers which are as good as Private covers are shown for thematic collection and collectors delight. In this category apart from event, Private covers made for specific postal slogans are also shown with different variations.
7. To compare the Official FDC (Wherever issued) of India Post with other Private FDC, respective Official FDC is shown with '0' number as the last digit in the number and it is placed in the beginning of that FDC types. For example, 948.2.0 shows the official FDC of India Post of 'Mahatma Gandhi mourning issue' and it is placed in the beginning of all types of 'Gandhi mourning issue' dated 15/08/1948.
8. (A) In Definitive Stamps of Archeological Series, First Day cover with all Archeological Stamps on one cover and two covers are shown as 949.1.0a to 949.1.0c.
(B) First Day cover with all Archeological Stamps overprinted as 'Bharatiya Sangraksha Katak Korea' in Devnagri script Dt. 17/10/1953 (First Day of Issue) is shown as 949.1.0f.
(C) First Day Covers of other International Commission in Indo China viz. Vietnam-Saigon, Vietnam-Hanoi, Cambodia and Laos with these Archeological stamps are shown from 949.1.0g to 949.1.0j even though they are used Dt. 1/12/1954.
(D) In Definitive stamps of Decimal Coinage, Official Army First Day covers of International Commission in Indo China viz. Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam-Hanoi and Vietnam-Saigon Dt. 01/04/1957 are shown as 957.1.0a to 957.1.0d. On these Army First Day Covers stamps are overprinted in Devnagri with the legend as 'Antarrashtriya Ayog Cambodge, Vietnam or Laos.
(E) Official FDCs with stamps of Map series were not issued. However stamps of Map series were issued on different dates like 1/04/1957, 16/01/1958, 7/05/1958 and 27/10/1958. Many Private covers are made by the philatelists to commemorate the issue of such stamps. To present such covers in their proper perspective and at their proper place, I have shown them as (I) 957.1.1 for 1/04/1957 (II) 957.1. a1 for 16/01/1958 (III) 957.1. b1 for 7/05/1958 and (IV) 957.1. c1 for 27/10/1958.
(F) FDCs (with Stamps of Map series) used by Indian U.N. Forces in Congo in various Field Post Offices are also shown as 962.2.0a, 962.2.0b, 962.2.0c and 962.2.0d with date cancellation from F. P. O. 660, 716, 771 and 777 respectively.

Thus Definitive stamps overprinted with different places of Commission and used on the official dates in 1953, 1954, 1957 and 1962 are also included and are shown at appropriate places.

9. In short, all covers which have official issue date cancellations, official FDCs of different sizes (Republic of India dt.26/01/1950), official different varieties (Subhash Chandra Bose dt. 23/01/1964), official different date cancellations (Indian Mutiny Centenary dt. 15/08/1957 and 16/08/1957), officially cancelled by FPOs (FPO 660, 771,777 etc.), official FDCs issued by Indian Army Postal Service (Laos, Cambodia etc.), stamps' issue date cancellations (Archeological series' stamps dt. 15/07/1950 & 30/04/1951) etc. are shown with '0' digit last number in respective years.
10. In case of India-UK Air Service stamp issue, a very interesting aspect is to be noted. The stamp was issued on 29/05/1948 and it was to be used on 08/06/1948 when the Air-India first flight was to fly from Bombay to London. The date 08/06/1948 is printed even on the stamp. The stamp was issued earlier with a view to facilitate philatelists to prepare Flight Covers with this dated stamp for the use in First Flight. However we come across the Private covers with dated stamp used on 29/05/1948. Such cover is illustrated with '0' number as the stamp is used on the issue date instead of actual date on which it was to be used.

Secondly, for this date there are no official covers issued by Postal Department. India Post provided a Souvenir Cover free of charge to the purchasers of this stamp to be used on the first flight on 08/06/1948 as the First Flight Cover and this cover has the official first flight cancellation Dt. 08/06/1948. Both these covers I have shown as 948.1.0A & 948.1.0B at appropriate place.
11. The stamp commemorating 4th World Forestry Congress was issued on 11/12/1954 (2 Anna). No official FDC or cancellation was released. Only date cancellation is given at all places in India. However it is observed that postal facilities were provided at the venue for the duration of the Congress at Dehradun either at 3 locations or at 3 counters bearing No.1 (English), No. 2 (Hindi) and No. 3 (Hindi). Hence the covers cancelled on the first day with these Special Place cancellations of all the 3 numbers are presented as 954.1.0a, 954.1.0b and 954.1.0c for collector's delight. An oblong cachet is also prepared for use on registered mail with 'IV Forestry Congress, Dehradun 1954 No. II (English)' and is stamped on some FDCs.
12. The FDCs with different sizes (small, big or long) are shown as varieties and are given different numbers. We do find big Private covers of the same design or colour shades in case of stamps of UPU (10/10/1949), Geological Survey of India (13/01/1951), Railway Centenary (16/04/1953), Conquest of Mt. Everest (03/10/1953) probably to accommodate the block of four stamps on the cover. It is noticed that Map of India Definitive Series (01/04/1957) have big and long Private covers to facilitate the collectors to affix all the Definitive stamps on one Private First Day cover. In some cases of Gandhi mourning covers also, we do find Private covers in big and long sizes.
13. The FDCs with different colour shades are also shown with different numbers.
14. The FDCs with change in legend or design are also marked with separate numbers.
15. In case of Buddha Jayanti Private FDC (24/05/1956) and Red Cross Conference FDC (28/10/1957), I have shown with separate number the error of shifting color to indicate that errors did occur even in production of Private FDCs.
16. Along with FDCs of Commemorative stamps, FDCs of Definitive stamps are shown at respective chronological locations on the same line. However Map Series of definitive stamps are issued in 1957 and again continued in 1958 with same design but different Watermark and different date. Hence to maintain the continuity of Map series, all such stamps are shown in the year 1957 with separate numbers.
17. It has come to my notice that Private FDCs were used even at Indian Army Post Office outside India. Such examples of Army cancellations have been included here. One can see such examples at 957.1.29 to 957.1.31.
18. As a guide to new collectors I have made an effort to put each 'Private FDC' with "Rarity" marker. This is an assimilation of type, variety, design, availability, size and desirability of each Private FDC. This marker is based on the author's knowledge of the philatelic market for this particular theme. However, collectors are requested to take all precautions and make their own assessment while procuring any particular FDC.

19. "Rarity" marker, used in this guide, indicates following Grades:

Excessively Rare

Extremely Rare

Very Rare

Rare

Scarce

Normal

20. The illustrations of FDCs are not of actual size. To make optimum use of Space, most of the FDCs have been reduced in size. The collectors wishing the precise measurement of any FDC should see the actual size shown in the text below the photographed FDC.

Classic Private Commemorative & Definitive First Day Covers of India – 1947 to 1964 (Anna Value to NP Value)

India attained Independence on 15th August, 1947. And the first official cancellation of Independent India was 'JaiHind-15 Aug. 47'. However the Stamps commemorating India's Independence were first issued on 21/11/1947 (3 ½ Anna) and 15/12/1947 (1 ½ Anna & 12 Anna).

In the early period of Independence, India Post was not fully geared up to come out with First Day Covers of stamps. So during this period we find that official First Day covers were not issued in some cases by the Postal Department. At this point of time, some creative philatelists/dealers took this opportunity by bringing out some artistic and ornamental FDCs to commemorate respective events. Their beautiful creations filled the Postal gaps for FDC collection and provided the continuity in collection of Commemorative and Definitive FDCs.

During this period of 1947 to 1964, we find only Cancellation (JAIHIND), Private Covers filling Postal gaps, Private Covers along with Official First Day Covers of India Post and Private Covers for Definitive Stamps. Over and above the regular FDCs and folders issued by Indian Postal Department.

JAIHIND Cancellation:

On 15th August 1947, there were no official stamps issued by Postal Department. However to commemorate the occasion, cancellation with legend of JAIHIND was issued on 15/08/1947.

Such cancellation is captured in some rare Private covers. Some of them are presented here in this book.

Private Covers filling Postal gap:

In this first decade of Independence, Private Covers filling Postal Gap for 6 commemorative issues are found as there were no official covers issued by India Post for these 6 Commemorative issues.

They are as under:

1. Independence - 3 ½ Anna - 21/11/1947 Jai Hind Series
2. Independence - 1 ½ Anna & 12 Anna - 15/12/1947 - Jai Hind Series
3. Centenary of Geological Survey of India - 2 Anna - 13/01/1951
4. Indian Railway Centenary - 2 Anna - 16/04/1953
5. United Nations Day 2 Anna - 24/10/1954
6. 4th World Forestry Congress 2 Anna - 11/12/1954

Private Covers along with Official First Day Covers of India Post:

During the first decade of 1947-1957, in addition to above 6 Private Covers filling Postal gap, there are other 14 Commemorative Stamp issues which have Official and Private First Day Covers. Thus process of designing creative Private FDCs continued even when the India Post issued official FDC for particular issue. So we find in some cases along with official FDC of India Post, some marvelous FDC issued by such enthusiastic and dedicated philatelists and dealers.

They are as under:

1. First Anniversary of Independence- Mahatma Gandhi Mourning Issue 1 ½ Anna, 3 ½ Anna, 12 Anna & 10 Rupees - 15/08/1948
2. 75th Anniversary of Formation of Universal Postal Union (UPU) 9p, 2 Anna, 3 ½ Anna & 12 Anna - 10/10/1949
3. Inauguration of Republic 2 Anna, 3 ½ Anna, 4 Anna & 12 Anna - 26/01/1950
4. First Asian Games, New Delhi 2 Anna & 12 Anna 04/03/1951
5. Indian Saints & Poets 9p, 1 Anna, 2 Anna, 4 Anna, 4 ½ Anna & 12 Anna 01/10/1952
6. Conquest of Mount Everest 2 Anna & 14 Anna 02/10/1953
7. Centenary of Indian Telegraphs 1 Anna, 2 Anna, 4 Anna & 14 Anna 01/10/1954
8. 2500th Buddha Jayanti 2 Anna & 14 Anna 24/05/1956
9. Birth Centenary of Lokmanya Tilak 2 Anna 23/07/1956

10. Centenary of Indian Mutiny 15np & 90np 15/08/1957
11. 19th International Red Cross Conference, New Delhi - 15np 28/10/1957
12. National Children's Day 8np, 15np & 90np 14/11/1957
13. Centenary of Indian Universities 10np (Bombay), 10np (Calcutta) & 10np (Madras) 31/12/1957
14. Inauguration of India-U.K. Air Service - 12 Anna.

In this case the stamp was issued on 29/05/1948 but was meant to be used only on 08/06/1948 the day of the first flight. Hence in an exceptional case we find a Private cover bearing the cancellation of issue date of stamp i.e. 29/05/1948. India Post provided a Souvenir Cover free of charge to the purchasers of this stamp to be used on the first flight on 08/06/1948 as the First Flight Cover and this cover has the official first flight cancellation Dt. 08/06/1948. Both these covers I have shown as 948.1.0A & 948.1.0B at appropriate place.

After this period of first decade, from 1958 to 1964, we find less Private FDCs. During this period regular FDCs were issued by India Post.

4. Official & Private Covers for Definitive Stamps:

During this period, India Post has issued 3 Series of Definitive Stamps viz. Archeological Series, Five Year plan Series and Map Series of Decimal Coinage.

A. Archeological series

This is the first Definitive series of stamps issued by India Post after Independence. This was issued on 2nd Anniversary of India's Independence. The entire series which depicted Archeological and Historical Monuments of India were issued on 3 different dates.

1. Archeological Monuments 3p, 6p, 9p, 1 Anna (Die 1), 2 Anna, 3 Anna, 3 ½ Anna, 4 Anna, 6 Anna, 8 Anna, 12 Anna, 1 Rupee, 2 Rupees, 5 Rupees, 10 Rupees & 15 Rupees (16 Stamps) - 15/08/1949.
2. Archeological Monuments 1 Anna (Die 2) (1 Stamp) 15/07/1950
3. Archeological Monuments 2 ½ Anna & 4 Anna (2 Stamps) 30/04/1951

B. Five Year Plan Series

This is the 2nd Definitive series of Stamps which represent Agriculture and Multipurpose Projects that were to be geared up in Five Year Plan. All these Stamps were issued on 5th Anniversary of Republic of India.

1. Agriculture & Multipurpose Projects 3p, 6p, 9p, 1 Anna, 2 Anna, 3 Anna, 4 Anna, 6 Anna, 8 Anna, 10 Anna, 12 Anna, 14 Anna, 1 Rupee, 1 Rupee 2 Anna, 1 Rupee 8 Anna, 2 Rupees, 5 Rupees & 10 rupees (18 Stamps) 26/01/1955

C. Map of India series

This is the 3rd Definitive Series of Stamps which depicted Map of India. The entire series which depicted India's Map, was issued on 3 different dates with Star Watermark. Later these 14 stamps along with the 4 high values of the Five Year Plan series with Ashokan Watermark were issued on various dates in 1958, 1959, 1960 and 1963.

- A. Map of India 1np, 2np, 3np, 5np, 6np, 10np, 13, np20np, 25np, 50np & 75np 11 Stamps 01/04/1957
- B. Map of India - 8np- 1 Stamp-07/05/1958
- C. Map of India - 15np & 90np 2 Stamps 16/01/1958
- D. Map of India 2np, 5np, 10np, 20np and 25np (With Ashokan Watermark) - 27/10/1958

India Post has issued official FDC for Archeological and Five Year Plan Definitive series. However Map of India series presenting Decimal denominations on stamps does not have any official FDC issued by Postal department. This again gave an opportunity to the creative imaginations of Philatelists and dealers. We do get various Private covers either with map of India on cover or Decimal coins on cover or combination of both in the design of Private covers of this series.

We do find numerous scintillating stars in the galaxy of Indian philately in the form of First Day Covers, Private covers Folders and Souvenir albums. An effort is made in this book to view and get introduced to such luminary stars of Indian Philately.

Some Important Observations

- 1) (A) It is observed that in Definitive stamps of Archeological series (15/08/1949), Five Year Plan series (26/01/1955) and Decimal Coinage series (01/04/1957, 07/05/1958 & 16/01/1958), the stamps issued are 19 (16+3) stamps, 18 stamps and 14 (11+3) stamps respectively. Obviously it was difficult to accommodate all stamps for cancellation on one single cover. Hence we do find in these series first day cancelled stamps in two or more covers.
(B) In Archeological series, all the first 16 stamps on one cover (15/08/1949) and 1a-Die II on one cover (15/07/1950) and 2 ½ a & 4a on another cover (30/04/1951) are shown here.
(C) In Five Year Plan series all the 18 stamps on two Private covers are shown in the book besides official cover with all stamps.
(D) In Decimal Coinage 3 stamps viz. 8np (07/05/1958), 15np (16/01/1958) and 90np (16/01/1958) have been issued after the original issue date of 01/04/1957. However I have put up in this book a Private cover which has all 14 stamps i.e. 11 stamps cancelled with official cancellation of 01/04/1957 and other 3 stamps cancelled with date cancellation of 07/05/1958 and 16/01/1958 respectively.
All such covers are presented here for collector's knowledge and delight.

- 2) On the day of Independence i.e. 15/08/1947, only JAIHIND Cancellation was marked on many Private Covers. No stamp is issued. This was a Celebration cancellation and had attracted many Philatelists to design Private First Day Cancellation cover. Hence even though the stamp is not issued, this 'Independence Celebration Cancellation' Covers are included in this book.



- 3) Stamps to commemorate Independence were not issued on Independence Day i.e. 15/08/1947, but were issued subsequently on 21/11/1947 (3 ½ Anna) and 15/12/1947 (1 ½ Anna & 12 Anna). There were no official First Day Covers issued on these two dates. However we do find different Private covers with these stamps commemorating India's Independence. These Private covers are very scarce as one may find many examples of plain covers with these stamps. These stamps were printed at India Security Press, Nasik.
- 4) In case of India-UK Air Service stamp issue, a very interesting aspect is to be noted. The stamp of 12 Anna was issued on 29/05/1948 and it was to be used on 08/06/1948 when the Air-India first flight was to fly from Bombay to London. The date 08/06/1948 is printed even on the stamp. However we come across the Private covers with dated stamp used on 29/05/1948. The stamp was issued earlier with a view to facilitate philatelists to prepare Flight Covers with this dated stamp for the use in First Flight. Though the Postal Dept. had not issued a FDC for this issue 'Air India issue of 1948', it did issue a Souvenir Cover featuring the National Flag at left, to be used as First Flight Cover. 'Air India International' had also brought out an official First Flight cover.
- 5) The subject of Gandhi has a great appeal and is a very favorite subject for philatelists. We do find various FDCs of Gandhi mourning covers. However an interesting fact has come to the notice that Scott-Brown Stamps Company of Bangalore has produced small covers and long covers with Gandhi photo and flag behind him. The small covers have been produced by Scott-Brown Stamps Company of Bangalore as senders, inscribing their name and address as senders and long covers have been produced by them inscribing their name and address as recipients.

Similarly Black colour FDC of Gandhi with 4 value stamps has been issued by Dr. (Miss) Lila P. Advani, Bombay and her name and address is stamped at the back. While same designed black cover of Gandhi with 3 value stamps have been issued by Dr. L. P. Advani, Bombay and his name is printed on the front side of the cover. It has been observed by some collectors that these Gandhi FDCs of black colour have been mostly dispatched to USA.

- 6) The subject of Universal Postal Union was omnibus. Most of the countries of the world have issued stamps and FDC to commemorate this 75th Anniversary of UPU. We find that many enthusiastic philatelists have used FDCs of various countries with commemorative UPU stamps of India and have got them cancelled. Hence we do find excellent UPU FDCs of England, Switzerland, USA, New Zealand etc. with Indian stamps and cancellations.
- 7) Four Republic of India stamps were issued on 26/01/1950 (2 Anna, 3 ½ Anna, 4 Anna & 12 Anna). India Post has issued 3 sized covers (Long, Small & Big) as FDC. The cancellations, which were in Hindi having writing as 'Nayi Dilli', 'Bambai', 'Calcutta', or 'Madaras' with date 26/01/1950, are official cancellations.



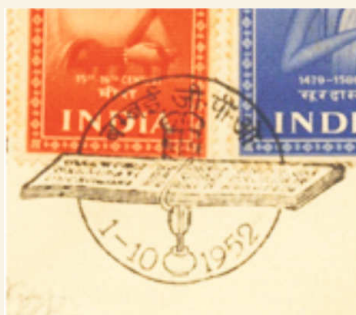
- 8) Similarly Kalidasa stamps (15np & 1Re3np) issued on 22/06/1960 have two sized FDCs viz. long and small issued by India Post.
- 9) The stamp of Geological Survey of India was issued on 13/01/1951 (2 Anna). There was no official FDC and only date cancellations were provided from different Post offices of India except Calcutta where a very big round rubber stamp cancellation was provided officially.



- 10) To popularise the Asian Games a special slogan postmark "First Asian Games, 4th March-11th March " was in use since February 1951. Official FDC was not issued but a special pictorial first day cancellation was used only at New Delhi, elsewhere only date cancellations were provided from different Post offices of India. However some post offices used this slogan postmark on first day covers.



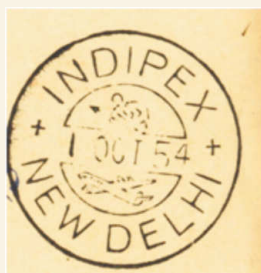
- 11) The stamps of Saints & Poets were issued on 01/10/1952. We do get official and Private FDCs with these stamps. However, it has come to the notice that there were two official cancellations-one in Hindi and another in English.



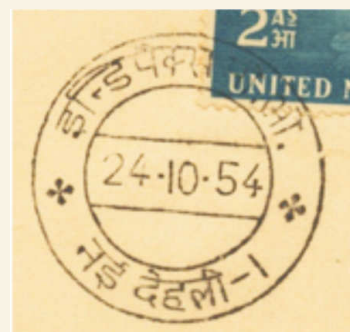
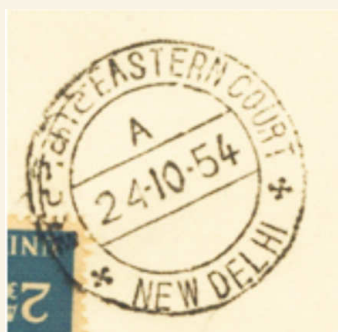
- 12) The stamp of Railway Centenary was issued on 16/04/1953 (2 Anna) and there was no official FDC. However the official cancellations are also found in blue and red ink in addition to usual black.



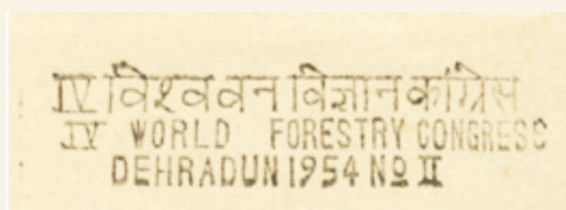
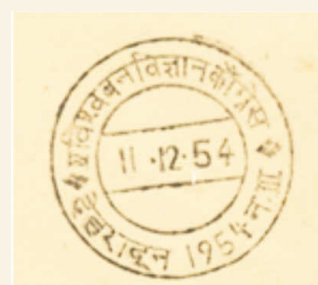
- 13) Four stamps were issued to commemorate India Postage Centenary on 01/10/1954 (1 Anna, 2 Anna, 4 Anna & 14 Anna). There are two official cancellations carrying inscription 'India Postage Stamp Centenary' in Hindi and in English from 35 locations including from the post office located at 'International Philatelic & Postal Exhibitions' that opened that day at New Delhi. The first day official cancellations provided at the post office at the exhibition venue that operated for the duration of the exhibition were of 2 types with inscription 'International Philatelic & Postal Exhibitions' and INDIPEX in Hindi and in English. Besides these cancellations, slogan cancellation 'Visit International Stamp Exhibition' for incoming and outgoing mails was also provided to popularise the event.



- 14) The stamp commemorating United Nations Day was issued on 24/10/1954. However no FDC or official cancellation was provided. Hence we find date cancellation, INDIPEX cancellation (as it was going on in New Delhi) & an Army Post cancellation of F.P.O. No.739 on Private FDCs.



- 15) The stamp commemorating 4th World Forestry Congress was issued on 11/12/1954 (2 Anna). No official FDC or cancellation was released. Only date cancellation is given at all places in India. However it is observed that official Special Place cancellations at Dehradun on 3 different counters bearing No.1, No. 2 and No. 3 were given. An oblong cachet was also stamped on registered mail covers. The FDCs of all the 3 numbers are presented as 954.1.0a, 954.1.0b and 954.1.0c for collector's delight.



- 16) Two stamps were issued to commemorate Centenary of India's First struggle for Independence on 15/08/1957 (15np & 90np). As at some places Post Offices were closed on 15/08/1957, being a public holiday to celebrate Independence Day, a notification was issued to give cancellation also on 16/08/1957 on FDC. Hence we find 2 First Day Cancellations of 15/08/1957 & 16/08/1957 on these FDCs. Moreover they are rubber stamps and are found usually in blue and also in red and black ink.



- 17) In case of issue of more than one stamp, First Day Covers bearing all the stamps have an added value over first day cancelled FDCs with only one or two denomination stamps on them.
- 18) First Day Covers mailed on the first day and with delivery marks have an added value over first day cancelled FDCs.
- 19) Collectors and readers are requested to see following few exceedingly rare items presented in this book.
- (a) 949.1.0a, 949.1.0b and 949.1.0c - FDCs having all 16 stamps of Archeological Series on one cover and two covers.
 - (b) 949.1.0f - FDC carrying 17/10/1953 (which is an issue date) cancellation of F.P.O. 740 on all overprinted stamps of Archeological Series meant for the use of Custodian Force of India in Korea. Examples of subsequent date cancellations are seen.
 - (c) 949.1.F First day cancelled Folder bearing all 16 stamps of Archeological series.
 - (d) 948.2.18 Black Gandhi mourning cover with all 4 value stamps officially cancelled on first day.
 - (e) 955.1.3 & 955.1.4 - All Five Year Plan stamps with first day cancellation on two Private FDCs.
 - (f) 954.1.Souvenir Album, in chapter of Folders - This is the Souvenir Album with all original mint stamps from India Independence stamps issued in 1947 to India Postage Stamp Centenary issued in 1954 including overprinted stamps of Archeological Series meant for the use of the Custodian Force of India in Korea-1953.
 - (g) 957.1.10 - FDC with all 14 stamps (11 stamps with 1/04/1957 cancellation, one stamp with 7/05/1958 cancellation and 2 stamps with 16/01/1958 cancellation) of Map of India series duly cancelled on their respective dates.

It has been observed that the creative designers have taken a great care while making an artistic Private First Day Cover during the first decade of Independence. Many of the Private FDCs show brilliant creative imaginations which are appropriate to the respective subject of stamp that is issued. A few are noted here for collector's benefit.

1. 15/08/1947 JaiHind, Celebration cancellation of Independence. On this date no stamps have been issued. However, JaiHind, cancellation was stamped on various Private covers. We find JaiHind cancellation on Private cover with (a) stamps of George VI (b) British flag and stamps of George VI (c) Indian National flag and Rabindranath Tagore's Prayer for Indian Nation (d) National flag and Ashoka Emblem (e) Bharat Mata (f) historic legend.
2. 21/11/1947 & 15/12/1947 Independence Commemoration stamps. We find Private covers with Indian National flag & map, Ashoka Emblem, Flying Plane and appropriate legend on Private Covers of these dates.
3. 29/05/1948 Inauguration of India-UK Air Service. This stamp was issued on 29/05/1948 and was to be used only for one day on 08/06/1948. We find Private covers with pictures of flying Airplane. We also find Private Hand stamped Cachet in blue on covers of Mr. Hansen of England.
4. 15/08/1948 - Gandhi mourning cover has many varieties of pictures and legends. We get pictures of Gandhi bust photo, Gandhi walking, Gandhi with background of national flag & Map of India, Gandhi with wounds of bullet marks and photocopy of Gandhi's 10 Rupees stamp.

On these covers in the legend Gandhi is addressed as (a) Deliverer of Freedom (b) Greatest Martyr, Asia (c) An Apostle of Peace, Love & Non-Violence (d) Father of Nation (e) Father of Indian Nation (f) Father of Free India (g) The Father of Our Nation (h) "Bapu" of the Nation (i) The Great Patriot (j) The Architect of our Independence.

In some covers we find legends like (1) World mourns his loss (2) Service is Worship Truth - Non-Violence (3) Born: 2/10/1869; Died: 30/01/1948 (4) First Anniversary of Independence (5) "Lying-In-State" of Mahatma Gandhi; two of the Bullet Wounds Marked (x) are visible (6) Assassinated in New Delhi 30th January 1948 (7) Mahatma Gandhi "The Light that Shone" (8) "Homage to Mahatma Gandhi who taught the World, the Way of Life and the Way of Death".

In one black cover we also find photocopy of Gandhi's autograph in English.

5. 15/08/1949 Archeological series (Definitive stamps). This was the first Definitive series of stamps issued after India achieved Independence. All these stamps present glorious history and heritage of India. We do find some Private covers which show the map of India, National Heroes, historic monuments or some suitable legend.
6. 10/10/1949 75th Anniversary of Universal Postal Union. We find Private covers depicting either Globe or two Hemispheres with various modes of transporting Posts viz. Postman, Horse Cart, Railways, Camel Man, Bullock cart, Motor, Plane and Boat.
7. 26/01/1950- Republic of India. India adopted the Democratic Constitution on this day and hence we do find appropriate Private covers depicting Indian Constitution and Parliament House. A Private cover with Lady blowing Horn (Indian Musical Instrument) presenting joy and happiness of India's Republic hood is also seen.
8. 13/01/1951 Geological Survey of India. We find Private covers with photo of grazing elephants in forest or picture of extinct elephants -Stegodon Ganesa which is shown in this 2As stamp of Geological survey of India.
9. 04/03/1951- First Asian Games. The creative designers have shown Athlete running with Olympic Flame on Private cover of First Asian Games.

10. 01/10/1952- Saints & Poets. India Post has issued 6 colourful stamps of Saints & Poets on this date. The names of all these six Saints & Poets have been shown along with Lamp, Book & Musical instruments on attractive Private cover.
11. 16/04/1953 Railway Centenary. Railway Centenary was celebrated in this year of 1953. India Post issued 2As stamp to commemorate the centenary. No official First Day Cover was issued. Hence we find Private covers with picture of old engine of 1853 and new engine of 1953 with various colour combinations. On some Private covers we find photocopy of Railway Centenary stamp issued by Switzerland or First Indian Railway stamp depicting King George VI & mail train.
12. 02/10/1953- Conquest of Mount Everest. To commemorate the Conquest of Mount Everest on 29/05/1953, India Post issued stamps and FDC on 02/10/1953. However Philatelic fraternity celebrated this conquest with colourfully made various Private covers. We find Private covers with photos of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay along with Mountain range of Himalayas showing Mt. Everest too. In some covers (Probably of Mr. Grant) we find photo of Mt. Everest and that of Colonel Hunt (Leader of Expedition) along with photos of Hillary and Tenzing.
13. 01/11/1953-Telegraph centenary. We find a very beautiful Private cover which depicts two connected Telegraph poles with an instrument (Morse Key) used for sending Telegrams in early days.
14. 01/10/1954-India Postage Stamp Centenary. As it was an event of celebrating Postage Centenary, we find Private covers presenting stamps of 1854 and 1954 or a picture of mixed stamps.
15. 24/10/1954- The United Nations Day. The Private covers produced for this occasion, have appropriate pictures of UN Building, UN Logo, Lotus flower and UN flag with people of Globe under the UN flag. All these Private covers have very good colour variation.
16. 11/12/1954- Fourth World Forestry Congress. This Forestry Congress was organized in Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. Hence we find Private covers in different colour shades showing the photo of this institute. However a Private cover with graphic drawing showing forest, elephant and other forest wealth is also produced by some enthusiastic and creative philatelists.
17. 26/01/1955 Five Year Plan Series (Definitive stamps). We do find some Private covers which try to present various facets and projects of Five Year Plan.
18. 24/05/1956 2500th Buddha Jayanti. For this stamp issue, philatelists have designed and produced various Private covers. We find Private covers showing picture of Buddha Head along with his teachings. We also have some variety covers showing Buddha in Meditation. And to add a feather in the cap of these varieties, we find all these covers in various colour shades.
19. 23/07/1956 Birth Centenary of Lokmanya Tilak. Here for this stamp issue also, we find variety of Private covers showing Lokmanya Tilak and his motto "Swaraj is my Birth-right" in different colours and designs.
20. 01/04/1957 Map of India Series (Definitive Stamps). Decimal Coinage system was introduced in India on 01/04/1957. And on the same day, Definitive Stamps Series presenting Map of India on different denomination stamps with Decimal values was also introduced. There was no official cover issued for these stamps. This was an opportunity for imaginative and creative philatelists to produce beautiful and colourful Private covers. We find variety of Private covers, probably the maximum, in this issue of stamps. We find Private covers presenting either the Map of India or Decimal coinage or combination of both in different ways, designs and colours.
21. 15/08/1957 Centenary of India's First Struggle for Independence. This centenary celebration had a touch of patriotic feelings. Hence we appropriately find many Private covers which depicted Jhansi-ki-Rani and many other warriors and heroes of India's struggle for Independence in the design of such Private covers.

22. 28/10/1957 International Red Cross Centenary, New Delhi. We do find Private covers which depict photo of Henri Dunant and Conference Emblem with various colour shades.
23. 14/11/1957 National Children's Day. India started celebrating birthday of Jawaharlal Nehru as Children's Day from this year. Hence we find Private covers which have focus on Nehru, children and India's progress. The subjects of Food, Recreation and Education were presented in a symbolic way on many covers. A fine cover depicting children planting tree of Progress, Peace and Prosperity on Indian Soil was also produced.
24. 31/12/1957 Centenary of Indian Universities. There were three stamps issued for three Universities viz. Bombay, Madras and Calcutta. We do find Private covers which depict the historical and monumental buildings of these three Universities in the design with different colour shades.

We do find some Private covers during the period from 1958 to 1964. But they were not the regular feature. Some of the Private covers like that of Tata Steel Industry, Sir Jamsetji Jijeebhoy, Jagdish Chandra Bose etc. are superb.

In the following pages many colourful and artistically designed Private covers along with the official FDCs are presented for viewers' delight, knowledge and appreciation.

Philatelists & Dealers who brought out Private covers

1. Philatelie Orient, Kodak House, Hornby Road, Post Box 943 Bombay-1
2. Khanna Stamps Dealers, Opp. Scindia House, New Delhi
3. B. D. Sanjana Productions, Bombay
4. S. S. Nathan, Javed Villa, 4, Kodambakam Road, Cathedral Madras-6
5. South Indian Philatelists' Association, 16, Jones Street Madras-1
6. Broadway Stamp Company, 117/2B, Chowringhee Road, Calcutta-13
7. The Philatelic Club of Ahmedabad, 1619, Dhanasuthar's Pole, Ahmedabad-1
8. K. A. Neelkand, Philatelist, 87, Chetty Street, Pondichery, India
9. Coronation Stamp Company, Capitol Cinema Building, Murzban Road, Bombay 1.
10. Broadway Stamp Company, 17/2B, Chowringhee Road, Calcutta 13.
11. M. M. Mukhi & Sons, Empire Building, Hornby Road, Bombay
12. Dr. L. P. Advani, 3rd Pasta Lane, Bombay 5.
13. Scott-Brown Stamps, 15, Residency Road, Bangalore 1. (S. India)
14. K. J. Bhatia, C/O India Mfg. Co. Ltd., Sir Vithaldas Chambers, 16, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay
15. Gimbles Famous Stamp Dept., Gimble Brothers, 33rd St. & Broadway, New York 1. N. Y. USA
16. Sham Lall, Barrister-At-Law, Sahranpur
17. Federal Stamp Co., 42, Church gate Street, Fort, Bombay.
18. Mr. C. Hansen, 11, Warham Road, South Croydon, Surrey, England
19. Tata Limited, London
20. G. Grant, Calcutta
21. C. D. Tinsdeall, 1, Carnatic Gardens, Perambur Barracks, P. O. Madras- 12
22. Kenya Stamp Co., 96, Bora Bazar Street, Fort, Bombay 1
23. G. N. Noorbhai, Dealer in Stamps, 320, M. Gandhi Rd. Poona 1.
24. Bombay Philatelic Company, Fort, Bombay

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947.1.1 Jaihind _ Celebration Cancellation on cover with stamps of George VI

Date : 15/08/1947 **Denomination :** Various Stamps of George VI **Description :** JAIHIND Celebration cancellation on stamps of George VI ranging from 3 Pies to 1 Rupee
Colour : Brown cover **Size :** 152x92 mms **Cancellation :** Celebration cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

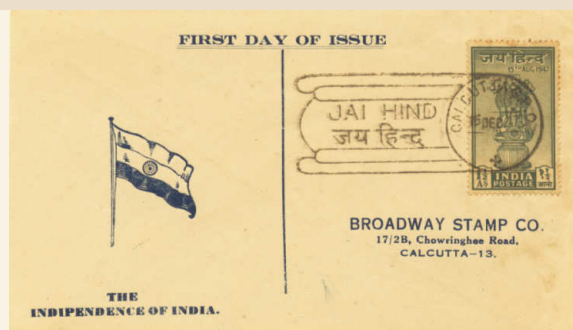


Jaihind _ Celebration Cancellation with Flag and Rabindranath's Prayer for India on left 947.1.2

Date : 15/08/1947 **Denomination :** 2 stamps of 9 Pies of George VI **Description :** Tricolour Indian National Flag with legend 'JAI HIND & August 15th 1947' written in center in white strap; below the flag is written famous Prayer of Rabindranath Tagore for India. **Colour :** Tricolour Flag & Light yellow cover **Size :** 150x90 mms
Cancellation : JAIHIND Celebration cancellation (15/08/1947) of India's Independence **Produced by :** K. A. Neelkand, Pondicherry **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

947.1.3 Jaihind _ Celebration cancellation on Tricolour Indian National Flag

Date : 15/8/1947 **Denomination :** ½ Anna stamp of George VI **Description :** Cover made of Indian Flag **Colour :** Tricolour Indian Flag **Size :** 150x98 mms
Cancellation : Celebration cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

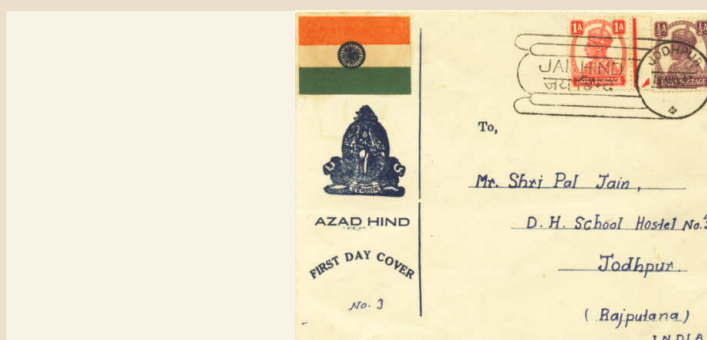


Jaihind _ Celebration cancellation on FDC with Flag on left 947.1.4

Date : 15/8/1947 **Denomination :** 1½ Anna **Description :** The National Flag on left with legend The/ Independence of India on left & First Day of Issue on top in center. **Colour :** Flag and legend in single dark blue colour **Size :** 150x98 mms **Cancellation :** Celebration cancellation of Calcutta G.P.O. **Produced by :** Broadway Stamp Co. Calcutta-13 **Rarity :** Rare

947.1.5 JaiHind _ Celebration cancellation on FDC with Flags & Ashoka Emblem

Date : 15/8/1947 **Denomination :** 3 Pies stamps of George VI & Gandhi stamp **Description :** Ashoka Emblem on a pedestal with two national flags & legend. **Colour :** Indian Tricolour Flags & Ashoka Emblem in blue **Size :** 210x145 mms **Cancellation :** Celebration cancellation of Madras G.P.O. **Produced by :** S. S. Nathan, Madras **Rarity :** Rare



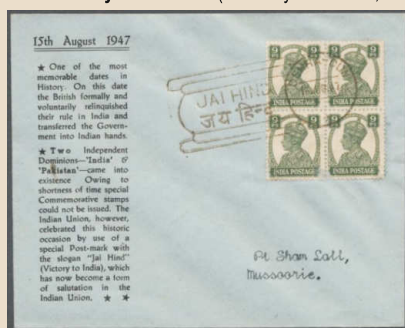
JaiHind _ Celebration cancellation on Azad Hind FDC with Bharatmata 947.1.6

Date : 15/08/1947 **Denomination :** 1Anna & ½ Anna stamps of George VI **Description :** Indian National Flag with Bharatmata & two lions; 'Vande Mataram' written at the feet of Bharatmata; Legend Azad Hind / First Day Cover written below Bharatmata **Colour :** Tricolour Indian Flag & Bharatmata in blue colour **Size :** 138x110 mms
Cancellation : Celebration cancellation of Jodhpur **Produced by :** Not Known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

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947.1.7 JaiHind _ Celebration cancellation with historic legend on left

Date : 15/08/1947 **Denomination :** 9ps x 4 (4 stamps) **Description :** * One of the most memorable dates in History. On this date the British formally and voluntarily relinquished their rule in India and transferred the Government into Indian hands. * Two Independent Dominions - 'India & Pakistan' came into existence. Owing to shortness of time special Commemorative stamps could not be issued. The Indian Union, however celebrated this historic occasion by use of a special Post-Mark with the Slogan 'Jai-Hind' (Victory to India), which has now become a form of salutation in the Indian Union. **Colour :** Blue cover with legend in Black **Size :** 122x97 mms **Cancellation :** Celebration cancellation of Dehradun **Produced by :** Not known (Probably Sham Lal, Mussoorie) **Rarity :** Rare



JaiHind _ Celebration cancellation with Map of India 947.1.8

Date : 15/08/1947 **Denomination :** 9ps **Description :** Map of India with legend 'Indian Independence day' & 15th Aug. 1947 **Colour :** Blue **Size :** 152x93 mms **Cancellation :** Celebration cancellation of Bombay G.P.O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

947.1.9 Jai Hind _ Commemorative First day Cover

Date : 15/08/1947 **Denomination :** 1½ Anna **Description :** Legend 'Special Postmark used on August 15th 1947 to commemorate the foundation of Indian Union'. **Colour :** Blue letters **Size :** 142x96 mms **Cancellation :** Celebration cancellation of Madras G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known. **Rarity :** Rare



Independence Commemoration FDC _ Legend in Tricolor on left 947.2.1

Date : 21/11/1947 **Denomination :** 3½ Anna **Description :** Tricolour Indian National flag with legend 'Indian/ Independence/ 15th August 1947' in saffron colour and 'Commemoration/ First Day Cover/ 21st November 1947' in green colour **Colour :** Tricolour Indian National Flag on left **Size :** 152x95 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Ghatkopar (Bombay) **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

947.2.2 Independence Commemoration Souvenir cover with legend on left

Date : 21/11/1947 **Denomination :** 2 stamps of 3½ Anna **Description :** Legend in Orange colour; Legend on top is Souvenir First Day Cover; on left Commemoration/of/ India's/ attainment/ of/ Independence/ 15th August 1947/*JaiHind*(English & Hindi) issued on/ 21st November 1947/Designed & Printed/ at India's Security/ Press Nasik **Colour :** Orange **Size :** 158x126 mms **Cancellation :** Date Cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Coronation Stamp Co. Bombay 1 **Rarity :** Rare

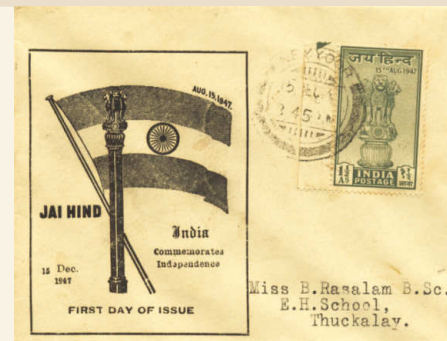


Independence Commemoration FDC _ Legend on top & Flag 947.3.1

Date : 15/12/1947 **Denomination :** 1 ½ Anna & 12 Anna (2 stamps) **Description :** The National Flag on left with legend on top /First day of Issue & on left bottom /The/Independence of India **Colour :** Flag and legend in dark blue colour **Size :** 153x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date Cancellation of Calcutta **Produced by :** Broadway Stamp Co. Calcutta 13 **Rarity :** Rare

947.3.2 Independence Commemoration FDC with Flag & pillar of Ashoka Emblem

Date : 15/12/1947 **Denomination :** 1½ Anna & 12 Anna (2 stamps) **Description :** Pillar of Ashoka Emblem with Indian National Flag. Legend on top right of flag /Aug.15,1947; On left of pillar /Jai Hind & 15 Dec.1947; On right India / Commemorating Independence; at bottom of pillar /First Day of Issue **Colour :** Flag, Ashoka Pillar & Legend in grey colour **Size :** 158x96 mms **Cancellation :** Registered date Cancellation of Neyyoor **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare



Independence Commemoration FDC with Flag & Ashoka Emblem 947.3.3

Date : 15/12/1947 **Denomination :** 1½ Anna **Description :** Pillar of Ashoka Emblem with Indian National Flag. Legend on top right of flag /Aug.15,1947; On left of pillar /Jai Hind & 15 Dec.1947; On right India / Commemorating Independence; at bottom of pillar /First Day of Issue **Colour :** Flag, Ashoka Pillar & Legend in grey colour **Size :** 120x92 mms - small cover **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Neyyoor **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

947.3.4 Independence Commemoration FDC with Legend on top & bottom _ Plane in Green on left

Date : 15/12/1947 **Denomination :** 12 Anna **Description :** Plane in light green flying left with legend Indian/Independence/15th August 1947 on top and Commemoration/ First Day Cover/ 15th December 1947 at bottom **Colour :** Plane in light green flying left **Size :** 153x91 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Not Known **Rarity :** Rare



Independence Commemoration Souvenir cover with legend on left 947.3.5

Date : 15/12/1947 **Denomination :** 1½ Anna & 12 Anna (2 stamps) **Description :** Legend in Orange colour - On top Souvenir First Day Cover; on left Commemoration/ of/ India's attainment/ of/ Independence/ 15th August 1947/ *JaiHind* (English & Hindi) issued on/ 15th December 1947/ Designed & Printed / at India's Security /Press Nasik **Colour :** Orange Colour **Size :** 160x125 mms **Cancellation :** Registered date cancellation **Produced by :** M.M.Mukhi & Sons, Bombay **Rarity :** Rare

947.3.6 Independence Commemoration FDC _ Map in the background of Ashoka Emblem

Date : 15/12/1947 **Denomination :** 1½ Anna **Description :** Ashoka Emblem on pedestal with India's map in blue shade in the background; Legend Indian / Independence / 15th August 1947 on top & Commemoration / First Day Cover / 15th December 1947 at bottom. **Colour :** Design in black and blue shade **Size :** 153x91 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare



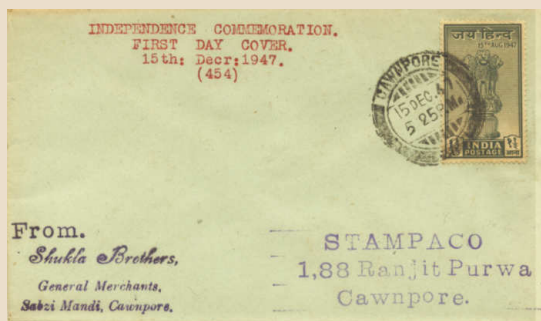
Independence Commemoration FDC with Ashoka Emblem on pedestal 947.3.7

Date : 15/12/1947 **Denomination :** 1½ Anna (3 stamps) & 12 Anna (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Ashoka Emblem on pedestal; Legend Indian Independence written in circular half on top; 15th Aug. 1947 at the feet of Lions and at the bottom First day cover /15th December 1947 **Colour :** Design in black **Size :** 227x102 mms **Cancellation :** Registered cover with date cancellation **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

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947.3.8 Independence Commemoration _ Plain FDC

Date : 15/12/1947 **Denomination :** 1 ½ Anna **Description :** No design except typed legend Independence Commemoration/First Day Cover/15th Dec 1947 on top. **Colour :** Green cover/No design **Size :** 153x91 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Cawnpore **Produced by :** Stampco, Cawnpore **Rarity :** Scarce



Independence Commemoration _ Map & Flags 947.3.9

Date : 15/12/1947 **Denomination :** 1 ½ Anna, 3 ½ Anna & 12 Anna (3 stamps) **Description :** Picture of India's map with legend Jai-Hind and two crossed flags; legend at bottom First Day Cover/of the Independence Issues. **Colour :** White with Red & Blue strips **Size :** 165x93 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very rare

948.1.0a Inauguration of India-UK Air Service _ Maroon Red _ Long Cover _ Stamp used on 29/05/1948 though was meant to be used on 8/06/1948

Date : 29/05/1948 **Denomination :** 12 Anna x 2 (2 stamps) **Description :** Plane flying Right with legend Bombay-London Inaugural Flight on top & Air-India International Bombay - Cairo - Geneva - London at bottom **Colour :** Maroon Red **Size :** 225x98 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of 29/05/1948 (Which was the issue date of this stamp). The stamp was meant to be used on 08/06/1948 only. **Produced by :** Tata Limited, London **Rarity :** Extremely Rare



Inauguration of India-UK Air Service _ Souvenir Cover 948.1.0b

Date : 08/06/1948 **Denomination :** 12 Anna **Description :** Picture of Tricolour Indian Flag on left; Legend on top left By Air Mail / Par Avion and at bottom Souvenir / India-United Kingdom / First Flight, 8th June 1948 **Colour :** Tricolour flag & legend in Blue letters on white cover **Size :** 165x93 mms **Cancellation :** Official Airmail cancellation of 8/6/48 **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Scarce

948.1.1 Inauguration of India-UK Air Service _ Maroon Red _ Long

Date : 08/06/1948 **Denomination :** 12 Anna **Description :** Plane flying Right with legend Bombay-London Inaugural Flight on top & Air-India International Bombay - Cairo - Geneva - London at bottom **Colour :** Maroon Red **Size :** 225x98 mms **Cancellation :** Official Airmail cancellation of 8/6/48 **Produced by :** Tata limited, London **Rarity :** Rare



Inauguration of India-UK Air Service _ Light Red _ Long Cover 948.1.2

Date : 08/06/1948 **Denomination :** 12 Anna **Description :** Plane flying Right with legend Bombay-London Inaugural Flight on top & Air-India International Bombay - Cairo - Geneva - London at bottom **Colour :** Light Red **Size :** 225x98 mms **Cancellation :** Official Airmail cancellation of 8/6/48 **Produced by :** Tata Limited, London **Rarity :** Rare

948.1.3 Inauguration of India-UK Air Service _ Light Red _ Long

Date : 08/06/1948 **Denomination :** 12 Anna **Description :** Plane flying Right with legend Bombay-London Inaugural Flight on top & Air-India International Bombay - Cairo - Geneva - London at bottom **Colour :** Light Red **Size :** 225x98 mms **Cancellation :** Official Airmail cancellation of 8/6/48 **Produced by :** Tata Limited, London **Rarity :** Rare

**Inauguration of India-UK Air Service _ Maroon Red _ Small 948.1.4**

Date : 08/06/1948 **Denomination :** 12 Anna **Description :** Plane flying left with legend Bombay-London Inaugural Flight on top & First Flight 8th June 1948 at bottom **Colour :** Maroon Red **Size :** 165x93 mms **Cancellation :** Official Airmail cancellation of 8/6/48 **Produced by :** Tata Limited, London **Rarity :** Scarce

948.1.5 Inauguration of India-UK Air Service

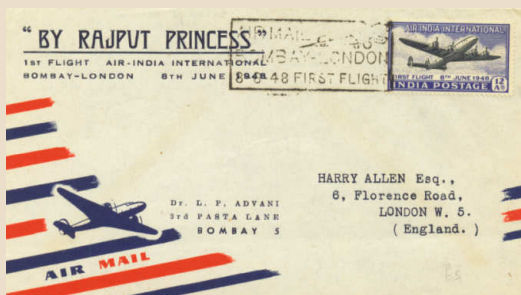
Date : 08/06/1948 **Denomination :** 12 Anna **Description :** Plane flying left with legend By Air Mail/Bombay - London/8th June 1948 on top left and India/Independence First Flight/Commemoration First Day Cover on top right and Flight by/AIR-INDIA/International Ltd. at bottom left with two colour border **Colour :** Creamish cover with Orange & Green border **Size :** 160x93 mms (?) **Cancellation :** Official Airmail cancellation of 8/6/48 **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

**Inauguration of India-UK Air Service_Rajput Princess_Creamish 948.1.6**

Date : 08/06/1948 **Denomination :** 12 Anna **Description :** Plane flying Right with legend "By Rajput Princess" 1st Flight Air-India International, Bombay-London 8th June 1948 at top. (On 8 June 1948, a Lockheed Constellation L-749A named 'Malabar Princess' (registered VT-CQP) took off from Bombay bound for London via Cairo and Geneva.) **Colour :** Creamish **Airmail Cover Size :** 165 x93 mms **Cancellation :** Official Airmail cancellation of 8/6/48 **Produced by :** Dr. L. P. Advani, Bombay 5 **Rarity :** Scarce

948.1.7 Inauguration of India-UK Air Service_Rajput Princess_Blue

Date : 08/06/1948 **Denomination :** 12 Anna **Description :** Plane flying Right with legend "By Rajput Princess" 1st Flight Air-India International, Bombay-London 8th June 1948 at top. (On 8 June 1948, a Lockheed Constellation L-749A named 'Malabar Princess' (registered VT-CQP) took off from Bombay bound for London via Cairo and Geneva.) **Colour :** Light Blue **Airmail Cover Size :** 165x93 mms **Cancellation :** Official Airmail cancellation of 8/6/48 **Produced by :** Dr. L. P. Advani, Bombay 5 **Rarity :** Scarce

**Inauguration of India-UK Air Service_Independence First Flight Commemoration Cover 948.1.8**

Date : 08/06/1948 **Denomination :** 12 Anna & 2 stamps of 1 Anna of George VI **Description :** Plane flying Right; Legend / Bombay-London/ 8th June 1948/ Flight by / Air-India International Ltd. Legend on top left / India / Independence First Flight / Commemoration First Day Cover. **Colour :** Pinkish Airmail Cover **Size :** 165x93 mms **Cancellation :** Official Airmail cancellation of 8/6/48 **Produced by :** Not Known **Rarity :** Rare

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948.1.9 Inauguration of India-UK Air Service

Date : 08/06/1948 **Denomination :** 12 Anna **Description :** Legend on top / First Day Cover/ **Colour :** Brown cover **Size :** 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official Airmail cancellation of 8/6/48 **Produced by :** Tata Limited, London(?) **Rarity :** Scarce

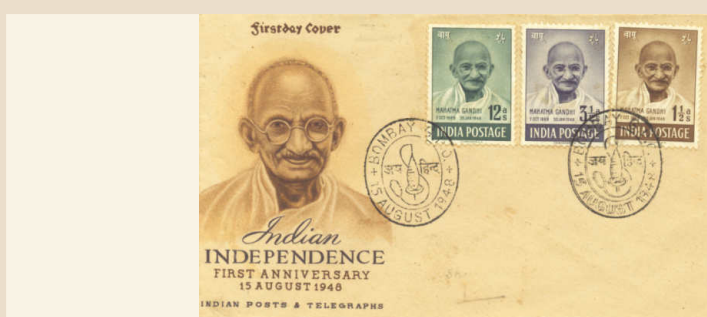


Inauguration of India-UK Air Service Private Handstamped Cachet in Blue usually found on Hansen covers 948.1.10

Date : 08/06/1948 **Denomination :** 12 Anna **Description :** Private Hand stamped Cachet with Plane & legend Air-India/ International / First Flight / Bombay to London in Violet ink on Hansen cover. **Colour :** Airmail cover with Red & Blue strips **Size :** 165x93 mms **Cancellation :** Official Airmail cancellation of 8/6/48 **Produced by :** Mr. C. Hansen, England **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

948.1.11 Inauguration of India-UK Air Service

Date : 08/06/1948 **Denomination :** 12 Anna **Description :** Legend in Red / Air Mail / Bombay - London / Inaugural Flight; Legend in Green Air-India International / Bombay * Cairo * Geneva * London **Colour :** Red, White & Green **Size :** 165x93 mms **Cancellation :** Official Airmail cancellation of 8/6/48 **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare



Official Cover of Indian Independence First Anniversary - Gandhi 948.2.0

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 1 ½ Anna, 3 ½ Anna & 12 Anna **Description :** Bust of Gandhi with legend First Day Cover on top and Indian/ Independence/First Anniversary/15 August 1948/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Brownish bust of Gandhi **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Rare (Cover with 3 value stamps)

948.2.1 Gandhi Mourning Cover with Goat _ Black

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 1½ Anna **Description :** Photo of Gandhi with Indian flag and map of India at the back with Goat. Legend on top right Mahatma Gandhi/Memorial Stamps/First Day Cover & on top left Father of Indian Nation & at bottom Mahatma Gandhi/Apostle of Peace & Love/Born on: 2/10/1869/Died on 30/01/1948. Legend in the box Deliverer of Freedom/Greatest Martyr of Asia/An Apostle of Peace, Love & Non-Violence/Born on: 2/10/1969/Died on 30/01/1948/World Mourns His Loss. **Colour :** Black **Size :** 183x145 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

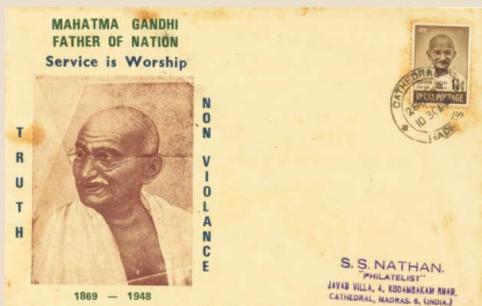


Gandhi Mourning Cover with Goat_Red 948.2.2

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 3 ½ Anna **Description :** Photo of Gandhi with Indian flag and map of India at the back with Goat. Legend on top right Mahatma Gandhi/Memorial Stamps/First Day Cover & on top left Father of Indian Nation & at bottom Mahatma Gandhi/Apostle of Peace & Love/Born on: 2/10/1869/Died on 30/01/1948. Legend in the box Deliverer of Freedom/Greatest Martyr of Asia/An Apostle of Peace, Love & Non-Violence/Born on: 2/10/1969/Died on 30/01/1948/World Mourns His Loss. **Colour :** Red **Size :** 182x150 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

948.2.3 Gandhi Mourning Cover _Father of Nation

Date : 15/08/1948 (Dt. cancellation 26/05/1949) **Denomination** : 1 ½ Anna **Description** : Photo of Gandhi facing left. Legend on top left above photo Mahatma Gandhi/Father of Nation/Service is Worship; on left TRUTH; on right NON VIOLENCE & at bottom 1869 - 1948 **Colour** : Brownish photo of Gandhi **Size** : 205x132 mms **Cancellation** : Date cancellation of Cawnpore Dt. 26 May 1949 **Produced by** : S. S. Nathan, Madras **Rarity** : Very Rare

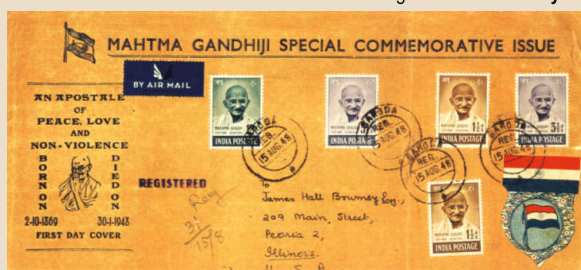


Gandhi Mourning Cover _ Gandhi Walking 948.2.4

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination** : 1 ½ Anna (2 Stamps) **Description** : Photo of walking Gandhi facing left in light Reddish background; Legend on top right First Day Cover; on top left Mahatma Gandhi/Memorial Stamps/Issued 15th August 1948/Father of Indian Nation & at bottom Stamps printed at Switzerland. **Colour** : Reddish **Size** : 183 x 150 mms **Cancellation** : Date cancellation of Baroda Dt. 15 Aug. 1948 **Produced by** : Not known **Rarity** : Extremely Rare

948.2.5 Gandhi Mourning Cover _ Special Commemorative Issue

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination** : 1½ Anna (2 stamps), 3 ½ Anna (2 Stamps) & 12 Anna **Description** : On top left Indian flag with Spinning wheel; in center legend Mahtma Gandhiji Special Commemorative Issue. On left a drawing picture of Gandhi with folded hands. Legend on top of the picture An Apostale/ of/ Peace, Love/ and/ Non-Violence; on left Born on 2-10-1869; on right 10-1-1948; at bottom First Day Cover. At bottom on right side corner two coloured pictures of Indian flag. **Colour** : Light orange **Size** : 225x 103 mms **Cancellation** : Date cancellation Baroda Dt. 15 Aug. 1948 **Produced by** : Not known **Rarity** : Extremely Rare

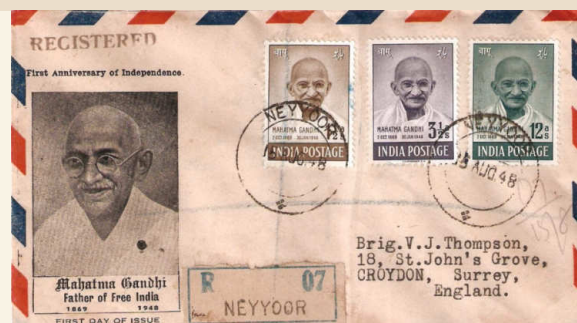


Gandhi Mourning Cover _ Special Commemorative Issue 948.2.6

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination** : 1 ½ Anna (2 Stamps) & 3 ½ Anna **Description** : On top left Indian flag with Spinning wheel & Tricolour flag in center legend Mahtma Gandhiji Special Commemorative Issue. On left a drawing picture of Gandhi with folded hands. Legend on top of the picture An Apostale/ of/ Peace, Love/ and/ Non-Violence; on left Born on 2-10-1869; on right 10-1-1948; at bottom First Day Cover **Colour** : Photo/Legend in Blueish colour **Size** : 279x129 mms **Cancellation** : Official cancellation of Sayajiganj. **Produced by** : Not known **Rarity** : Extremely Rare

948.2.7 Gandhi Mourning Cover _ Father of Free India

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination** : 12 Anna **Description** : Photo of Gandhi facing left; legend First Anniversary of Independence above photo; legend Mahatma Gandhi / Father of Free India / 1869 * 1948 / First Day of Issue **Colour** : Photo in Grey colour **Size** : 120x96 mms **Cancellation** : Registered Cover / Date cancellation from Neyyoor **Produced by** : Not known **Rarity** : Extremely Rare



Gandhi Mourning Cover _ Father of Free India 948.2.8

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination** : 1 ½a, 3 ½a & 12a (3 stamps) **Description** : Photo of Gandhi facing left; legend First Anniversary of Independence above photo; legend Mahatma Gandhi / Father of Free India / 1869 * 1948 / First Day of Issue **Colour** : Photo in Grey colour **Size** : 165x93 mms **Cancellation** : Registered letter / Date cancellation from Neyyoor **Produced by** : Not known **Rarity** : Extremely Rare (Cover with 3 value stamps)

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948.2.9 Gandhi Mourning Cover _The Father of our Nation _ Long

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 1 ½ Anna & 12 Anna **Description :** Picture of Gandhi -head facing right with Indian Tricolour flag at the back. Legend on top left First Day Cover/In Memorium of/The Father of/Our Nation/Mahatma Gandhi/"The Light that Shone"/Born 2ndOct. 1869 * Died 30 Jan. 1948 **Colour :** Indian Tricolour flag & picture of Gandhi in light blue colour **Size :** 252x125 mms _ Long cover **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare



Gandhi Mourning Cover _The Father of our Nation _ Small 948.2.10

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 1 ½ Anna & 3 ½ Anna **Description :** Picture of Gandhi -head facing right with Indian Tricolour flag at the back. Legend on top left First Day Cover/In Memorium of/The Father of/Our Nation/Mahatma Gandhi/"The Light that Shone"/Born 2ndOct. 1869 * Died 30 Jan. 1948 **Colour :** Indian Tricolour flag & picture of Gandhi in light blue colour **Size :** 160x95 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

948.2.11 Gandhi Mourning Cover _Mahatma Gandhi Memorial _ Long

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 3 ½ Anna **Description :** Picture of Gandhi facing left with Tricolour flag at the back. Legend on top Mahatma Gandhi Memorial between two lines of Orange and Green colour **Colour :** Indian Tricolour & picture of Gandhi in Grey colour **Size :** 230x100 mms _ Long cover **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bangalore **Produced by :** Scott-Brown Stamps, Bangalore 1 **Rarity :** Very Rare (It is observed that in this variety, long covers were addressed to Scott-Brown Stamps, Bangalore and small covers were sent from Scott-Brown Stamps, Bangalore.)



Gandhi Mourning Cover _Mahatma Gandhi Memorial _ Small 948.2.12

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 1½ Anna, 3½ Anna & 12 Anna **Description :** Picture of Gandhi facing left with Tricolour flag at the back. Legend on top Mahatma Gandhi Memorial between two lines of Orange and Green colour **Colour :** Indian Tricolour & picture of Gandhi in Grey colour **Size :** 156x97 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bangalore **Produced by :** Scott-Brown Stamps, Bangalore 1 **Rarity :** Very Rare (It is observed that in this variety, long covers were addressed to Scott-Brown Stamps, Bangalore and small covers were sent from Scott-Brown Stamps, Bangalore.)

948.2.13 Gandhi Mourning Cover _Apostle of Peace, Love, Non-Violence

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 1 ½ Anna & 3 ½ Anna (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Gandhi within a flower wreath with map of India in background; Legend on top left First day of Issue / Mahatma Gandhi / Apostle of / Peace, Love, / Non - Violence / Born Oct. 2 1869 * Died Jan. 30 1948 **Colour :** Picture and legend in Grey **Size :** 160x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation Bombay R. M. S. **Produced by :** Not known (Probably Gimbels Famous Stamp Dept. New York) **Rarity :** Very Rare

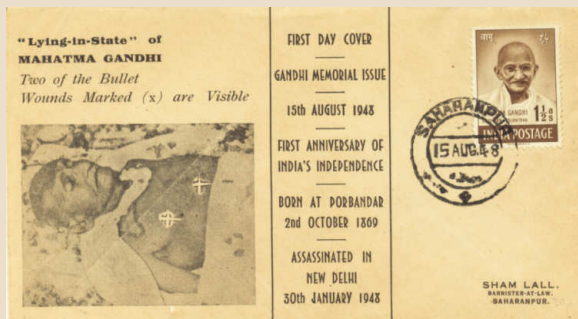


Gandhi Mourning Cover Gandhi standing in the background of India Map_ BAPU 948.2.14

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 1 ½ Anna, 3 ½ Anna, 12 Anna & 10 Rupees (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of walking Gandhi with BAPU (Hindi) written at his feet having map of India in the background; Legend on top left First Day Cover / Issued by / The Bombay Philatelic Company / Fort, Bombay; legend on right within map is INDIA and Gandhi Memorial Stamps / 15th Augut 1948 outside map; legend at bottom is The Great Patriot / The Architect of our India. **Colour :** Bluish Grey **Size :** 240x113 mms _ Long cover **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known (Probably J. F. Droucette Dias, New York) **Rarity :** Excessively Rare (Cover with all 4 value stamps)

948.2.15 Gandhi Mourning Cover _ With Marks of Bullet Wounds

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 1 ½ Anna **Description :** Photo of Gandhi's dead body marked with bullet wounds. Legend on top 'Lying-in-state' of Mahatma Gandhi/Two of the Bullet/Wounds Marked (x) are Visible. By the side legend in vertical format /First Day Cover /Gandhi Memorial Issue/15th August 1948/First Anniversary of/ India's Independence/ Born at Porbandar /2nd October 1869/Assassinated in/New Delhi/30th January 1948 **Colour :** Photo & legend in Black **Size :** 165x92 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Sahrampur Dt. 15 Aug. 1948 **Produced by :** Sham Lall, Sahrampur **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

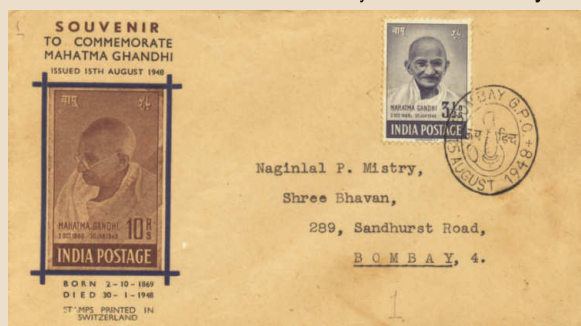


Gandhi Mourning Cover _ " BAPU " (Father) of the Nation 948.2.16

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 1 ½ Anna (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of walking Gandhi with legend on top Mahatma Gandhi and at bottom "BAPU" (Father) of/The Nation. Legend by its side in a vertical format/ First Day Cover / Gandhi Memorial Issue / 15th August 1948 /First Anniversary of / India's Independence / Born at Porbandar / 2nd October 1869 / Assassinated in / New Delhi / 30th January 1948. **Colour :** Picture & legend in Greyish Black **Size :** 153x125 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Sahrampur Dt. 15 Aug. 1948 **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

948.2.17 Gandhi Mourning Cover _ Photocopy of 10 Rupees Stamp With Border

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 3 ½ Anna **Description :** Photocopy of Gandhi RS. 10 stamp with border and legend Souvenir/To Commemorate/Mahatma Gandhi/Issued 15th August 1948 on top & Born: 2_10_1869/Died: 30_01_1948/Stamps Printed in Switzerland at bottom. **Colour :** Brownish with Blue bordered photocopy of stamp **Size :** 165x93 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare



Gandhi Mourning Cover _ Photocopy of 10 Rupees Stamp Without Border 948.2.18

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 1 ½ Anna, 3 ½ Anna & 12 Anna **Description :** Photocopy of Gandhi Rs. 0 stamp without border & with legend Souvenir/To Commemorate/Mahatma Gandhi/Issued 15th August 1948 on top & Born: 2_10_1869/Died: 30_01_1948/Stamps Printed in Switzerland at bottom. **Colour :** Brownish **Size :** 165x93 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Federal Stamp Co. Bombay **Rarity :** Extremely Rare (All 3 value stamps)

948.2.19 Gandhi Mourning Cover _ Black with autograph

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 1 ½ Anna, 3 ½ Anna, 12 Anna & 10 Rupees **Description :** Black cover with printed autograph 'M K Gandhi' at bottom left; Legend on right in center is 'Homage to Mahatma Gandhi who taught the world / the way of Life and the Way of Death'. **Colour :** Black **Size :** 165x93 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Dr. L. P. Advani, Bombay **Rarity :** Excessively Rare (All 4 value stamps)



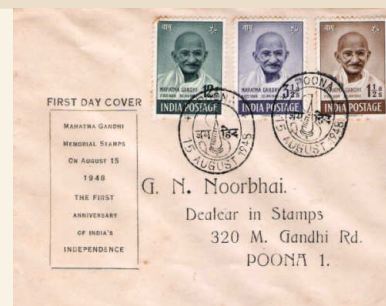
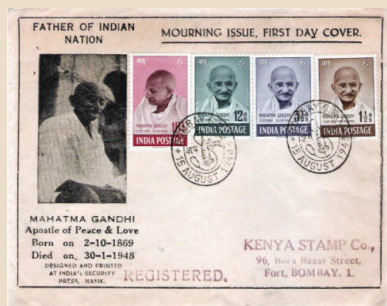
Gandhi Mourning Cover _ Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Issue 948.2.20

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 1 ½ Anna, 3 ½ Anna & 12 Anna **Description :** Legend on top /First Day Cover; on left in box /Mahatma Gandhi /Memorial Issue/15 August 1948; Stamps printed in Switzerland **Colour :** White **Size :** 150x89 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

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948.2.21 Gandhi Mourning Cover _ Father of Indian Nation

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 1 ½ Anna, 3 ½ Anna, 12 Anna & 10 Rupees **Description :** Photo of Gandhi sitting; Legend on top Father of Indian/Nation:Mourning Issue, First Day Cover; at bottom Mahatma Gandhi/Apostle of Peace & Love/Born on: 2/10/1869/Died on 30/01/1948/Designed and Printed/at India's Security/Press, Nasik **Colour :** Blueish **Size :** 160x122 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Kenya Stamp Co. Bombay 1 **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

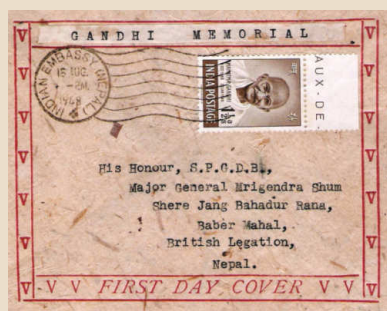


Gandhi Mourning Cover _ The First anniversary of India's Independence 948.2.22

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 1½ Anna, 3½ Anna & 12 Anna **Description :** Legend on left First Day cover; within box /Mahatma Gandhi/ Memorial Stamps/ on August 15 1948/The First/ Anniversary /of India's /Independence **Colour :** Legend in Grey **Size :** 137x109 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Poona **Produced by :** G. N. Noorbhai, Poona **Rarity :** Very Rare

948.2.23 Gandhi Mourning Cover _ Gandhi Memorial

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 1 ½ Anna **Description :** Legend on top on typed strip Gandhi Memorial; at bottom First day Cover with all round border with letter 'V' **Colour :** Pinkish Red **Size :** 133x105 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Indian Embassy, Nepal **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare



Gandhi Mourning Cover _ Pondicherry cancellation 948.2.24

Date : 15/08/1948 **Denomination :** 1 ½ Anna **Description :** Indian National Flag within India's map showing four major cities / Delhi / Bombay / Calcutta / Madras **Colour :** Tricolour & dark blue **Size :** 90x115 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Pondicherry **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

949.1.0a Official Cancellation Cover : Archeological Series (All Definitive stamps on one cover)

Date : 15/08/1949 **Denomination :** (1) 3p (2) 6p (3) 9p (4) 1a (Die 1) (5) 2a (6) 3a (7) 3 1/2a (8) 4a (9) 6a (10) 8a (11) 12a (12) 1Re. (13) 2Rs. (14) 5Rs. (15) 10Rs. & (16) 15Rs. (16 Stamps) **Description :** Bronze Idol of Lord Vishnu with legend on top Independence Day / Cover and 15 August 1949 / Issued by Posts and Telegraphs at bottom **Colour :** Greenish cover **Size :** 155x125 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs Department **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

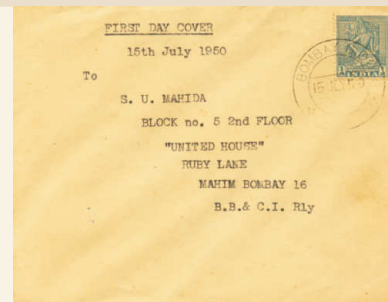


Official Cancellation Cover : Archeological Series (All Definitive stamps on two covers-1) 949.1.0b

Date : 15/08/1949 **Denomination :** (1) 3p (2) 6p (3) 9p (4) 1a (Die 1) (5) 2a (6) 3a (7) 3 1/2a (8) 4a (9) 6a (10) 8a (11) 12a (12) 1Re. (12 Stamps) **Description :** Bronze Idol of Lord Vishnu with legend on top Independence Day / Cover and 15 August 1949 / Issued by Posts and Telegraphs at bottom **Colour :** White Cover **Size :** 153x124 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Calcutta G. P. O. **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs Department **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

949.1.0c Official Cancellation Cover : Archeological Series (All Definitive stamps on two covers-2)

Date : 15/08/1949 **Denomination :** (1) 1Re. (2) 2Rs. (3) 5Rs. (4) 10Rs. & (5) 15Rs. (5 Stamps) **Description :** Bronze Idol of Lord Vishnu with legend on top Independence Day / Cover and 15 August 1949 / Issued by Posts and Telegraphs at bottom **Colour :** White Cover **Size :** 153x124 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Calcutta G. P. O. **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs Department **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

**(Official) Date cancellation Cover : Archeological Series (Definitive stamps) 949.1.0d**

Date : 15/07/1950 **Denomination :** 1a (Die 2) **Description :** 1a stamp of Bodhisatva (Die 2) of Lukhnow Museum was issued on 15/07/1950. No special cover was issued. Hence only stamp with date cancellation on simple cover is shown here. **Colour :** Plain Cover **Size :** 138x108 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

949.1.0e (Official) Date cancellation Cover : Archeological Series (Definitive stamps)

Date : 30/04/1951 **Denomination :** 2 1/2a & 4a **Description :** 2 1/2a Mahabodhi Temple, Bodh Gaya(Lake) and 4a Lingraj Temple, Bhuvaneshwar (Bright Blue) were issued on 30/04/1951. No special cover was issued. Hence only stamps with date cancellation on simple cover is shown here. **Colour :** Plain cover **Size :** 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Federal Stamp Company, Bombay **Rarity :** Rare

**'Bharatiya Sangraksha Katak Korea' overprinted in Devanagari 949.1.0f**

Date : 17/10/1953 **Denomination :** (1) 3p (2) 6p (3) 9p (4) 1a (Die 1) (5) 2a (6) 3a (7) 3 1/2a (8) 4a (9) 6a (10) 8a (11) 12a (12) 1Re. (12 stamps) **Description :** 'Bharatiya Sangraksha Katak Korea' overprinted in Devanagari on Archeological stamps **Colour :** Red & Blue strips **Size :** 230x101 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of F. P. O. 740 **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Excessively Rare with this Issue date. Subsequent date cancellations are seen.

949.1.0g International Commission in Indo China - Vietnam, Saigon

Date : 1/12/1954 **Denomination :** (1) 3p (2) 1a (3) 2a (4) 8a (5) 12a (5 Stamps) **Description :** Map of Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia shown with the mention of Field Post Office **Colour :** Light Green **Size :** 170x97 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Indian Army Post Office-Vietnam, Saigon **Produced by :** Indian Army Postal Service **Rarity :** Rare

**International Commission in Indo China - Vietnam, Hanoi 949.1.0h**

Date : 1/12/1954 **Denomination :** (1) 3p (2) 1a (3) 2a (4) 8a (5) 12a (5 Stamps) **Description :** Map of Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia shown with the mention of Field Post Office **Colour :** Light Green **Size :** 170x97 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Indian Army Post Office-Vietnam, Hanoi **Produced by :** Indian Army Postal Service **Rarity :** Rare

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949.1.0i International Commission in Indo China - Cambodia, Phnom Penh

Date : 1/12/1954 **Denomination :** (1) 3p (2) 1a (3) 2a (4) 8a (5) 12a (5 Stamps) **Description :** Map of Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia shown with the mention of Field Post Office
Colour : Light Green **Size :** 170x97 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Indian Army Post Office-Cambodia, Phnom Penh
Produced by : Indian Army Postal Service **Rarity :** Rare



International Commission in Indo China - Laos, Vientiane 949.1.0j

Date : 1/12/1954 **Denomination :** (1) 3p (2) 1a (3) 2a (4) 8a (5) 12a (5 Stamps) **Description :** Map of Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia shown with the mention of Field Post Office
Colour : Light Green **Size :** 170x97 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Indian Army Post Office-Laos, Vientiane **Produced by :** Indian Army Postal Service
Rarity : Rare

949.1.1 Archeological series (Definitive stamps) _ Bhuvneshwar Temple & legend

Date : 15/08/1949 **Denomination :** 3p, 6p, 9p, 1a & 2a (5 stamps) **Description :** Photocopy of 4a stamp of Bhuvneshwar Temple is shown. Legend on top center/First Day of Issue; on top left First/Definitive/Issue of/INDEPENDENT/INDIA; and at bottom left is showing/Indian/Archeological/Designs. **Colour :** Plain white Cover with stamp of 4 Anna in Lake colour
Size : 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Anand **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

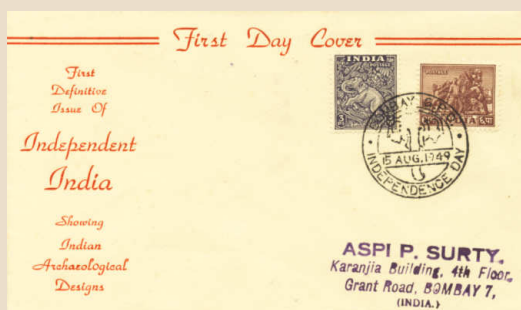


Archeological series (Definitive stamps) _ Map_Red 949.1.2

Date : 15/08/1949 **Denomination :** 2a **Description :** On left, picture of map of India in silver Grey colour with red border having Ashoka Emblem and Dancing Nataraj (both in Red) in the body of map. Legend on top left is First day of Issue/Indian Archeological Series and on bottom is New Postage Stamp Issue/15 August 1949. In the base of the cover in a Red strap is written/FIRST DAY COVER **Colour :** Red, Silver Grey & Yellow **Size :** 165x98 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Madras G. P. O.
Produced by : Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

949.1.3 Archeological series (Definitive stamps) _ Legend

Date : 15/08/1949 **Denomination :** 3p & 6p **Description :** Legend on top in center/First Day Cover; on left First/Definitive/Issue of/Independent/India showing/Indian/Archeological/Designs. **Colour :** Orange & Yellow **Size :** 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare



Archeological series (Definitive stamps) _ Legend 949.1.4

Date : 15/08/1949 **Denomination :** 3p, 9p & 1a (3 stamps) **Description :** Legend on left in Brown letters/Archeological Series/Historical Monuments of/Ancient India."Glory that was Ind"/First Day of Issue **Colour :** Plain cover having Brown letters **Size :** 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

949.1.5 Archeological series (Definitive) _ Lady Commander of Azad Hind Fauj

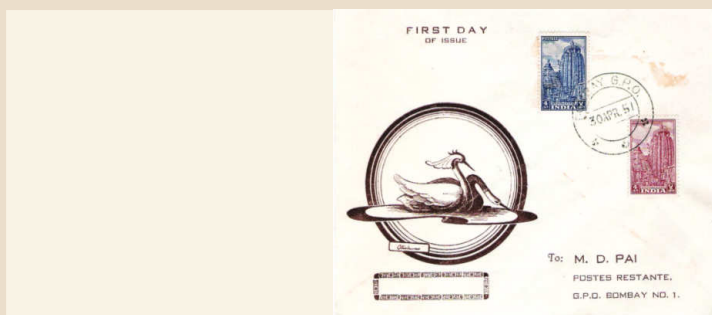
Date : 30/04/1951 **Denomination :** 2 ½ a & 4a **Description :** On top left in a small box Picture of Lady Commander of Azad Hind Fauj with Flag at the back; Marching Army and War vehicles at bottom within the box. On top at right rubber stamped legend First Day Cover and printed legend JAI-HIND **Colour :** Blue **Size :** 122x97 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Ahmedabd **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

**Archeological series (Definitive stamps) _ Jawaharlal Nehru 949.1.6**

Date : 30/04/1951 **Denomination :** 4a **Description :** On top left Bust photo of Jawaharlal Nehru in a small box; on top at right rubber stamped legend/ First Day Cover and printed legend JAI-HIND **Colour :** Blue **Size :** 122x97 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Ahmedabd **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

949.1.7 Archeological series (Definitive stamps) _ Legend

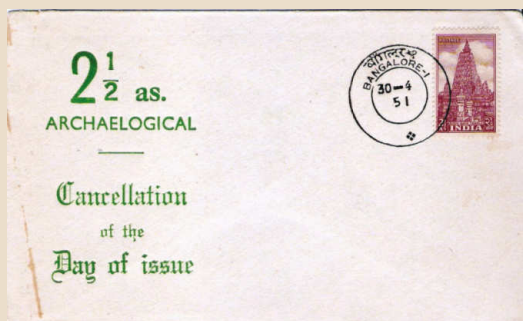
Date : 15/08/1949 **Denomination :** 3p, 6p, 9p, 1a & 2a (5 stamps) **Description :** Legend in Red ornamental square border/Free India's/First Definitive Set/A Series depicting scenes of Archeological and/Historical interest/First Day/of/Issue/15th Aug. 1949 **Colour :** Red & Green **Size :** 146x86 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Anand **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

**Archeological series (Definitive stamps) 949.1.8**

Date : 30/04/1951 **Denomination :** 4 Anna (Lake) & 4 Anna (Bright Blue) **Description :** Legend on top /First day/of Issue; Picture of two Swans in a circle. **Colour :** Coffee Brown **Size :** 155x128 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

949.1.9 Archeological series (Definitive stamps) _ Legend

Date : 30/04/1951 **Denomination :** 2 ½ Anna (Lake) **Description :** Legend 2 ½ as./Archeological; Cancellation/of the/Day of Issue **Colour :** Green **Size :** 158x97 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bangalore **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

**Official Cover _ 75th Anniversary of formation of Universal Postal Union 949.2.0**

Date : 10/10/1949 **Denomination :** 9p, 2a, 3 ½ a & 12a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Round circle (symbolizing Globe) with UPU written on its surface; ancient postal carrier Boat- 1874 on right and modern postal carrier Plane-1949 on left are shown circumventing Globe. **Colour :** Blue **Size :** 153x126 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** India Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Scarce

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949.2.1 UPU _ Pictures of Horse Chariot (1874) & Steamer & Airplane (1949)

Date : 10/10/1949 **Denomination :** 9p, 2a, 3 ½ a & 12a (4 stamps) **Description :** On left picture of Horse Chariot with 4 horses - 1874 and Steamer & Plane - 1949. In center legend Universal / Postal / Union **Colour :** Green & Black **Size :** 158x127 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare



UPU _ Pictures of various modes of transporting Posts 949.2.2

Date : 10/10/1949 **Denomination :** 9p **Description :** Picture of two Hemispheres with bugle, surrounded by various mode of transporting Posts viz. Postman, Horse Cart, Railways, Camel man, Motor, Plane, Bullock Cart & Boat. Legend on top 75th Anniversary / of the / Universal Postal Union. In center a picture of Postal cover; below that is written 1874-1949. At bottom Design & Published by S. S. Nathan c/o Lloyds Bank Ltd. Madras. **Colour :** Grey design in Yellowish background **Size :** 165x93 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Madras G. P. O. **Produced by :** S. S. Nathan, Bombay **Rarity :** Very Rare

949.2.3 UPU _ Only Legend

Date : 10/10/1949 **Denomination :** 9p **Description :** On top left legend First Day Cover / 1874 * UPU * 1949 / 75th Anniversary / of / Universal Postal Union / 10th Oct. 1949 **Colour :** Green **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce



UPU _ Globe with India's map & Ashoka Emblem _ Grey _ Big cover 949.2.4

Date : 10/10/1949 **Denomination :** 9p, 2a, 3 ½ a & 12a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Globe facing map of India and Ashokan Emblem on top; on left and right Postman and Plane are shown as modes of transporting posts with their respective period of 1874 & 1949. Legend on top of Ashoka Emblem INDIA & at bottom of Globe U. P. U./75th Anniversary / 10th October 1949 **Colour :** Grey & Orange **Size :** 158x127 mms (Big Cover) **Cancellation :** Official Registered cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

949.2.5 UPU _ Globe with India's map & Ashoka Emblem _ Grey _ Small cover

Date : 10/10/1949 **Denomination :** 3 ½ a **Description :** Picture of Globe facing map of India and Ashoka Emblem on top; on left and right Postman and Plane are shown as modes of transporting posts with their respective period of 1874 & 1949. Legend on top of Ashoka Emblem INDIA & at bottom of Globe U. P. U./75th Anniversary / 10th October 1949 **Colour :** Grey & Orange **Size :** 152x90 mms (small cover) **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare



UPU_ Globe with India's map & Ashoka Emblem _ Brown _ Big cover 949.2.6

Date : 10/10/1949 **Denomination :** 9p, 2a, 3 ½ a & 12a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Globe facing map of India and Ashokan Emblem on top; on left and right Postman and Plane are shown as modes of transporting posts with their respective period of 1874 & 1949. Legend on top of Ashoka Emblem INDIA & at bottom of Globe U. P. U./75th Anniversary / 10th October 1949 **Colour :** Brown & Orange **Size :** 158x127 mms _ Big Cover **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

949.2.7 UPU _ Two hemispheres with Postal carriers Plane, Railways & Boat

Date : 10/10/1949 **Denomination :** 12a **Description :** Picture of two Hemispheres with Postal carriers Plane, Railways & Boat. Legend on top U. P. U. with 75 in background. In center 1874 * 1949 and below that Issued by the Authority of / The / British Philatelic Association / and the / Philatelic Traders Society **Colour :** Light Coffee Brown & Orange **Size :** 165x108 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** British Philatelic Association & Philatelic Traders Society **Rarity :** Very Rare

**949.2.8 UPU _ Globe with a scroll below having legend Universal Postal Union****949.2.8**

Date : 10/10/1949 **Denomination :** 9p, 2a, 3 ½ a & 12a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Globe with a scroll below having legend Universal Postal Union. On top of Globe is written, First Day Cover. **Colour :** Light Vermilion & blue **Size :** 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official Registered cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

949.2.9 UPU_ Globe with legend

Date : 10/10/1949 **Denomination :** 9p, 2a, 3 ½ a & 12a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Globe with legend Commemorating /75th Anniversary/Universal Postal Union **Colour :** Bluish Grey **Size :** 152x89 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

**949.2.10 UPU_ Globe with Plane & Boat****949.2.10**

Date : 10/10/1949 **Denomination :** 9p, 2a, 3 ½ a & 12a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Globe, Plane and Boat with legend/1949 * UPU * 1874 / 75th/Anniversary/Postal Union/C.W.George **Colour :** Green & Red **Size :** 165x93 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

949.2.11 UPU_ Plain cover

Date : 10/10/1949 **Denomination :** 9p, 2a(2 stamps) & 3 ½ a (4 stamps) **Description :** Plain cover with name and address of N.L.Shenai, Bombay **Colour :** White **Size :** 150x106 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** N. L. Shenai, Bombay **Rarity :** Very Rare

**949.2.12 UPU_ Globe with Bugle****949.2.12**

Date : 10/10/1949 **Denomination :** 9p, 2a, 3 ½ a & 12a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Globe with Bugle & legend, Souvenir --1874-1949/75th Anniversary U. P. U. **Colour :** Blue **Size :** 151x89 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

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949.2.13 UPU_ Headquarters of UPU at Switzerland

Date : 10/10/1949 **Denomination :** 9p, 2a, 3 ½ a & 12a (4 stamps) **Description :** Photo with legend of Headquarters of Universal Postal Union at Berne, Switzerland; Legend on top First Day of Issue & at bottom 75th/ Anniversary/Universal Postal Union **Colour :** Greyish Black **Size :** 151x89 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Calcutta G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare



Official Cover _ Republic of India _ Long _ Type 1 950.1.0a

Date : 26/01/1950 **Denomination :** 2a, 3 ½ a, 4a & 12a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Two girls blowing Horn (Indian Musical Instrument); Legend on top left is First day cover/BHARAT (in Hindi)/Republic of India; Legend at bottom 26 * January . 1950 / Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Design in coffee Brown colour **Size :** 230x112 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Calcutta (Hindi) **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Rare

950.1.0b Official Cover _ Republic of India _ Small _ Type 2

Date : 26/01/1950 **Denomination :** 2a, 3 ½ a, 4a & 12a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Two girls blowing Horn (Indian Musical Instrument); Legend on top left is First day cover/BHARAT (in Hindi)/Republic of India; Legend at bottom 26 * January . 1950 / Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Design in Brown colour **Size :** 169x112 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Nayi Dilli (Hindi) **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Scarce



Official Cover _ Republic of India _ Medium _ Type 3 950.1.0c

Date : 26/01/1950 **Denomination :** 2a, 3 ½ a, 4a & 12a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Two girls blowing Horn (Indian Musical Instrument); Legend on top left is First day cover/BHARAT (in Hindi)/Republic of India; Legend at bottom 26 * January . 1950 / Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Design in coffee Brown colour **Size :** 158x127 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Madras (Hindi) **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Rare

950.1.1 Republic Of India_Constitution & Parliament House _ Brown

Date : 26/01/1950 **Denomination :** 2a, 3 ½ a, 4a & 12a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Indian Constitution & Indian Parliament; Legend on top BHARAT (Hindi) /(in a scroll) Republic of India and at bottom Inauguration of New Constitution / 26th January 1950 **Colour :** Red & Brown **Size :** 153x126 mms **Cancellation :** Official Registered cancellation of Bambai **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare (Used cover with 4 value stamps)



Republic Of India _ Constitution & Parliament House _ Green 950.1.2

Date : 26/01/1950 **Denomination :** 2a, 3 ½ a, 4a & 12a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Indian Constitution & Indian Parliament; Legend on top BHARAT (Hindi) /(in a scroll) Republic of India and at bottom Inauguration of New Constitution / 26th January 1950 **Colour :** Red & Green **Size :** 153x126 mms **Cancellation :** Official Registered cancellation of Bambai **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare (Used cover with 4 value stamps)

950.1.3 Republic Of India _ Lady blowing Horn on Globe depicting India _ Black

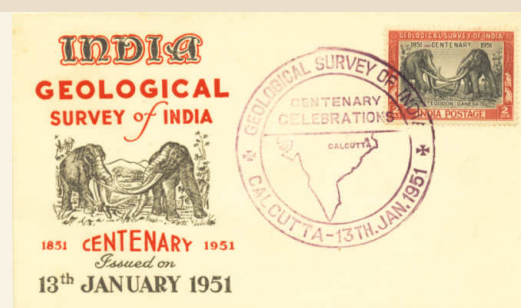
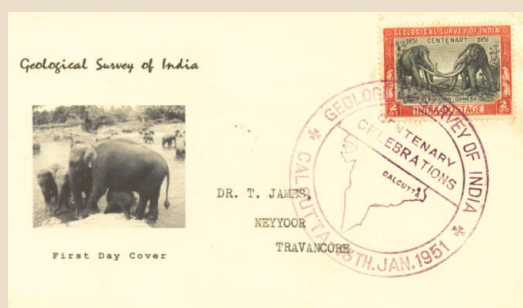
Date : 26/01/1950 **Denomination :** 2a **Description :** Lady blowing Horn (Indian Musical Instrument) on Globe depicting India with linings & rays in the background; Legend on top First Day Cover / Republic of India and at bottom on the Globe Inauguration / 26th Jan. 1950 **Colour :** Black **Size :** 155x93 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Nagpur **Produced by :** Not Known **Rarity :** Rare

**Republic Of India _ Lady blowing Horn on Globe depicting India _ Blue 950.1.4**

Date : 26/01/1950 **Denomination :** 2a **Description :** Lady blowing Horn (Indian Musical Instrument) on Globe depicting India with linings & rays in the background; Legend on top First Day Cover / Republic of India and at bottom on the Globe Inauguration / 26th Jan. 1950 **Colour :** Dark Blue **Size :** 149x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Nagpur **Produced by :** Not Known **Rarity :** Rare

951.1.1 Geological Survey of India _ Elephant photo on left with Big rubber Stamp Cancellation of Calcutta

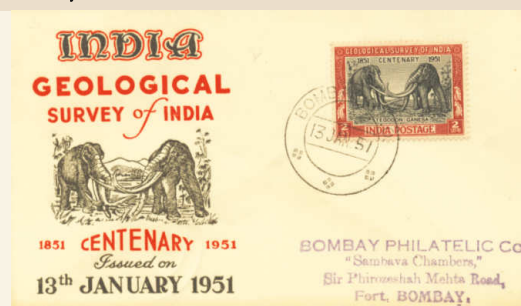
Date : 13/01/1951 **Denomination :** 2 As. **Description :** Photo of Elephants grazing in the forest with legend on top / Geological Survey of India / and at bottom / First Day Cover **Colour :** Dark Grey photo with legend in Black letters **Size :** 153x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of big rubber stamp from Calcutta **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

**Geological Survey of India _ Elephant (Stegodon Ganesa) Drawing on left with Big rubber Stamp Cancellation of Calcutta 951.1.2**

Date : 13/01/1951 **Denomination :** 2 As. **Description :** Picture in light Grey of two Elephants (Stegodon Ganesa) similar to that of shown in this relevant stamp; Legend on top is INDIA / Geological / Survey of India / and at bottom 1851 * Centenary * 1951 / Issued on / 13th January 1951 **Colour :** Light Grey and Orange **Size :** 153x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of big rubber stamp from Calcutta **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

951.1.3 Geological Survey of India Elephant (Stegodon Ganesa) picture of stamp in blue colour on left

Date : 13/01/1951 **Denomination :** 2 As. x 2 (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture in Blue of two Elephants (Stegodon Ganesa) similar to that of shown in this relevant stamp; Legend on top is INDIA / Geological / Survey of India / and at bottom 1851 * Centenary * 1951 / Issued on / 13th January 1951 **Colour :** Blue & Orange **Size :** 165x95 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Nagpur G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known (Probably by "Novelties") **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

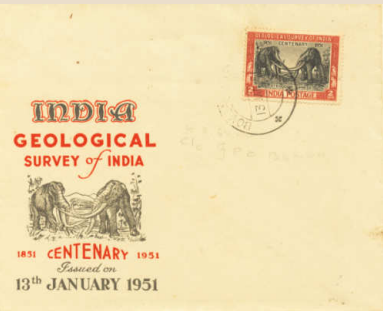
**Geological Survey of India _ Elephant (Stegodon Ganesa) drawing on left 951.1.4**

Date : 13/01/1951 **Denomination :** 2 As. **Description :** Picture in light Grey of two Elephants (Stegodon Ganesa) similar to that of shown in this relevant stamp; Legend on top is INDIA / Geological / Survey of India / and at bottom 1851 * Centenary * 1951 / Issued on / 13th January 1951 **Colour :** Light Grey & Orange **Size :** 153x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Bombay Philatelic Company, Bombay **Rarity :** Scarce

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951.1.5 Geological Survey of India _ Elephant (Stegodon Ganesa) drawing on left _ Big Cover

Date : 13/01/1951 **Denomination :** 2 As. **Description :** Picture in light Grey of two Elephants (Stegodon Ganesa) similar to that of shown in this relevant stamp; Legend on top is INDIA / Geological / Survey of India / and at bottom 1851 * Centenary * 1951 / Issued on / 13th January 1951 **Colour :** Light Grey & Orange **Size :** 155x125 mms _ Big cover
Cancellation : Date cancellation **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare



Geological Survey of India _ Big rubber stamp of Philatelic society of Ahmedabad 951.1.6

Date : 13/01/1951 **Denomination :** 2 As. **Description :** Legend on top left is First Day Cover and at bottom left is rubber stamp of The Philatelic Club of Ahmedabad in circular border; in center is (its address) 1619 Dhana Sutar's Pole, Ahmedabad India **Colour :** Plain white cover with Violet colour rubber stamp **Size :** 153x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** The Philatelic Club of Ahmedabad **Rarity :** Scarce

951.2.0 Official Cover _ Asian Olympic Games

Date : 4/03/1951 **Denomination :** 2 Anna & 12 Anna (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Athlete running towards right with Globe facing map of India on the left of Athlete. Legend on top left is First Day Cover / 1st / Asian / Games / 4th March / 1951. At bottom Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Orange Yellow & Blue **Size :** 153x90 mms
Cancellation : Official cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Scarce

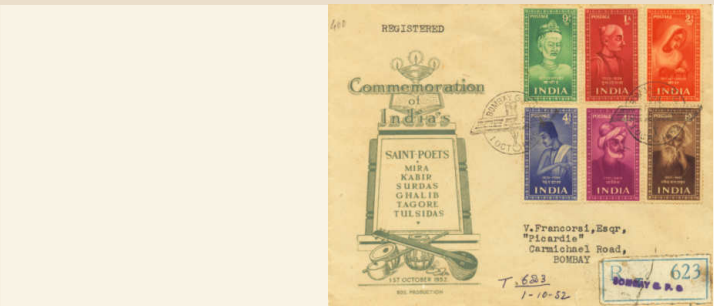


Asian Olympic Games _ Athlete running with Olympic Flame 951.2.1

Date : 4/03/1951 **Denomination :** 2 Anna & 12 Anna (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Athlete running with Olympic flame with Asia's map in background. Legend on top left INDIA / (below feet of Athlete) First / Asian Olympic / Games / Issued on / 4th March 1951 **Colour :** Brown & Green **Size :** 153x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi
Produced by : Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare (FDC with 2 value stamps)

952.1.0 Official Cover _ Saints & Poets

Date : 1/10/1952 **Denomination :** 9p, 1a, 2a, 4a, 4 1/2a & 12a (6 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Peacock with plumage, book and Veena with legend 1st October 1952 / Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Light Grey **Size :** 151x127 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Rare

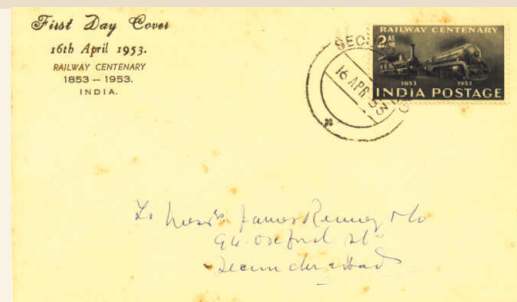


Saints & Poets _ Legend in Sage Green Colour 952.1.1

Date : 1/10/1952 **Denomination :** 9p, 1a, 2a, 4a, 4 1/2a & 12a (6 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Lamp, Book, Plaque and musical instruments like Sitar, Tambura and Tabla. Legend on top Commemoration / of / India's / (within plaque) Saint-Poets / Mira / Kabir / Surdas / Ghalib / Tagore / Tulsidas. At bottom 1st October 1952 / BDS Production **Colour :** Sage Green **Size :** 159x128 mms **Cancellation :** Official Registered cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

952.1.2 Saints & Poets _ Legend in Reddish colour

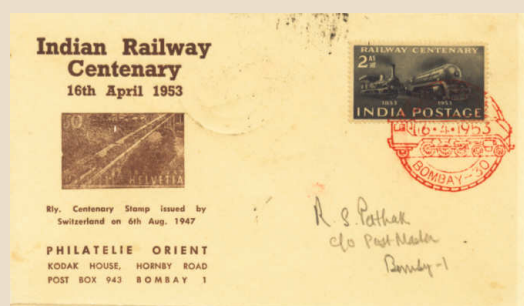
Date : 1/10/1952 **Denomination :** 9p, 1a, 2a, 4a, 4½a & 12a (6 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Lamp, Book, Plaque and musical instruments like Sitar, Tambura and Tabla. Legend on top Commemoration / of / India's / (within plaque) Saint-Poets / Mira / Kabir / Surdas / Ghalib / Tagore / Tulsidas. At bottom 1st October 1952 / BDS Production **Colour :** Reddish **Size :** 159x128 mms **Cancellation :** Official Registered cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Very Rare

**Railway Centenary _ Date Cancellation & Legend 953.1.1**

Date : 16/04/1953 **Denomination :** 2As **Description :** Legend on top left is First Day Cover/ 16th April 1953/Railway Centenary/1853---1953/India **Colour :** Legend printed in Black on plain white cover **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Secundrabad **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

953.1.2 Railway Centenary _ Photocopy of Stamp of Helvetia & Legend Red Cancellation

Date : 16/04/1953 **Denomination :** 2As **Description :** Photocopy of Helvetia stamp on left in center; legend on top left is Indian Railway/Centenary/16th April 1953; legend below stamp is Rly. Centenary stamp issued by/Switzerland on 6th Aug. 1947; legend at bottom is Philatelie Orient/Kodak House, Hornby Road/Post Box 943 Bombay 1. **Colour :** Light Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O.* Red cachet **Produced by :** Philatelie Orient, Bombay 1 **Rarity :** Rare

**Railway Centenary Old & New Railways with legend _ Centre shield Red _ Blue _ Big Cover 953.1.3**

Date : 16/04/1953 **Denomination :** 2As **Description :** Picture in blue of old (going right) and new (going left) Railways as carriers of Posts; a shield in Red in center with legend 16th April 1953 / Indian Railways / Centenary / 1853 --- 1953; legend on top left is First Day Cover and at bottom is Khanna Stamps Dealers / Opp. Scindia House, New Delhi **Colour :** Red & Blue **Size :** 185x135 mms _ Big cover **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi* Black cachet **Produced by :** Khanna Stamps Dealers, New Delhi **Rarity :** Very Rare

953.1.4 Railway Centenary _ Old & New Railways without legend _ Center shield Red _ Greyish Blue _ Big Cover

Date : 16/04/1953 **Denomination :** 2As x 4 (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture in Greyish blue of old (going right) and new (going left) Railways as carriers of Posts; a shield in Red in center with legend 16th April 1953 / Indian Railways / Centenary / 1853 --- 1953; **Colour :** Greyish Blue **Size :** 160x127 mms _ Big cover **Cancellation :** Official cancellation Bombay * Red cachet **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Very Rare

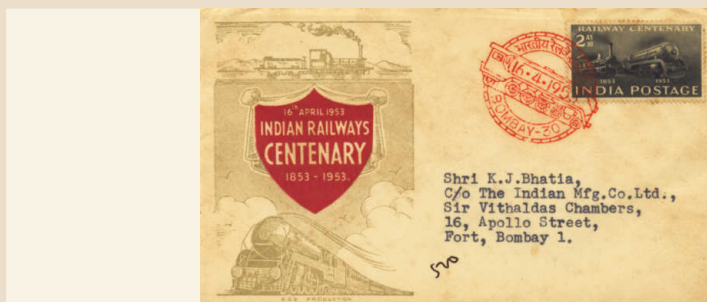
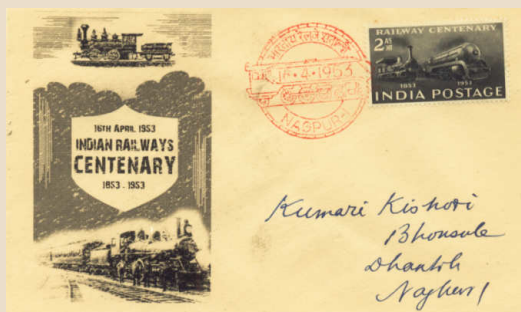
**Railway Centenary _ old & New Railways _ Center shield white _ Black 953.1.5**

Date : 16/04/1953 **Denomination :** 3p & 2As (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture in black of old (going left) and new (going right) Railways as carriers of Posts; a plain shield in white in center with legend 16th April 1953 / Indian Railways / Centenary / 1853-1953 **Colour :** Black **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Nagpur* Red cachet **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

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953.1.6 Railway Centenary _ old & new Railways _ Center shield white _ Light Grey

Date : 16/04/1953 **Denomination :** 2As **Description :** Picture in black of old (going left) and new (going right) Railways as carriers of Posts; a plain shield in white in center with legend 16th April 1953 / Indian Railways / Centenary / 1853-1953 **Colour :** Light Grey **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Nagpur* Red cachet **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce



Railway Centenary _ old & new Railways _ Center shield dark Red _ Lemon

953.1.7

Date : 16/04/1953 **Denomination :** 2As **Description :** Picture in light Lemon colour of old (going right) and new (going left) Railways as carriers of Posts; a shield in dark Red in center with legend 16th April 1953 / Indian Railways / Centenary / 1853-1953 **Colour :** Dark Red & Lemon **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay* Red cachet **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Rare

953.1.8 Railway Centenary _ old & new Railways Center shield light Red _ Pale Blue

Date : 16/04/1953 **Denomination :** 2As **Description :** Picture in Pale Blue colour of old (going right) and new (going left) Railways as carriers of Posts; a shield in bright Red in center with legend 16th April 1953 / Indian Railways / Centenary / 1853-1953 **Colour :** Pale Blue & Bright Red **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay * Red cachet **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Rare



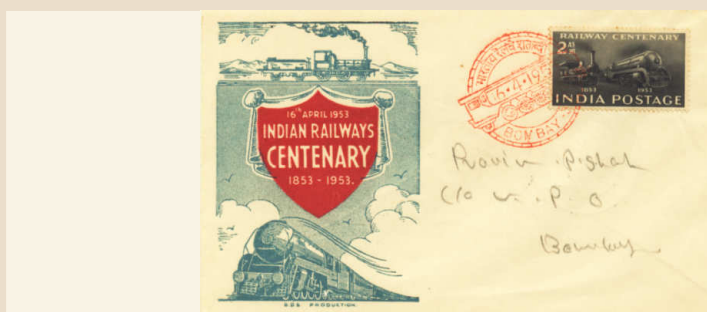
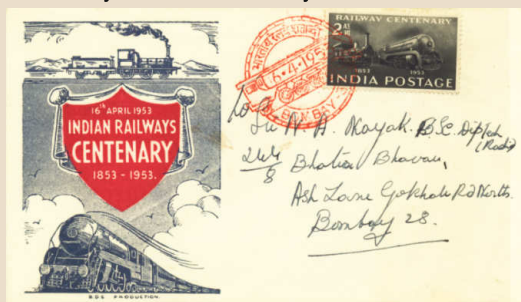
Railway Centenary _ old & new Railways Centre shield light Red _ Light Blue

953.1.9

Date : 16/04/1953 **Denomination :** 2As **Description :** Picture in light blue of old (going right) and new (going left) Railways as carriers of Posts; a shield in Red in center with legend 16th April 1953 / Indian Railways / Centenary / 1853-1953 **Colour :** Light Blue & Red **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay * Red cachet **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Rare

953.1.10 Railway Centenary _ old & new Railways _ Center shield Red _ Slate

Date : 16/04/1953 **Denomination :** 2As **Description :** Picture in Slate colour of old (going right) and new (going left) Railways as carriers of Posts; a shield in Red in center with legend 16th April 1953 / Indian Railways / Centenary / 1853-1953 **Colour :** Slate & Red **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay * Red cachet **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Rare



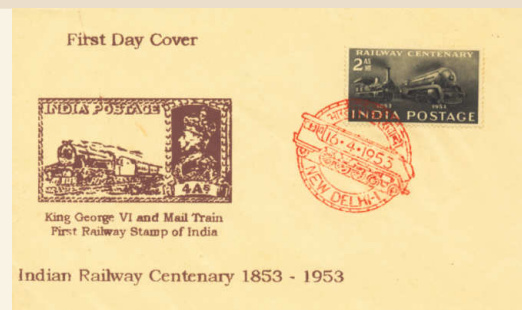
Railway Centenary _ old & new Railways _ Center shield Red _ Greenish Blue

953.1.11

Date : 16/04/1953 **Denomination :** 2As **Description :** Picture in Greenish Blue of old (going right) and new (going left) Railways as carriers of Posts; a shield in Red in center with legend 16th April 1953 / Indian Railways / Centenary / 1853-1953 **Colour :** Greenish Blue & Red **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay * Red cachet **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Rare

953.1.12 Railway Centenary _ Photocopy of First Railway Stamp depicting King George VI & Mail Train _ Cancellation Black

Date : 16/04/1953 **Denomination :** 2As **Description :** Photocopy of first Railway stamp of India of 4As. denomination depicting King George VI & Mail Train. Legend on top left is First Day Cover ; below photocopy of stamp is written King George VI and Mail Train/First Railway Stamp of India; at bottom is written Indian Railway Centenary 1853-1953
Colour : Light Brown **Size :** 152x88 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi * Black cachet **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

**Railway Centenary _ Photocopy of First Railway Stamp depicting King George VI & Mail Train _ Cancellation Red 953.1.13**

Date : 16/04/1953 **Denomination :** 2As **Description :** Photocopy of first Railway stamp of India of 4As. denomination depicting King George VI & Mail Train. Legend on top left is First Day Cover ; below photocopy of stamp is written King George VI and Mail Train/First Railway Stamp of India; at bottom is written Indian Railway Centenary 1853-1953
Colour : Light Brown **Size :** 152x92 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi * Red cachet **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

953.2.0 Official Cover _ Conquest of Mt Everest

Date : 2/10/1953 **Denomination :** 2As & 14As **Description :** Picture of Conquering Hero on Mount Everest; legend at top is 'Everest Vijay' (Hindi) / 29/5/53; and at bottom is First Day Cover / Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Bluish Grey **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Calcutta G. P. O. **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs
Rarity : Scarce (Cover with 2 value stamps)

**Conquest of Mt Everest _ Bordered Air Mail cover _ Blue 953.2.1**

Date : 2/10/1953 **Denomination :** 2As & 14As **Description :** Picture of Himalayan Mountain range including Mt. Everest with photos of conquering Heroes viz. Edmund Hillary on left and Tenzing Norgay on right in small circles. Legend on top left is First Day of Issue and at bottom INDIA / Conquest / of / Mount Everest / BDS Production **Colour :** Blue & Brown
Size : 165x95 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Very Rare (Cover with 2 value stamps)

953.2.2 Conquest of Mt Everest _ Bordered Airmail Cover _ Bluish Violet

Date : 2/10/1953 **Denomination :** 2As **Description :** Picture of Himalayan Mountain range including Mt. Everest with photos of conquering Heroes viz. Edmund Hillary on left and Tenzing Norgay on right in small circles. Names of Hillary and Tenzing are written below their photos along with 29/05/53 which is the date of conquering Mt. Everest. Legend on top left is First Day of Issue and at bottom INDIA / Conquest / of / Mount Everest / BDS Production **Colour :** Bluish Violet & Coffee brown **Size :** 165x95 mms
Cancellation : Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Very Rare (Cover with 2 value stamps)

**Conquest of Mt Everest _ Without Border _ Sky Blue 953.2.3**

Date : 2/10/1953 **Denomination :** 2As & 14As **Description :** Picture of Himalayan Mountain range including Mt. Everest with photos of conquering Heroes viz. Edmund Hillary on left and Tenzing Norgay on right in small circles. Legend on top left is First Day of Issue and at bottom INDIA / Conquest / of / Mount Everest / BDS Production **Colour :** Sky Blue & Brown
Size : 165x98 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Very Rare (Cover with 2 value stamps)

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953.2.4 Conquest of Mt. Everest _ Without Border _ Light Green

Date : 2/10/1953 **Denomination :** 2As & 14As **Description :** Picture of Himalayan Mountain range including Mt. Everest with photos of conquering Heroes viz. Edmund Hillary on left and Tenzing Norgay on right in small circles. Legend on top left is First Day of Issue and at bottom INDIA / Conquest / of / Mount Everest / BDS Production **Colour :** Light Green & Brown **Size :** 165x98 mms _ Plain cover without Red & Blue border **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Very Rare (Cover with 2 value stamps)

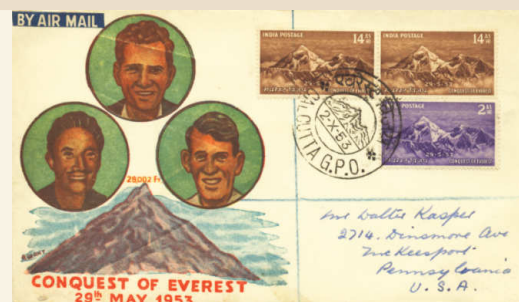


Conquest of Mt Everest _ Without Border _ Slate _ Small Cover 953.2.5

Date : 2/10/1953 **Denomination :** 2As & 14As **Description :** Picture of Himalayan Mountain range including Mt. Everest with photos of conquering Heroes viz. Edmund Hillary on left and Tenzing Norgay on right in small circles. Legend on top left is First Day of Issue and at bottom INDIA / Conquest / of / Mount Everest / BDS Production **Colour :** Slate & Brown **Size :** 165x96 mms _ Plain cover without Red & Blue border **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Rare (Cover with 2 value stamps)

953.2.6 Conquest of Mt Everest _ Without Border _ Slate _ Big Cover

Date : 2/10/1953 **Denomination :** 2As & 14As **Description :** Picture of Himalayan Mountain range including Mt. Everest with photos of conquering Heroes viz. Edmund Hillary on left and Tenzing Norgay on right in small circles. Legend on top left is First Day of Issue and at bottom INDIA / Conquest / of / Mount Everest / BDS Production **Colour :** Slate & Brown **Size :** 160x130 mms _ Big cover **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Very Rare (Cover with 2 value stamps)



Conquest of Mt Everest with Peak of Everest & Heroes _ Green 953.2.7

Date : 2/10/1953 **Denomination :** 2As & 14As x 2 (total 3 stamps) **Description :** Photos of Everest heroes viz. Edmund Hillary, Tenzing Norgay & Colonel Hunt (Leader of Expedition) in three green circles along with Peak of Mt. Everest 28002 Feet; Legend below Mt. Everest is Conquest of Everest / 29th May 1953 **Colour :** Green, Brown & Orange **Size :** 178x102 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Calcutta G.P.O. **Produced by :** Not known (Probably Mr. Grant whose name is written at the left bottom of the Mt. Everest) **Rarity :** Very Rare (Cover with 2 value stamps)

953.2.8 Conquest of Mt Everest with Peak of Everest & Heroes _ Orange

Date : 2/10/1953 **Denomination :** 2As & 14As **Description :** Photos of Everest heroes viz. Edmund Hillary, Tenzing Norgay & Colonel Hunt (Leader of Expedition) in three Yellow circles along with Peak of Mt. Everest 28002 Feet; Legend below Mt. Everest is Conquest of Everest / 29th May 1953 **Colour :** Orange, Yellow & Red **Size :** 178x102 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Calcutta G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known (Probably Mr. Grant whose name is written at the left bottom of the Mt. Everest) **Rarity :** Extremely Rare (Cover with 2 value stamps)



Official cover _ Telegraph Centenary 953.3.0

Date : 1/11/1953 **Denomination :** 2 As & 12 As **Description :** Picture of Lineman working on Telegraph Pole; Legend on top left Telegraph Shatabdi (Hindi) / 1/11/53 and at bottom First Day Cover/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Scarce (Cover with 2 value stamps)

953.3.1 Telegraph Centenary_Telegraph Poles with Telegram Instrument

Date : 1/11/1953 **Denomination :** 2 As & 12 As **Description :** Picture of two connected Telegraph Poles in agriculture land; in center is shown the instrument used for sending Telegrams; Legend on top left is First Day of Issue/ 1851 --- 1951; at bottom INDIA / Telegraph Centenary / B. D. S. Production **Colour :** Violet Blue & Brown **Size :** 167x97 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** B. D. S. Production **Rarity :** Very Rare (Cover with 2 value stamps)



953.3.2 Telegraph Centenary

Date : 1/11/1953 **Denomination :** 2 As & 12 As **Description :** Designed drawing of Bugle with legend 1st/ Day/ of Issue; on left design of flowers within squares and at bottom Elephants in jungle **Colour :** Green & Orange **Size :** 145x90 mms (This cover is of a general type not particularly meant for this issue) **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Calcutta **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare (Cover with 2 value stamps)

954.1.0 Official Cover_ India Postage Stamp Centenary _ English cancellation

Date : 1/10/1954 **Denomination :** 1a, 2a, 4a & 14a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Stamp Centenary Hall with Indian National Flag in a circle ; On top of it legend First Day Cover in "8" shape design; on its left Logo of India Posts with legend 'Service before Self' in semi-circle and Indian Posts and Telegraphs written in a scroll; on right below in a circle Bharat Daak Ticket Shatabdi (Hindi) 1854-1954 is written around an ancient instrument of Time; legend at bottom is INDIA / Postage Stamp Centenary / 1854 * 1st October * 1954 **Colour :** Blue, Green & Red **Size :** 159x109 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation (English) of New Delhi **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Scarce (Cover with 4 value stamps)

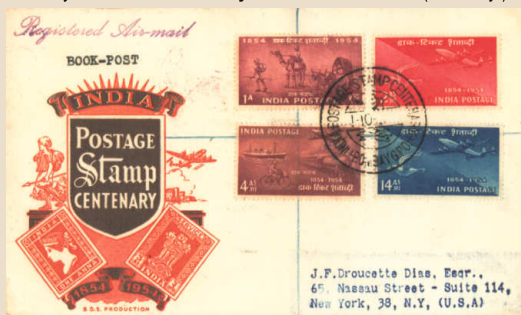


954.1.1 India Postage Stamp Centenary 1854 & 1954 Stamps in Orange _ Hindi Cancellation

Date : 1/10/1954 **Denomination :** 1a, 2a, 4a & 14a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of plaque with legend Postage / Stamp / Centenary; above it in a scroll is written INDIA with radiating rays; Pictures of Postal carriers Postman and Plane are shown on two sides of plaque; below the plaque on left and right are shown two stamps of 1854 & 1954 respectively; below that in a scroll is written 1854 - 1954; legend at bottom is B. D. S. Production **Colour :** Orange & Coffee Brown **Size :** 160x100 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation (Hindi) of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** B. D. S. Production (Bombay) **Rarity :** Very Rare (Cover with 4 value stamps)

954.1.2 India Postage Stamp Centenary 1854 & 1954 Stamps in Orange _English Cancellation

Date : 1/10/1954 **Denomination :** 1a, 2a, 4a & 14a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of plaque with legend Postage / Stamp / Centenary; above it in a scroll is written INDIA with radiating rays; Pictures of Postal carriers Postman and Plane are shown on two sides of plaque; below the plaque on left and right are shown two stamps of 1854 & 1954 respectively; below that in a scroll is written 1854 - 1954; legend at bottom is B. D. S. Production **Colour :** Orange & dark brown **Size :** 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation (English) of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** B. D. S. Production (Bombay) **Rarity :** Very Rare (Cover with 4 value stamps)



954.1.3 India Postage Stamp Centenary 1854 & 1954 Stamps in Red _English Cancellation

Date : 1/10/1954 **Denomination :** 1a, 2a, 4a & 14a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of plaque with legend Postage / Stamp / Centenary; above it in a scroll is written INDIA with radiating rays; Pictures of Postal carriers Postman and Plane are shown on two sides of plaque; below the plaque on left and right are shown two stamps of 1854 & 1954 respectively; below that in a scroll is written 1854-1954; legend at bottom is B. D. S. Production **Colour :** Red & dark brown **Size :** 165x100 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation (English) of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** B. D. S. Production (Bombay) **Rarity :** Very Rare (Cover with 4 value stamps)

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954.1.4 India Postage Stamp Centenary 1854 Stamp within 1954 Stamp in Blue _ INDIPEX Cancellation

Date : 1/10/1954 **Denomination :** 1a, 2a, 4a & 14a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of blue embossed Two Anna stamp used on postal cover of 1954 and within white Ashoka Emblem shown Half Anna stamp of Queen Victoria used in 1854; Legend on top left is India Postage Stamp Centenary / 1854 - 1954 and at bottom First Day of Issue **Colour :** Royal blue **Size :** 165x95 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of INDIPEX (English) New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare (Cover with 4 value stamps)



India Postage Stamp Centenary Stamps in background _ Yellowish Shade _ Hindi Cancellation 954.1.5

Date : 1/10/1954 **Denomination :** 1a, 2a, 4a & 14a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of mixed stamps from 1854 to 1954 is shown in Right Angle on left; Overprinted legend on it is First Day Cover / India / Postage Stamp / Centenary; legend at bottom is 1854 - 1954 / 1st October 1954 **Colour :** Blue, Black & Yellowish shade **Size :** 155x105 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation (Hindi) of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare (Cover with 4 value stamps)

954.1.6 India Postage Stamp Centenary Stamps in background _ Greenish Shade _ Hindi & English Cancellations

Date : 1/10/1954 **Denomination :** 1a, 2a & 4a (3 stamps) **Description :** Picture of mixed stamps from 1854 to 1954 is shown in Right Angle on left; Overprinted legend on it is First Day Cover / India / Postage Stamp / Centenary; legend at bottom is 1854 - 1954 / 1st October 1954 **Colour :** Greenish shade **Size :** 155x105 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellations (Hindi & English) of Bombay G.P.O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare



India Postage Stamp Centenary Stamps in background _ Light Purple _ English Cancellation 954.1.7

Date : 1/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of mixed stamps from 1854 to 1954 is shown in Right Angle on left; Overprinted legend on it is First Day Cover / India / Postage Stamp / Centenary; legend at bottom is 1854 - 1954 / 1st October 1954 **Colour :** Light Purple **Size :** 155x105 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation (English) of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

954.1.8 India Postage Stamp Centenary Stamps in background _ Dusty Blue Shade _ Hindi Cancellation

Date : 1/10/1954 **Denomination :** 1a, 2a, 4a & 14a (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of mixed stamps from 1854 to 1954 is shown in Right Angle on left; Overprinted legend on it is First Day Cover / India / Postage Stamp / Centenary; legend at bottom is 1854 - 1954 / 1st October 1954 **Colour :** Dusty Blue Shade **Size :** 155x103 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation (Hindi) of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare (Cover with 4 value stamps)



India Postage Stamp Centenary _ Hindi Cancellation 954.1.9

Date : 1/10/1954 **Denomination :** 4a & 14a (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of carriage Van of olden days; on left top a small strip showing elephants and legend below that is Indian Postal / Centenary; at bottom strip with flower design and above it is written First Day Cover. **Colour :** Green & Orange **Size :** 159x96 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation (Hindi) of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

954.2.1 United Nations Day _ UN Logo, Building & Lotus Flower in Violet Blue background

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of UN Logo, Building & Lotus Flower in a square with violet bluish background; Legend on top left is 24th Oct '54; at left side is The U. N. Day and at bottom 1st Day cover. **Colour :** Violet Blue and Red **Size :** 150x88 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

**United Nations Day UN Logo, Building & Lotus Flower in Light Blue background 954.2.2**

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of UN Logo, Building & Lotus Flower in a square with light blue background; Legend on top left is 24th Oct '54; at left side is The U. N. Day and at bottom 1st Day cover. **Colour :** Light Blue & Red **Size :** 150x88 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

954.2.3 United Nations Day UN Logo, Building & Lotus Flower in Green background

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of UN Logo, Building & Lotus Flower in a square with Greenish background; Legend on top left is 24th Oct '54; at left side is The U. N. Day and at bottom 1st Day cover. **Colour :** Green & Red **Size :** 150x88 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

**United Nations Day UN Logo, Building & Lotus Flower in Pink background 954.2.4**

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of UN Logo, Building & Lotus Flower in a square with Pinkish background; Legend on top left is 24th Oct '54; at left side is The U. N. Day and at bottom 1st Day cover. **Colour :** Pink, Red & Brown **Size :** 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

954.2.5 United Nations Day _Photo of Lotus Flower _ IndipeX Cancellation

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of Lotus flower on left in Greyish background with legend on top - United Nations Day / 24 - 10 - 54 **Colour :** Grey & White **Size :** 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of INDIPEX (Hindi) New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

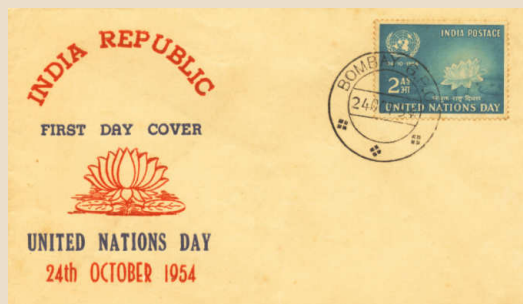
**United Nations Day _Photo of Lotus Flower _ Date Cancellation 954.2.6**

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of Lotus flower on left in Brownish background with legend on top - United Nations Day / 24 - 10 - 54 **Colour :** Brownish & White **Size :** 153x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

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954.2.7 United Nations Day _ Lotus Flower in Red with legend

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of Lotus flower with legend on top left in semi-circle - India Republic / First Day Cover / and at bottom United Nations Day / 24th October 1954 **Colour :** Red & Blue **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

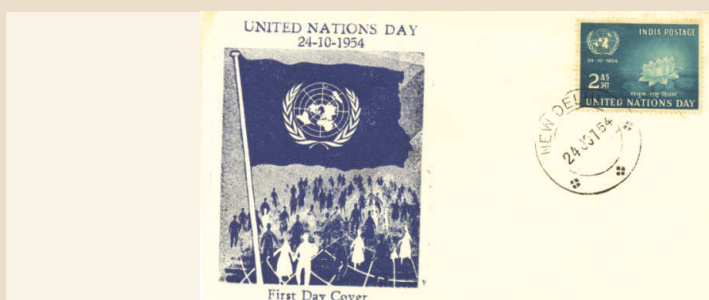


United Nations Day _ Photocopy of Stamp 954.2.8

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Photocopy of UN Day stamp of 2 As in dark blue colour; Legend on top left is United Nations Day and at bottom is First Day Cover **Colour :** Dark Blue **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Calcutta G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

954.2.9 United Nations Day _ Legend on Left

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Legend on top left is The Philatelic Club of Ahmedabad / (International Exchange & Correspondence Club) / 1619, Dhana Suthar's Pole, / Ahmedabad - 1 / (India) **Colour :** Legend in Black **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** The Philatelic Club of Ahmedabad, Ahmedabad 1 **Rarity :** Scarce



United Nations Day _ UN Logo in Flag_ Dark Blue _ Date Cancellation 954.2.10

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of UN Flag with Logo with people below on Globe: Legend on top left is United Nations Day / 24-10-1954 / and at bottom First Day Cover **Colour :** Dark Blue **Size :** 158x96 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

954.2.11 United Nations Day _ UN Logo in Flag_ Dark Blue _ Indipex Hindi Cancellation

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of UN Flag with Logo with people below on Globe: Legend on top left is United Nations Day / 24-10-1954 / and at bottom First Day Cover **Colour :** Dark Blue **Size :** 158x96 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of INDIPEX (Hindi) New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare



United Nations Day UN Logo in Flag _ Dark Blue _ Big Cover _ F. P. O. Cancellation 954.2.12

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As x 4 (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of UN Flag with Logo with people below on Globe: Legend on top left is United Nations Day / 24-10-1954 / and at bottom First Day Cover **Colour :** Dark Blue **Size :** 158x120 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of F. P. O. No. 739 **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

954.2.13 United Nations Day _UN Logo

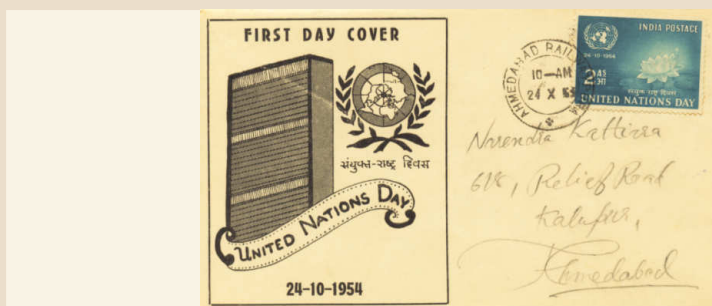
Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of UN Logo & Lotus flower with legend on top left - INDIA / below the Logo United Nations / Day / 24th October 1954 and at bottom BDS Production **Colour :** Greenish Blue **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** BDS Production (Bombay) **Rarity :**

**United Nations Day _UN Bldg. & UN Logo _Green 954.2.14**

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of UN Building & Logo in a square with legend First Day Cover above UN Bldg. and Sanyukta Rashtra Divas (Hindi) below the UN Logo; below UN Bldg. in a scroll United Nations Day and at bottom 24-10-1954 **Colour :** Green **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

954.2.15 United Nations Day _UN Bldg. & UN Logo _Coffee Brown

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of UN Building & Logo in a square with legend First Day Cover above UN Bldg. and Sanyukta Rashtra Divas (Hindi) below the UN Logo; below UN Bldg. in a scroll United Nations Day and at bottom 24-10-1954 **Colour :** Coffee Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

**United Nations Day _UN Bldg. & UN Logo _Black 954.2.16**

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of UN Building & Logo in a square with legend First Day Cover above UN Bldg. and Sanyukta Rashtra Divas (Hindi) below the UN Logo; below UN Bldg. in a scroll United Nations Day and at bottom 24-10-1954 **Colour :** Black **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

954.2.17 United Nations Day _UN Bldg. & UN Logo _Reddish Orange

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of UN Building & Logo in a square with legend First Day Cover above UN Bldg. and Sanyukta Rashtra Divas (Hindi) below the UN Logo; below UN Bldg. in a scroll United Nations Day and at bottom 24-10-1954 **Colour :** Reddish Orange **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

**United Nations Day _UN Bldg. & UN Logo _Violet Blue 954.2.18**

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of UN Building & Logo in a square with legend First Day Cover above UN Bldg. and Sanyukta Rashtra Divas (Hindi) below the UN Logo; below UN Bldg. in a scroll United Nations Day and at bottom 24-10-1954 **Colour :** Violet Blue **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

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954.2.19 United Nations Day _UN Logo & Lotus Flower_Air Mail Cover_Orange

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of UN Logo within wreath with Palm trees and mountains; below that in square is Lotus flower; Legend on top left is First Day Cover / INDIA / and below square in a scroll United Nations Day / 24th October 1954 **Colour :** Blue & Orange **Size :** 165x92 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

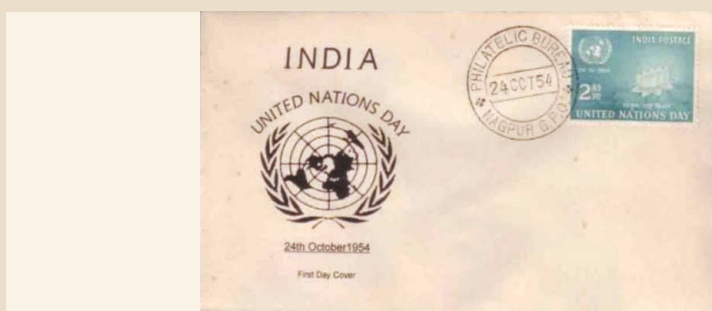


United Nations Day _UN Logo & Lotus Flower_Air Mail Cover 954.2.20

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of UN Logo within wreath with Palm trees and mountains; below in square is Lotus flower; Legend on top left is First Day Cover / INDIA / and below square in a scroll United Nations Day / 24th October 1954 **Colour :** Blue & Reddish Violet **Size :** 165x92 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

954.2.21 United Nations Day _UN Logo & Lotus Flower_Green

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of UN Logo within wreath with Palm trees and mountains; below in square is Lotus flower; Legend on top left is First Day Cover / INDIA / and below square in a scroll United Nations Day / 24th October 1954 **Colour :** Green & Pink **Size :** 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

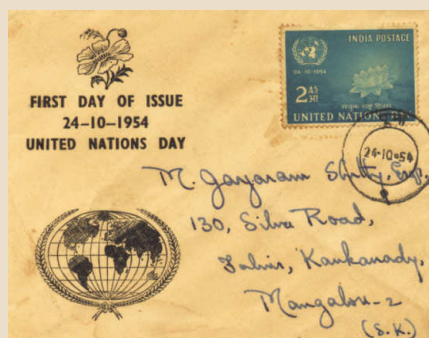


United Nations Day _Globe within the wreath 954.2.22

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of Globe within the wreath; Legend on top left is INDIA / United Nations Day in semi-circle above the Globe; at bottom is 24th October 1954 / First Day Cover **Colour :** Violet **Size :** 165x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Nagpur G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

954.2.23 United Nations Day _ Flower & Globe with legend

Date : 24/10/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of flower & Globe with legend First Day of Issue / 24-10-1954 / United Nations Day **Colour :** Black **Size :** 120x95 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare



Fourth World Forestry Congress _ Official Place cancellation No.1 954.3.0a

Date : 11/12/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Plain cover **Colour :** White **Size :** 152x92 mms **Cancellation :** Official Venue Place (Dehradun) cancellation No.1 **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

954.3.0b Fourth World Forestry Congress _ Official Place cancellation No.II

Date : 11/12/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Plain cover **Colour :** Greenish **Size :** 122x95 mms **Cancellation :** Official Venue Place cancellation No. II and special Cachet IV World Forestry Congress, Dehradun 1954 No. II **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

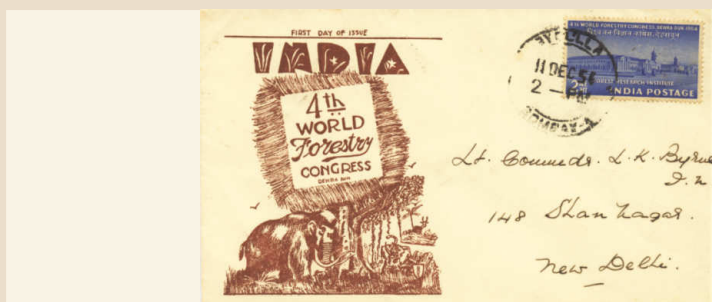
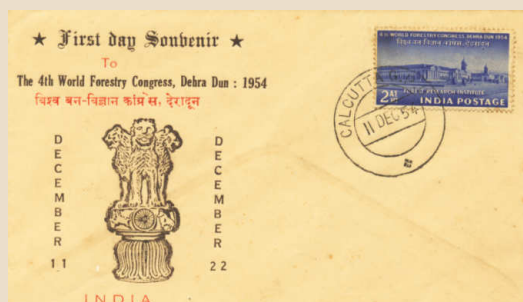


Fourth World Forestry Congress _ Official Place cancellation No. III 954.3.0c

Date : 11/12/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Plain cover **Colour :** White **Size :** 152x92 mms **Cancellation :** Official Venue Place cancellation No. III (Hindi) **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

954.3.1 Fourth World Forestry Congress _ with Ashoka Emblem

Date : 11/12/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of Ashoka Emblem on pedestal with legend on top left * First Day Souvenir * / To / The 4th World Forestry Congress, Dehra Dun: 1954 / Vishwa Van-Vigyan Congress, Dehradun (Hindi) / On left of Emblem in vertical line December 11 and on right of Emblem December 22 / at bottom INDIA **Colour :** Black & Red **Size :** 150x97 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Calcutta G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare



Fourth World Forestry Congress Picture of Forest with Elephant _ Coffee Brown 954.3.2

Date : 11/12/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of Forest with Elephant with legend on top left - First Day of Issue / INDIA / 4th / World /Forestry / Congress **Colour :** Coffee Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Rare

954.3.3 Fourth World Forestry Congress Picture of Forest with Elephant _ Light Brown

Date : 11/12/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Picture of Forest with Elephant with legend on top left - First Day of Issue / INDIA / 4th / World /Forestry / Congress **Colour :** Light Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Rare



Fourth World Forestry Congress Photo of Forest Research Institute _ Blue 954.3.4

Date : 11/12/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Photo of Forest Research Institute with legend on top India / First Day Cover / The 4th World Forestry Congress / Dehradun and at bottom 11th December 1954 **Colour :** Blue **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

954.3.5 Fourth World Forestry Congress Photo of Forest Research Institute _ Brown

Date : 11/12/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Photo of Forest Research Institute with legend on top India / First Day Cover / The 4th World Forestry Congress / Dehradun and at bottom 11th December 1954 **Colour :** Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare



Fourth World Forestry Congress Photo of Forest Research Institute _ Grey **954.3.6**

Date : 11/12/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Photo of Forest Research Institute with legend on top India / First Day Cover / The 4th World Forestry Congress / Dehradun and at bottom 11th December 1954 **Colour :** Grey **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

954.3.7 Fourth World Forestry Congress Photo of Forest Research Institute _ Bright Blue

Date : 11/12/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Photo of Forest Research Institute with legend on top India / First Day Cover / The 4th World Forestry Congress / Dehradun and at bottom 11th December 1954 **Colour :** Bright Blue **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare



Fourth World Forestry Congress _ Simple Legend **954.3.8**

Date : 11/12/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Legend on left is First Day Cover / 11-12-1954 / 4th / World / Forestry / Congress /in India **Colour :** Legend in Black letters **Size :** 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

954.3.9 Fourth World Forestry Congress _ Legend

Date : 11/12/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Legend on top left is First Day Cover / To Commemorate / The 4th World Forestry Congress / 11th December 1954 **Colour :** Legend in dark Blue **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Calcutta G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce



Fourth World Forestry Congress _ Legend in decorative square **954.3.10**

Date : 11/12/1954 **Denomination :** 2 As **Description :** Symbol depicting leaves in small square; legend in decorative square on left is First Day Cover / The / 4th / World / Forestry / Congress / Forest Research Institute / Dehradun / December, 1954 / **Colour :** Blue & Brown **Size :** 152x91 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

955.1.0 Official Cover_Five Year Plan Series (Definitive stamps)

Date : 26/01/1955 **Denomination :** 3p to 10 Rs. (18 stamps) **Description :** Figure of '5' presenting various developmental Projects within its body; legend on top Five Year Plan in Hindi & English and at bottom First day Cover/26th January 1955/(Republic day)/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Dark Blue & Red **Size :** 230x 116 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Calcutta **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Extremely Rare



Five Year Plan Series (Definitive stamps)_A Collector's delight cover 955.1.1

Date : 26/01/1955 **Denomination :** 3p to 6as (8 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Globe engulfed with postal covers and legend on top /First day Cover/and at bottom for Collector's delight. **Colour :** Creamish and dark Coffee Brown **Size :** 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

955.1.2 Five Year Plan Series (Definitive stamps) _ Flag & Multipurpose Projects _ Big cover

Date : 26/01/1955 **Denomination :** 3p, 6p, 9p, 1a (2 stamps) & 2as (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of a farmer with plough, flag and multiple development Projects; legend on top First day Cover/INDIA; legend within flag Five/Year/Plan and below flag 26th January 1955. **Colour :** Red & Green **Size :** 190x130 mms _ Big Cover **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Nadiad **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare



Five Year Plan Series (Definitive stamps) _Flag & Multipurpose Projects - 1 955.1.3

Date : 26/01/1955 **Denomination :** 3ps, 6ps, 9ps, 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 8a, 12a, 1 Rs., 2 Rs. & 5 Rs. (12 stamps) **Description :** Picture of a farmer with plough, flag and multiple development Projects; legend on top First day Cover/INDIA; legend within flag Five/Year/Plan and below flag 26th January 1955. **Colour :** Orange & Green **Size :** 160x95 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Not Known **Rarity :** Excessively Rare

955.1.4 Five Year Plan Series (Definitive stamps) _Flag & Multipurpose Projects - 2

Date : 26/01/1955 **Denomination :** 6a, 10a, 14a, 1Rs.2a, 1 Rs.8a & 10 Rs. (6 stamps) **Description :** Picture of a farmer with plough, flag and multiple development Projects; legend on top First day Cover/INDIA; legend within flag Five/Year/Plan and below flag 26th January 1955. **Colour :** Orange & Green **Size :** 160x95 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Not Known **Rarity :** Excessively Rare



Official Cover_ Buddha Jayanti 956.1.0

Date : 24/05/1956 **Denomination :** 2as & 14as (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of leaf in green; legend on top, 2500 Bi Buddha Jayanti (Hindi); at bottom, 24-5-56/First Day Cover/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Green & Brown **Size :** 153x88 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation New Delhi G. P. O. **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Scarce

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956.1.1 Buddha Jayanti_Buddh with Gyan Mudra in Meditation_Type 1

Date : 24/05/1956 **Denomination :** 2as & 14as (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Buddha sitting in meditation with Gyan Mudra having Sanchi Stup in background; legend at bottom, 2500 Buddha Jayanti **Colour :** Brown **Size :** 165x93 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Calcutta G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare



Buddha Jayanti_Buddh with Gyan Mudra in Meditation_Type 2 956.1.2

Date : 24/05/1956 **Denomination :** 2as & 14as (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Buddha sitting on lotus flower in meditation with Gyan Mudra; legend on top, 2500 Bi Buddha Jayanti (Hindi)/2500th Buddha Jayanti; at bottom, May 24, 1956/a First Day Remembrance. **Colour :** Brown & Green **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Calcutta G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

956.1.3 Buddha Jayanti_Buddh with Gyan Mudra in Meditation_Type 3

Date : 24/05/1956 **Denomination :** 2as & 14as (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of bust of Buddha with Gyan Mudra & circle of Aura behind his head; legend on top, First Day of Issue/INDIA; at bottom, 2500th/Anniversary/of the/Lord Buddha's Mahanirvan **Colour :** Silver grey & Orange **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

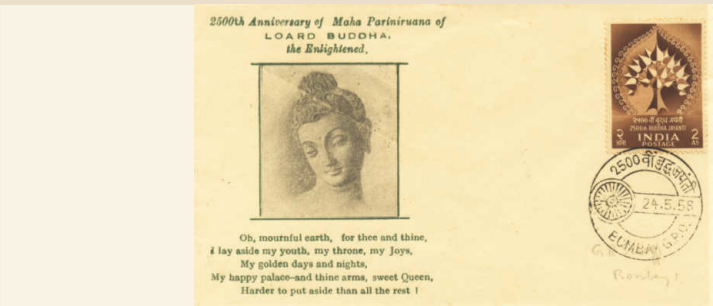


Buddha Jayanti _ Buddh with Gyan Mudra in Meditation _Type 3_ Error of Shifting colour 956.1.4

Date : 24/05/1956 **Denomination :** 2as & 14as (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of bust of Buddha with Gyan Mudra & circle of Aura behind his head; legend on top, First Day of Issue/INDIA; at bottom, 2500th/Anniversary/of the/Lord Buddha's Mahanirvan **Colour :** Silver grey & Orange **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

956.1.5 Buddha Jayanti _ Buddha head with border and legend_Orange

Date : 24/05/1956 **Denomination :** 2as **Description :** Picture of Buddha head in square with border; legend on top, 2500th Anniversary of Maha Parinirvan/Loard Buddha/The Enlightened and at bottom, Oh, mournful earth, for thee and thine/I lay aside my youth, my throne, my joys/My golden days and nights/My happy palace-and thine arms, sweet Queen,/Harder to put aside than all the rest! **Colour :** Orange **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very



Buddha jayanti_Buddha head with border and legend_Green 956.1.6

Date : 24/05/1956 **Denomination :** 2as **Description :** Picture of Buddha head in square with border; legend on top, 2500th Anniversary of Maha Parinirvan/Loard Buddha/The Enlightened and at bottom, Oh, mournful earth, for thee and thine/I lay aside my youth, my throne, my joys/My golden days and nights/My happy palace-and thine arms, sweet Queen,/Harder to put aside than all the rest! **Colour :** Green **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

956.1.7 Buddha Jayanti_Buddha head with border and legend_Violet

Date : 24/05/1956 **Denomination :** 14as x 2 (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Buddha head in square with border; legend on top, 2500th Anniversary of Maha Parinirvan/Loard Buddha/The Enlightened and at bottom, Oh, mournful earth, for thee and thine/I lay aside my youth, my throne, my joys/My golden days and nights/My happy palace-and thine arms, sweet Queen,/Harder to put aside than all the rest! **Colour :** Violet **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

**Buddha jayanti_Buddha head with border _Orange 956.1.8**

Date : 24/05/1956 **Denomination :** 2as & 14as (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Buddha head in square with border; legend on top, First Day Cover/INDIA and at bottom, 2500th Anniversary/of the/Lord Buddha's. **Colour :** Orange **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

956.1.9 Buddha jayanti_Buddha head with border _Violet

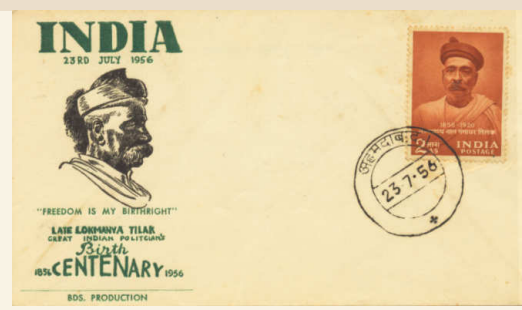
Date : 24/05/1956 **Denomination :** 2as & 14as (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Buddha head in square with border; legend on top, First Day Cover/INDIA and at bottom, 2500th Anniversary/of the/Lord Buddha's. **Colour :** Violet **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

**Buddha jayanti_Buddha head in square without border _Brown 956.1.10**

Date : 24/05/1956 **Denomination :** 14as **Description :** Picture of Buddha head in square without border; legend on top, First Day Cover/INDIA and at bottom, 2500th Anniversary/of the/Lord Buddha's. **Colour :** Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

956.2.0 Official Cover_Lokmanya Tilak

Date : 23/07/1956 **Denomination :** 2as **Description :** Outlined photo of Tilak in oblong circle; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom Tilak Janma Shatabdi (Hindi) /23 - 7 - 1956/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Grey **Size :** 151x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ratnagiri (Birth place of Tilak) **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

**Tilak Head facing right_ Date Cancellation _ Green 956.2.1**

Date : 23/07/1956 **Denomination :** 2as **Description :** Picture of Tilak head facing right; legend on top INDIA/23rd July 1956; legend at bottom "Freedom is my Birth Right" / Late Lokmanya Tilak/Great Indian Politician's/Birth/Centenary/1856 - 1956/BDS Production **Colour :** Green & Black **Size :** 151x89 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Rare

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956.2.2 Tilak Head facing right_ Official Cancellation _ Green

Date : 23/07/1956 **Denomination :** 2as **Description :** Picture of Tilak head facing right; legend on top INDIA/23rd July 1956; legend at bottom "Freedom is my Birth Right" / Late Lokmanya Tilak/Great Indian Politician's/Birth/Centenary/1856 - 1956/BDS Production **Colour :** Green & Black **Size :** 151x89 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Rare



Tilak Head facing right_ Orange _Date Cancellation _ Orange 956.2.3

Date : 23/07/1956 **Denomination :** 2as **Description :** Picture of Tilak head facing right; legend on top INDIA/23rd July 1956; legend at bottom "Freedom is my Birth Right" / Late Lokmanya Tilak/Great Indian Politician's/Birth/Centenary/1856-1956/BDS Production **Colour :** Orange & Brown **Size :** 151x89 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Rare

956.2.4 Tilak Standing _ Father of Indian Unrest _ Green letters

Date : 23/07/1956 **Denomination :** 2as **Description :** Picture of Tilak standing; legend on top Tilak Birth Centenary/First Day Cover; at bottom Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak; on left, "Swaraj is my Birth Right"; on right "Father of Indian Unrest". **Colour :** Brown & Green **Size :** 152x86 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare



Tilak Standing _ Philosopher - Patriot _ Pink letters 956.2.5

Date : 23/07/1956 **Denomination :** 2as **Description :** Picture of Tilak standing; legend on top Tilak Birth Centenary/First Day Cover; at bottom "Freedom is my Birth Right" / Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak /Philosopher - Patriot / Born:23rd July, 1856 / Died: 1st August, 1920. **Colour :** Grey & Pink **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ratnagiri (Birth place of Tilak) **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

956.2.6 Tilak Standing _ Philosopher - Patriot _ Black letters

Date : 23/07/1956 **Denomination :** 2as **Description :** Picture of Tilak standing; legend on top Tilak Birth Centenary/First Day Cover; at bottom "Freedom is my Birth Right" / Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak /Philosopher - Patriot / Born:23rd July, 1856 / Died: 1st August, 1920. **Colour :** Brown & Black **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ratnagiri (Birth place of Tilak) **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare



Tilak Bust _ Black & Green 956.2.7

Date : 23/07/1956 **Denomination :** 2as **Description :** Picture of bust of Tilak with Green lines in the base; legend on top, Tilak Centenary; at bottom Swaraj is my Birth Right/Born 23-7-1856/Died 1-8-1920. **Colour :** Black & Green **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

956.2.8 Tilak Bust _ Black & Orange

Date : 23/07/1956 **Denomination :** 2as **Description :** Picture of bust of Tilak with Orange lines in the base; legend on top, Tilak Centenary; at bottom Swaraj is my Birth Right/Born 23-7-1856/Died 1-8-1920. **Colour :** Black & Orange **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

**Tilak Photo in Circle_ Black & Red _Date Cancellation 956.2.9**

Date : 23/07/1956 **Denomination :** 2as **Description :** Photo of Tilak in a circle; legend at top, Tilak Birth Centenary/First Day Cover; at bottom, "Swaraj is my Birth Right"/Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak/Philosopher - Patriot/Born: 23rd July, 1856/Died: 1st August, 1920 **Colour :** Black & Red **Size :** 152x85 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

956.2.10 Tilak Photo in frame with border of Coffee Brown Colour

Date : 23/07/1956 **Denomination :** 2as **Description :** Photo of Tilak in frame with border of Coffee Brown colour; legend on top, Tilak Centenary; at bottom Swaraj is my Birth Right/Born 23-7-1856/Died 1-8-1920 **Colour :** Black & Coffee Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :**

**Tilak Photo in frame with border of light Brown Colour 956.2.11**

Date : 23/07/1956 **Denomination :** 2as **Description :** Photo of Tilak in frame with border of light Brown colour; legend on top, Tilak Centenary; at bottom Swaraj is my Birth Right/Born 23-7-1856/Died 1-8-1920 **Colour :** Black & light Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ratnagiri (Birth place of Tilak) **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

956.2.12 Tilak picture with long legend _ Father of Indian Revolution

Date : 23/07/1956 **Denomination :** 2as **Description :** Picture of Tilak with long legend of homage given to him by Nehru and others in different languages. **Colour :** Blue & Brown **Size :** 185x135 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Calcutta G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

**Decimal Coinage _ U. N. S. C., Indo-China _ Cambodia, Phnom Penh 957.1.0a**

Date : 01/04/1957 **Denomination :** 2np, 6np, 13np, 50np & 75np (5 overprinted stamps) **Description :** Picture of map locating Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam; legend on top, First Day Cover / U.N.S.C., Indo-China; at bottom Decimal coinage / Indian Army Postal Service (cancelled with ink) / 1st April, 1957. **Colour :** Blue **Size :** 158x94 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Indian Army Post office, Cambodia, Phnom Penh **Produced by :** Indian Army Postal Service (?) **Rarity :** Rare

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957.1.0b Decimal Coinage _ U. N. S. C., Indo-China _ Laos, Vientiane

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 2np, 6np, 13np, 50np & 75np (5 overprinted stamps) **Description :** Picture of map locating Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam; legend on top, First Day Cover / U.N.S.C., Indo-China; at bottom Decimal coinage / Indian Army Postal Service (cancelled with ink) / 1st April, 1957. **Colour :** Greyish Black **Size :** 158x94 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Indian Army Post office, Laos, Vientiane **Produced by :** Indian Army Postal Service (?) **Rarity :** Rare



Decimal Coinage _ U. N. S. C., Indo-China _ Vietnam, Hanoi 957.1.0c

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 2np, 6np, 13np, 50np & 75np (5 overprinted stamps) **Description :** Picture of map locating Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam; legend on top, First Day Cover / U.N.S.C., Indo-China; at bottom Decimal coinage / Indian Army Postal Service (cancelled with ink) / 1st April, 1957. **Colour :** Light Violet **Size :** 158x94 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Indian Army Post office, Vietnam, Hanoi **Produced by :** Indian Army Postal Service (?) **Rarity :** Rare

957.1.0d Decimal Coinage _ U. N. S. C., Indo-China _ Vietnam, Saigon

Date : 01/04/1957 **Denomination :** 2np, 6np, 13np, 50np & 75np (5 overprinted stamps) **Description :** Picture of map locating Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam; legend on top, First Day Cover / U.N.S.C., Indo-China; at bottom Decimal coinage / Indian Army Postal Service (cancelled with ink) / 1st April, 1957. **Colour :** Violet **Size :** 155x94 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Indian Army Post office, Vietnam, Saigon **Produced by :** Indian Army Postal Service (?) **Rarity :** Rare



Decimal Coinage _ with pictures of 2np, 5np & 10np coins 957.1.1

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 3np, 5np & 6np (5 stamps) **Description :** Pictures of Decimal coins 2np, 5np & 10np; legend on top, Pratham Divas Lifafa (Hindi)/First Day Cover; at bottom Re. 0.17/Decimal Coin Series/Dashansh Padhdhati Shreni (Hindi)/1st. April 1957 **Colour :** Orange **Size :** 155x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

957.1.2 Decimal Coinage_Father Coin, Pyramid Design _ Brown

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 3np, 5np, 6np, 10np, 13np, 20np, 25np, 50np & 75np (11 stamps) **Description :** Pictures of Decimal coins 1np, 2np, 5np, 10np, 25np, 50np & 1 Re.; legend on top, First Day Cover and by the sides of 1 Re. coin, Father Coin on left and 100 Naya Paise on right. **Colour :** Brown **Size :** 158x120 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Madras **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare (with all 11 value stamps)



Decimal Coinage_Coins in Horizontal Lines_Brown 957.1.3

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 3np, 5np, 6np, 10np, 13np, 20np, 25np, 50np & 75np (11 stamps) **Description :** Pictures of Decimal coins 1np, 2np, 5np, 10np, 25np, 50np in horizontal lines; legend on top, Inauguration of/Decimal Coinage; at bottom, First Day Cover/April 1, 1957 **Colour :** Brown **Size :** 158x120 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Lucknow **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare (with all 11 value stamps)

957.1.4 Decimal Coinage Series_Rupee Coin_Blue_Small

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 3np, 6np, 10np & 13np (6 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Obverse of Rupee Coin with Ashoka Emblem; legend on top, INDIA & at bottom, First day of Issue/1st April 1957/(Decimal Coinage) **Colour :** Blue **Size :** 160x107 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :**



Decimal Coinage Series_Rupee Coin_Blue_Long 957.1.5

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 3np, 5np, 6np, 10np, 13np, 20np, 25np, 50np & 75np (11 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Obverse of Rupee Coin with Ashoka Emblem; legend on top, INDIA & at bottom, First day of Issue/1st April 1957/(Decimal Coinage) **Colour :** Blue **Size :** 230x102 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare (with all 11 value stamps)

957.1.6 Decimal Coinage Series_ Reddish Brown Map _ Coins Green

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np x 4 (4 Stamps) **Description :** Picture of India's map & Decimal coins 1np & 100np; legend on top INDIA/Decimal/Coinage; at bottom Naye Paise/April 1, 1957 **Colour :** Brown & Green **Size :** 165x98 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce



Decimal Coinage Series_ Orange Map _ Coins Black 957.1.7

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np & 3np (3 stamps) **Description :** Picture of India's map & Decimal coins 1np & 100np; legend on top INDIA/Decimal/Coinage; at bottom Naye Paise/April 1, 1957 **Colour :** Orange & Black **Size :** 165x98 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

957.1.8 Decimal Coinage _ Map in circle _ Brown _ Big cover

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 3np, 5np, 6np, 10np, 13np, 20np, 25np, 50np & 75np (11 stamps) **Description :** Picture of India's map in circle; legend on top, Bharat Ke Naye Sikke (Hindi)/1 April 1957 se Chalu (Hindi); at bottom First Day Cover/1st, April 1957/(On the Introduction of /India's Decimal System/of Coinage) **Colour :** Brown **Size :** 185x133 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Calcutta **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare (with all 11 value stamps)



Decimal Coinage _ Map in circle _ Dark Blue _ Big cover 957.1.9

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 3np, 5np, 6np, 10np, 13np, 20np, 25np, 50np & 75np (11 stamps) **Description :** Picture of India's map in circle; legend on top, Bharat Ke Naye Sikke (Hindi)/1 April 1957 se Chalu (Hindi); at bottom First Day Cover/1st, April 1957/(On the Introduction of /India's Decimal System/of Coinage) **Colour :** Dark Blue **Size :** 185x133 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Calcutta **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare (with all 11 value stamps)

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957.1.10 Decimal Coinage Series_Brown_Long cover

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 3np, 5np, 6np, 10np, 13np, 20np, 25np, 50np & 75np (11 stamps) plus 15np & 90np (2 stamps of 16/01/1958) & 8np (1 stamp of 07/05/1958)=Total 14 stamps on one cover **Description :** Picture of India's map in circle; legend on top, Bharat Ke Naye Sikke (Hindi)/1 April 1957 se Chalu (Hindi); at bottom First Day Cover/1st, April 1957/(On the Introduction of /India's Decimal System/of Coinage) **Colour :** Brown **Size :** 230x102 mms **Rare Cancellation :** Official & Date cancellations of Calcutta **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Excessively Rare (with 11+2+1=14 stamps)



Decimal Coinage _ Map in circle _ Dark blue _ Long cover 957.1.11

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 3np, 5np, 6np, 10np, 13np, 20np, 25np, 50np & 75np (11 stamps) **Description :** Picture of India's map in circle; legend on top, Bharat Ke Naye Sikke (Hindi)/1 April 1957 se Chalu (Hindi); at bottom First Day Cover/1st, April 1957/(On the Introduction of /India's Decimal System/of Coinage) **Colour :** Dark blue **Size :** 230x102 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Calcutta **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare (with all 11 value stamps)

957.1.12 Decimal Coinage _ 1 Rupee 100 Naye Paise _ Green _ Long cover

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 3np, 5np, 6np, 10np, 13np, 20np, 25np, 50np & 75np (11 stamps) **Description :** Picture of logo 'C' with legend Naye Paise Definitive/16 Annas & 192 Pies (struck off)/1 Rupee/"100" Naye Paise/1-4-57; legend on top left. First Day of Issue **Colour :** Green **Size :** 230x102 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare (with all 11 value stamps)

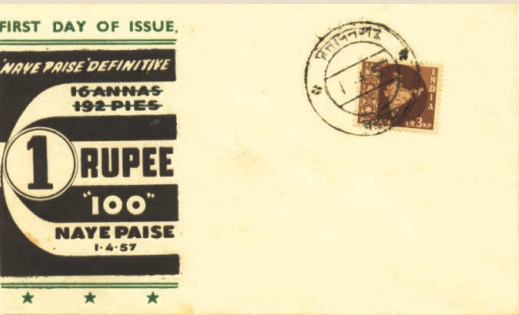


Decimal Coinage _ 1 Rupee 100 Naye Paise _ Dark brown _ Long cover 957.1.13

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 3np, 5np, 6np, 10np, 13np, 20np, 25np, 50np & 75np (11 stamps) **Description :** Picture of logo 'C' with legend Naye Paise Definitive/16 Annas & 192 Pies (struck off)/1 Rupee/"100" Naye Paise/1-4-57; legend on top left. First Day of Issue **Colour :** Violet **Size :** 230x102 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare (with all 11 value stamps)

957.1.14 Decimal Coinage _ 1 Rupee 100 Naye Paise Black with green lines & writing _ Small

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 3np **Description :** Picture of logo 'C' with legend Naye Paise Definitive/16 Annas & 192 Pies (struck off)/1 Rupee/"100" Naye Paise/1-4-57; legend on top left. First Day of Issue **Colour :** Black & Green **Size :** 145x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Baroda **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

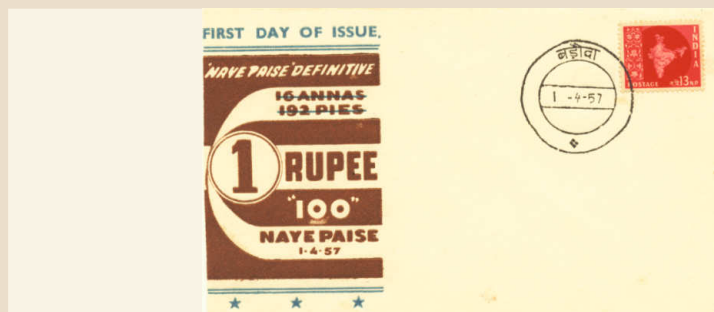


Decimal Coinage _ 1 Rupee 100 Naye Paise Red with green lines & writing _ Small 957.1.15

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np **Description :** Picture of logo 'C' with legend Naye Paise Definitive/16 Annas & 192 Pies (struck off)/1 Rupee/"100" Naye Paise/1-4-57; legend on top left. First Day of Issue **Colour :** Red & Green **Size :** 145x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Baroda **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

957.1.16 Decimal Coinage s_1 Rupee 100 Naye Paise Black with blue lines & writing_Small

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 5np **Description :** Picture of logo 'C' with legend Naye Paise Definitive/16 Annas & 192 Pies (struck off)/1 Rupee/"100" Naye Paise/1-4-57; legend on top left. First Day of Issue **Colour :** Black & Blue **Size :** 145x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Baroda **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

**957.1.17 Decimal Coinage _1 Rupee 100 Naye Paise Brown with Blue lines & writing_Small**

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 13np **Description :** Picture of logo 'C' with legend Naye Paise Definitive/16 Annas & 192 Pies (struck off)/1 Rupee/"100" Naye Paise/1-4-57; legend on top left. First Day of Issue **Colour :** Brown & Blue **Size :** 145x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Baroda **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

957.1.18 Decimal Coinage _1 Rupee 100 Naye Paise Brown with Pink red lines & writing _ Small

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 2np **Description :** Picture of logo 'C' with legend Naye Paise Definitive/16 Annas & 192 Pies (struck off)/1 Rupee/"100" Naye Paise/1-4-57; legend on top left. First Day of Issue **Colour :** Brown & Pink red **Size :** 145x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Baroda **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

**957.1.19 Decimal Coinage _1 Rupee 100 Naye Paise Black with Red lines & writing_Small**

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 10np **Description :** Picture of logo 'C' with legend Naye Paise Definitive/16 Annas & 192 Pies (struck off)/1 Rupee/"100" Naye Paise/1-4-57; legend on top left. First Day of Issue **Colour :** Black & Red **Size :** 145x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Baroda **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

957.1.20 Decimal Coinage _1 Rupee 100 Naye Paise Dark blue with Orange lines & writing _ Small

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 3np & 13np (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of logo 'C' with legend Naye Paise Definitive/16 Annas & 192 Pies (struck off)/1 Rupee/"100" Naye Paise/1-4-57; legend on top left. First Day of Issue **Colour :** Dark blue & Orange **Size :** 145x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

**957.1.21 Decimal Coinage _ Legend**

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 3np, 5np, 6np, 10np & 13np (7 stamps) **Description :** Legend on left INDIA/Decimal/Coinage (vertical lettering)/First Day Cover/1st April, 1957 **Colour :** Black **Size :** 160x128 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

957.1.22 **Decimal Coinage _ Currency note & Coins _ Black _ Small**

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 3np & 5np (4 stamps) **Description :** Pictures of India's map, 1 Rupee currency note & 1 Rupee coin; legend on top India/First Day Cover; at bottom, 100 N.P.=1 Rupee/New/Coinage/1st April, 1957 **Colour :** Black **Size :** 150x100 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce



Decimal Coinage _ Currency note & Coins _ Brown _ Small **957.1.23**

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 2np, 3np, 5np & 6np (4 stamps) **Description :** Pictures of India's map, 1 Rupee currency note & 1 Rupee coin; legend on top India/First Day Cover; at bottom, 100 N.P.=1 Rupee/New/Coinage/1st April, 1957 **Colour :** Brown **Size :** 150x100 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :**

957.1.24 **Decimal Coinage _ Currency note & Coins _ Violet _ Small**

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 3np & 6np (4 stamps) **Description :** Pictures of India's map, 1 Rupee currency note & 1 Rupee coin; legend on top India/First Day Cover; at bottom, 100 N.P.=1 Rupee/New/Coinage/1st April, 1957 **Colour :** Violet **Size :** 150x100 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce



Decimal Coinage _ Currency note & Coins _ Green _ Small **957.1.25**

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np & 3np (3 stamps) **Description :** Pictures of India's map, 1 Rupee currency note & 1 Rupee coin; legend on top India/First Day Cover; at bottom, 100 N.P.=1 Rupee/New/Coinage/1st April, 1957 **Colour :** Green **Size :** 150x100 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

957.1.26 **Decimal Coinage _ Currency note & Coins _ Light Brown**

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 3np, 5np, 6np, 10np, 13np, 20np, 25np, 50np & 75np (11 stamps) **Description :** Pictures of India's map, 1 Rupee currency note & 1 Rupee coin; legend on top India/First Day Cover; at bottom, 100 N.P.=1 Rupee/New/Coinage/1st April, 1957 **Colour :** Light Brown **Size :** 165x95 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce



Decimal Coinage _ Currency note & Coins _ Red **957.1.27**

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 3np, 5np & 6np (4 stamps) **Description :** Pictures of India's map, 1 Rupee currency note & 1 Rupee coin; legend on top India/First Day Cover; at bottom, 100 N.P.=1 Rupee/New/Coinage/1st April, 1957 **Colour :** Red **Size :** 165x95 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

957.1.28 Decimal Coinage Series _ Coins within India's Map _ Service stamps with First Day cancellation _ Long cover

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 3np, 5np, 6np, 10np, 20np, 25np, 50np & 75np (10 Service stamps) **Description :** Picture of Decimal coins within India's Map; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom Decimal Coinage/1st April, 1957/Delhi Philatelic Service, New Delhi **Colour :** Light blue **Size :** 230x100 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Delhi Philatelic Service, New Delhi **Rarity :** Very Rare



957.1.29 Decimal Coinage Series _ Coins within India's Map _ Army Post cancellation _ Small Cover

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 2np, 6np, 13np, 50np & 75np (5 Overprinted Cambodia stamps) **Description :** Picture of Decimal coins within India's Map; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom Decimal Coinage/1st April, 1957/Delhi Philatelic Service, New Delhi **Colour :** Light blue **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Indian Army Post Office, Cambodia-Phnom Penh **Produced by :** Delhi Philatelic Service, New Delhi **Rarity :** Very Rare

957.1.30 Decimal Coinage Series _ Army Post Cancellation_Cambodia Coins Outside Map in blueish green _ Small

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 2np, 6np, 13np, 50np & 75np (5 overprinted stamps) **Description :** Picture of India's map & Decimal coins 1np & 100np; legend on top INDIA /Decimal/Coinage; at bottom Naye Paise/April 1, 1957 **Colour :** Brown & blueish green **Size :** 165x98 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Indian Army Post office, Cambodia, Phnom Penh **Produced by :** Messrs. Bombay Philatelic Co., Bombay **Rarity :** Extremely Rare



957.1.31 Decimal Coinage _ Army Post Cancellation _ Laos Coins Outside Map in blueish green _ Small

Date : 1/04/1957 **Denomination :** 2np, 6np, 13np, 50np & 75np (5 overprinted stamps) **Description :** Picture of India's map & Decimal coins 1np & 100np; legend on top INDIA /Decimal/Coinage; at bottom Naye Paise/April 1, 1957 **Colour :** Brown & blueish green **Size :** 165x98 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Indian Army Post office, Laos, Vientiane **Produced by :** Messrs. Bombay Philatelic Co., Bombay **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

957.1.32 Decimal Coinage _ Outline of India's map

Date : 01/04/1957 **Denomination :** 1np **Description :** Picture of outline of India's map; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Introduction of New/Decimal Coinage/1st April 1957/South Indian Philatelists' Association/37, Broadway, Madras-1 **Colour :** Red & Blue **Size :** 158x98 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Madras **Produced by :** South Indian Philatelists' Association, Madras **Rarity :** Rare



957.1.a1 Decimal Coinage _ Legend _ 16/01/1958

Date : 16/01/1958 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Legend on top left, First Day Cover/India's/Decimal CInage/Additional Issue * Dated 16-01-1958 **Colour :** Black **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

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957.1.a2 Decimal Coinage _ Map Orange _ Coins Outside Map in black _ 16/01/1958

Date : 16/01/1958 **Denomination :** 15np & 90np (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of India's map & Decimal coins 1np & 100np; legend on top INDIA /Decimal/Coinage; at bottom Naye Paise/April 1, 1957 **Colour :** Orange & Black **Size :** 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare



Decimal Coinage _ Currency note & Coins _ Royal Blue _ Small _ 16/01/1958 957.1.a3

Date : 16/01/1958 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Pictures of India's map, 1 Rupee currency note & 1 Rupee coin; legend on top India/First Day Cover; at bottom, 100 N.P.=1 Rupee/New/Coinage/1st April, 1957 **Colour :** Royal blue **Size :** 165x95 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

957.1.b1 Decimal Coinage _ Map Orange _ Coins Outside Map in black _ 07/05/1958

Date : 7/05/1958 **Denomination :** 8np **Description :** Picture of India's map & Decimal coins 1np & 100np; legend on top INDIA /Decimal/Coinage; at bottom Naye Paise/April 1, 1957 **Colour :** Orange & Black **Size :** 190x130 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

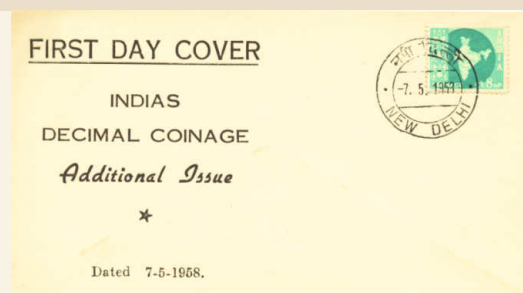


Decimal Coinage _ Map & Coins in light Green _ 07/05/1958 957.1.b2

Date : 7/05/1958 **Denomination :** 8np **Description :** Picture of India's map & Decimal coins 1np & 100np; legend on top INDIA /Decimal/Coinage; at bottom Naye Paise **Colour :** Light Green **Size :** 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Rare

957.1.b3 Decimal Coinage _ Map & Coins in dark Green _ 07/05/1958

Date : 7/05/1958 **Denomination :** 8np **Description :** Picture of India's map & Decimal coins 1np & 100np; legend on top INDIA /Decimal/Coinage; at bottom Naye Paise **Colour :** Dark Green **Size :** 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Rare



Decimal Coinage _ Legend _ 07/05/1958 957.1.b4

Date : 7/05/1958 **Denomination :** 8np **Description :** Legend on top left, First Day Cover/India's/Decimal Coinage/Additional Issue * Dated 7-5-1958 **Colour :** Black **Size :** 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

957.1.c1 Decimal Coinage _ Currency note & Coins_ 27/10/1958

Date : 27/10/1958 **Denomination :** 2np, 5np, 10np, 20np & 25np (5 stamps) **Description :** Pictures of India's map, 1 Rupee currency note & 1 Rupee coin; legend on top India/First Day Cover; at bottom, 100 N.P.=1 Rupee/New/Coinage/1st April, 1957 **Colour :** Royal Blue **Size :** 182x132 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

**957.1.c2 Decimal Coinage _ Currency note & Coins_ 27/10/1958**

Date : 27/10/1958 **Denomination :** 2np, 5np, 10np, 20np & 25np (5 stamps) **Description :** Pictures of India's map, 1 Rupee currency note & 1 Rupee coin; legend on top India/First Day Cover; at bottom, 100 N.P.=1 Rupee/New/Coinage/1st April, 1957 **Colour :** Orange **Size :** 182x132 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

957.1.c3 Decimal Coinage _ Map & coins in Pink _ Ashoka Watermark _ 27/10/1958

Date : 27/10/1958 **Denomination :** 2np, 5np, 10np, 20np & 25np (5 stamps) **Description :** Picture of India's map & Decimal coins 1np & 100np; legend on top INDIA /Decimal/Coinage; at bottom Naye Paise/April 1, 1957 **Colour :** Orange **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

**957.1.c4 Decimal Coinage _ Legend _ Ashoka Watermark _ 27/10/1958**

Date : 27/10/1958 **Denomination :** 2np & 5np (2 stamps) **Description :** Legend on left, First day Cover/INDIA/Decimal Coinage/Stamps/Re-Issued on changed/Water marked paper; below in square box, Ashoka Emblem and legend New W.Mark/27 Oct.1958 **Colour :** Blue & red **Size :** 19x13 cms_ Big Cover **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

957.1.c5 Decimal Coinage _ Legend _ 27/10/1958

Date : 27/10/1958 **Denomination :** 2np, 5np, 10np, 20np & 25np (5 stamps) **Description :** Philatelic Bureau/New Delhi Post Office,/New Delhi-1 **Colour :** Black **Size :** 165x124 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Philatelic Bureau, New Delhi **Rarity :** Scarce

**957.2.0a Official Cover _ Centenary of First War of Independence_ 15/08/1957**

Date : 15/08/1957 **Denomination :** 15np & 90np **Description :** Graphic Drawing of Lotus flower with legend on top-First Day Cover / and at bottom ' Pratham Bharatiya Swatantrata Sangram Shatabdi (Hindi) /1857 - 1957/ Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Reddish Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official black rubber stamp cancellation Dt. 15/08/1957 of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Scarce

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957.2.0b Official Cover _ Centenary of First War of Independence _ 16/08/1957

Date : 15/08/1957 **Denomination :** 15np & 90np **Description :** Graphic Drawing of Lotus flower with legend on top-First Day Cover / and at bottom ' Pratham Bharatiya Swatantrata Sangram Shatabdi '(Hindi) /1857 - 1957/ Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Reddish Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official blue rubber stamp cancellation Dt. 16/08/1957 of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Rare



Centenary of First War of Independence _ Freedom Struggle 957.2.1

Date : 15/08/1957 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** O Picture of Jhansi-Ki-Rani fighting in war of Freedom; Legend on top left is First Day Issue / and at bottom left Centenary of Freedom / Struggle / 1857 * 15th August * 1957 **Colour :** Steel Blue **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official black rubber stamp cancellation Dt. 15/08/1957 of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

957.2.2 Centenary of First War of Independence

Date : 15/08/1957 **Denomination :** 15np & 90np **Description :** Drawing picture of Jhansi-Ki-Rani fighting with sword in her hand; Legend on top left is Centenary / of First War of / Independence and at bottom left 1857 - 1957 / First Day of Issue / 15 - August -1957 **Colour :** Blue & Orange **Size :** 151x92 mms **Cancellation :** Official blue rubber stamp cancellation Dt. 15/08/1957 of Calcutta G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare



Centenary of First War of Independence _ First Struggle for Independence 957.2.3

Date : 15/08/1957 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Jhansi-Ki-Rani with sword in her hand; Legend on top left is First Day Cover / 1857 - 1957 / and at bottom Centenary of First Struggle for / Independence **Colour :** Black **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official blue rubber stamp cancellation Dt. 15/08/1957 of New Delhi G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

957.2.4 Centenary of First War of Independence _ Red cancellation _ 16/08/1957

Date : 15/08/1957 **Denomination :** 15np & 90np **Description :** Picture of Jhansi-Ki-Rani with sword in her hand; Legend on top left is To Commemorate / First War of Independence / and at bottom First Day Cover / August 16, 1957 **Colour :** Dark Grey **Size :** 152x88 mms **Cancellation :** Official red rubber stamp cancellation Dt. 16/08/1957 of Lucknow G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare



Centenary of First War of Independence _ Indian Revolution Centenary 957.2.5

Date : 15/08/1957 **Denomination :** 15np & 90np **Description :** Picture of Jhansi-Ki-Rani Laxmibai fighting in war of Freedom; Legend on top left is First Day Cover / and at bottom 15 Aug. 1957; legend on right is Indian Revolution Centenary / 1857-1957 **Colour :** Brownish Orange **Size :** 157x118 mms **Cancellation :** Official violet rubber stamp cancellation Dt. 15/08/1957 of Madras G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

957.2.6 Centenary of First War of Independence _ Blue rubber stamp cancellation _ 16/08/1957

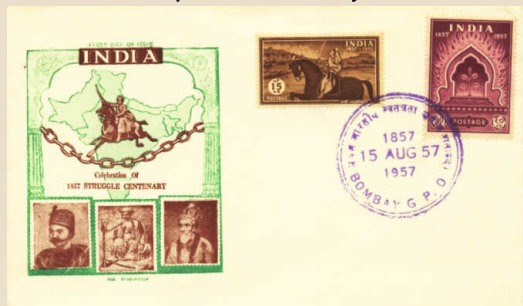
Date : 15/08/1957 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Jhansi-Ki-Rani fighting in war of Freedom; Legend on top left is First Day Cover / and at bottom ' Pratham Swadhinta Sangram Shatabdi' / (1857 - 1957) / 15/08/1957; **Colour :** Brownish Orange **Size :** 152x93 mms **Cancellation :** Official blue rubber stamp cancellation Dt. 16/08/1957 of New Delhi G.P.O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

**Centenary of First War of Independence _ 1857 Struggle Centenary 957.2.7**

Date : 15/08/1957 **Denomination :** 15np & 90np **Description :** Picture of Jhansi-Ki-Rani with sword in her hand with map of India in the back ground with bondage of chains within artistic Arch; Photos of Tatia Tope, Nana Sahib & Bahadur Shah are shown in the base of Arch; Legend on the top left is First Day of Issue / INDIA / and below the chains is Celebration of / 1857 Struggle Centenary; Legend at the bottom is BDS Production. **Colour :** Black & Orange **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official blue rubber stamp cancellation Dt. 15/08/1957 of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Very Rare

957.2.8 Centenary of First War of Independence _ 1857 Struggle Centenary

Date : 15/08/1957 **Denomination :** 15np & 90np **Description :** Picture of Jhansi-Ki-Rani with sword in her hand with map of India in the back ground with bondage of chains within artistic Arch; Photos of Tatia Tope, Nana Sahib & Bahadur Shah are shown in the base of Arch; Legend on the top left is First Day of Issue / INDIA / and below the chains is Celebration of / 1857 Struggle Centenary; Legend at the bottom is BDS Production. **Colour :** Green & Brown **Size :** 165x98 mms **Cancellation :** Official blue rubber stamp cancellation Dt. 15/08/1957 of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Very Rare

**Centenary of First War of Independence _ Indian War of Independence 957.2.9**

Date : 15/08/1957 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Drawing picture of Nana Sahib, Tatia Tope & Jhansi (Ki-Rani) Laxmibai within the map of India shown within radiating rays; Legend on top left is Centenary of the Indian War of Independence / 1857 - 1957 / (in a scroll) First Day Cover and at bottom is South Indian Philatelic Association / 16, Jones Street - Madras-1 **Colour :** Blue & Brown **Size :** 184x132 mms **Cancellation :** Official violet rubber stamp cancellation Dt. 15/08/1957 of Madras G. P. O. **Produced by :** K South Indian Philatelists' Association, Madras 1 **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

957.2.10 Centenary of First War of Independence _ Indian Revolution Centenary

Date : 15/08/1957 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Photos of Kunwar Singh, Bahadur Shah, Tatia Tope & Nana Sahib with legend Protagonists of the 1857 / Indian Revolt / Indian Revolutionary Centenary / 1857 - 1957. **Colour :** Green **Size :** 158x118 mms **Cancellation :** Official violet rubber stamp cancellation Dt. 15/08/1957 of Madras G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Extremely Rare

**Centenary / War of Independence _ Violet 957.2.11**

Date : 15/08/1957 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Plant with five leaves in an Arch surrounded with flames; Legend on top left is India / First Day Cover; legend below the Arch is 1857 * 15 August * 1957 / and at bottom Centenary / War of Independence. **Colour :** Violet **Size :** 165x98 mms **Cancellation :** Official violet rubber stamp cancellation Dt. 15/08/1957 of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

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957.2.12 Centenary / War of Independence _ Orange

Date : 15/08/1957 **Denomination :** 90np **Description :** Picture of Plant with five leaves in an Arch surrounded with flames; Legend on top left is India / First Day Cover; legend below the Arch is 1857 * 15 August * 1957 / and at bottom Centenary / War of Independence. **Colour :** Orange **Size :** 165x98 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of 15/08/1957 **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

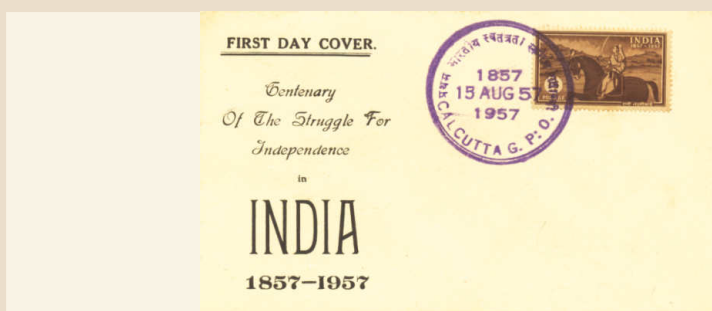


Centenary / War of Independence _ Blue 957.2.13

Date : 15/08/1957 **Denomination :** 15np & 90np **Description :** Picture of Plant with five leaves in an Arch surrounded with flames; Legend on top left is India / First Day Cover; legend below the Arch is 1857 * 15 August * 1957 / and at bottom Centenary / War of Independence. **Colour :** Blue **Size :** 165x98 mms **Cancellation :** Official blue rubber stamp cancellation Dt. 16/08/1957 of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

957.2.14 Centenary / War of Independence _ Green

Date : 15/08/1957 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Plant with five leaves in an Arch surrounded with flames; Legend on top left is India / First Day Cover; legend below the Arch is 1857 * 15 August * 1957 / and at bottom Centenary / War of Independence. **Colour :** Green **Size :** 165x98 mms **Cancellation :** Official blue rubber stamp cancellation Dt. 16/08/1957 of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce



Centenary of First War of Independence 957.2.15

Date : 15/08/1957 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Legend on left is First Day Cover / Centenary / of the Struggle for / Independence / in / India / 1857 - 1957. **Colour :** Black **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official blue rubber stamp cancellation Dt. 16/08/1957 of Calcutta G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

957.2.16 Centenary of First War of Independence _ Legend

Date : 15/08/1957 **Denomination :** 15np & 90np **Description :** O Legend on left is India / 1857 - 1957 / Centenary / of / First / War / of / Independence / 15th August 1957 / First Day Cover. **Colour :** Orange **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official blue rubber stamp cancellation Dt. 16/08/1957 of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce



Official Cover_19th International Red Cross Conference 957.3.0

Date : 28/10/1957 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Red Cross symbol; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Unnisva Antar-rashtriya Red Cross sammelan (Hindi)/1957/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Orange Red **Size :** 155x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

957.3.1 19th International Red Cross Conference _Red Cross symbol & Globe with India's map

Date : 28/10/1957 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Red Cross logo' + ' in red over Globe projecting India's map; legend on top, First Day of Issue; at bottom in a scroll XIX International Conference/New Delhi - 1957 **Colour :** Red & Grey **Size :** 158x120 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare



19th International Red Cross Conference _ Dark Blue & Orange 957.3.2

Date : 28/10/1957 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Henry Dunant and Red Cross logo in lotus flower; Legend on top India/First Day/Cover; Henry Dunant/Founder of Red Cross; at bottom 28th Oct.57. Below lotus flower in a scroll XIX International Conference, New Delhi +1957+ **Colour :** Dark Blue & Orange **Size :** 158x120 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

957.3.3 19th International Red Cross Conference _ Black & Orange

Date : 28/10/1957 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Henry Dunant and Red Cross logo in lotus flower; Legend on top India/First Day/Cover; Henry Dunant/Founder of Red Cross; at bottom 28th Oct.57. Below lotus flower in a scroll XIX International Conference, New Delhi +1957+ **Colour :** Black & Orange **Size :** 155x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare



19th International Red Cross Conference _ Green & Orange 957.3.4

Date : 28/10/1957 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Henry Dunant and Red Cross logo in lotus flower; Legend on top India/First Day/Cover; Henry Dunant/Founder of Red Cross; at bottom 28th Oct.57. Below lotus flower in a scroll XIX International Conference, New Delhi +1957+ **Colour :** Green & Orange **Size :** 158x120 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

957.3.5 19th International Red Cross Conference __Red Cross symbol & Globe

Date : 28/10/1957 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Globe & Red Cross logo with radiating rays; legend on top First Day of Issue; legend in a plaque, 19th/International/Red Cross/Conference/ held in India/1957; at bottom BDS Production **Colour :** Red & light Blue **Size :** 158x120 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** BDS Productions **Rarity :** Rare



19th International Red Cross Conference __Red Cross symbol & Globe with India's map _ Error_Colour shifted 957.3.6

Date : 28/10/1957 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Globe & Red Cross logo with radiating rays; legend on top First Day of Issue; legend in a plaque, 19th/International/Red Cross/Conference/ held in India/1957; at bottom BDS Production **Colour :** Red & light Blue **Size :** 155x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Very Rare

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957.4.0 Official Cover _ Children's Day

Date : 14/11/1957 **Denomination :** 8np, 15np & 90np (3 stamps) **Description :** Picture of girl child reading a book; Legend on top left BAL DIN (Hindi) / 14/11/57 and at bottom First Day Cover / Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Greenish Grey **Size :** 151x89 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal



Children's Day _ Child & Nehru _ Green & Brown 957.4.1

Date : 14/11/1957 **Denomination :** 8np, 15np & 90np (3 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Nehru and a Child with three balloons depicting Banana fruit, Horse Toy and a writing slate; Legend on top left First Day Cover / INDIA and below Nehruji Children's Day / (In a board) Commemrating / Birthday of / Jawaharlal Nehru / Prime Minister / 1889 --- 1957 **Colour :** Green & Brown **Size :** 165x98 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** BDS Production (Bombay) **Rarity :** Rare

957.4.2 Children's Day _ Children planting Tree of Progress, Peace & Prosperity on India's Soil _ Green

Date : 14/11/1957 **Denomination :** 8np, 15np & 90np (3 stamps) **Description :** Picture in a square box depicting Children planting Tree of Progress, Peace & Prosperity on Indian Soil / Legend on top Children's Day and in right corner of box First Day / of Issue **Colour :** Green **Size :** 166x95 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare



Children's Day _ Children planting Tree of Progress, Peace & Prosperity on India's Soil _ Green & Brown 957.4.3

Date : 14/11/1957 **Denomination :** 8np, 15np & 90np (3 stamps) **Description :** Picture in a square box depicting Children planting Tree of Progress, Peace & Prosperity on Indian Soil / Legend on top Children's Day and in right corner of box First Day / of Issue **Colour :** Green & Brown **Size :** 166x95 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

957.4.4 Children's Day _ Boy & Girl on a swing _ Long Cover

Date : 14/11/1957 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of boy & girl on a swing; Legend on top left First Day Cover / 14/11/57 and at bottom BAL DIN (Hindi) / Children's Day **Colour :** Green & Red **Size :** 228x102 mms _ Long Cover **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare



Children's Day _ Boy climbing with Flame in his right hand 957.4.5

Date : 14/11/1957 **Denomination :** 8np, 15np & 90np (3 stamps) **Description :** Picture of boy climbing with flame in his right hand with map of India in the background; Legend on top First Day Cover / India / and at bottom 4/11/57 / Children's Day **Colour :** Greyish Blue **Size :** 165x95 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

957.5.0

Official Cover _ Centenary of Indian Universities

Date : 31/12/1957 **Denomination :** 10np (Bombay University), 10np (Madras University) & 10np (Calcutta University) **Description :** Picture of students studying under the tree; Legend on top is First Day Cover / and at bottom Bamba, Calcutta , Madras Vishwa Vidyalya Ki Shatabdi (Hindi) / Monograms of 3 Universities / Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Brown & Blue **Size :** 152x89 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Madras **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

**Centenary of Indian Universities _ Historic buildings of three Universities _ Brown**

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Date : 31/12/1957 **Denomination :** 10np (Bombay University), 10np (Madras University) & 10np (Calcutta University) **Description :** Pictures of historic and monumental buildings of three universities with legend on top First Day / of / Issue; in middle 100th Anniversary / and at bottom right / of / Indian / Universities **Colour :** Brown **Size :** 164x93 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

957.5.2

Centenary of Indian Universities _ Historic buildings of three Universities _ Brownish grey

Date : 31/12/1957 **Denomination :** 10np (Bombay University), 10np (Madras University) & 10np (Calcutta University) **Description :** Pictures of historic and monumental buildings of three universities with legend on top First Day / of / Issue; in middle 100th Anniversary / and at bottom right / of / Indian / Universities **Colour :** Brownish Grey on a blue cover **Size :** 164x93 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

**Centenary of Indian Universities _ Historic buildings of three Universities _ Blue**

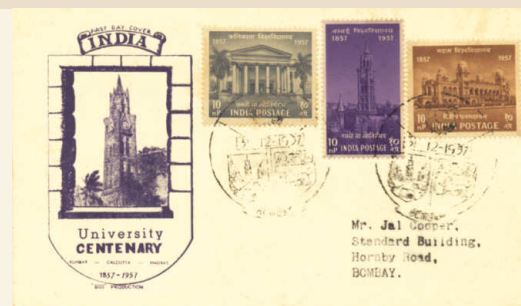
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Date : 31/12/1957 **Denomination :** 10np (Bombay University), 10np (Madras University) & 10np (Calcutta University) **Description :** Pictures of historic and monumental buildings of three universities with legend on top First Day / of / Issue; in middle 100th Anniversary / and at bottom right / of / Indian / Universities **Colour :** Blue **Size :** 164x93 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

957.5.4

Centenary of Indian Universities_ Bombay University building _Blue

Date : 31/12/1957 **Denomination :** 10np (Bombay University), 10np (Madras University) & 10np (Calcutta University) **Description :** Picture of Rajabai Tower, Bombay University building; Legend on top First Day Cover / INDIA and at bottom University / Centenary / Bombay - Calcutta - Madras / 1857 - 1957 / BDS Production **Colour :** Blue **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** BDS Production (Bombay) **Rarity :** Rare

**Centenary of Indian Universities _ Bombay University building _ Violet**

957.5.5

Date : 31/12/1957 **Denomination :** 10np (Bombay University), 10np (Madras University) & 10np (Calcutta University) **Description :** Picture of Rajabai Tower, Bombay University building; Legend on top First Day Cover / INDIA and at bottom University / Centenary / Bombay - Calcutta - Madras / 1857 - 1957 / BDS Production **Colour :** Violet **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** BDS Production (Bombay) **Rarity :** Rare

957.5.6 Centenary of Indian Universities Rajabai Tower & Bombay University Monogram _ Violet

Date : 31/12/1957 **Denomination :** 10np (Bombay University) , 1 N. P. & 2 N. P.x2 (Map Series) (4 stamps) **Description :** Picture of historic and monumental building of Rajabai Tower where Bombay University is housed with monogram of Bombay University; Legend on top right First Day Cover / India / 1857 - 1957 and on left below monogram Bombay University / University / Centenary / 31 - 12 - 1957 **Colour :** Violet **Size :** 155x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare



Official Cover _ 50th Anniversary of first Indigenous Steel Industry 958.1.0

Date : 01/03/1958 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Steel Plant **Colour :** Grey & Orange **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Madras **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

958.1.1 50th Anniversary of first Indigenous Steel Industry _ J N Tata & Steel Plant

Date : 01/03/1958 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of J N Tata & Steel Plant; legend on top, First Day /of/Issue; at bottom Golden Jubilee /of/Steel Industry **Colour :** Greyish black **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Rare

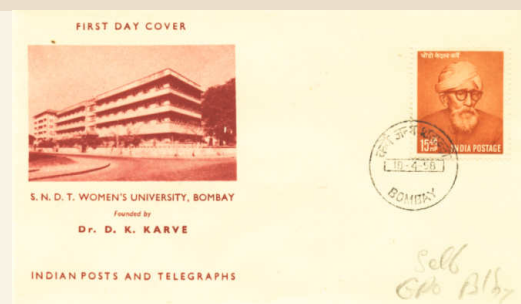


50th Anniversary of first Indigenous Steel Industry _ J N Tata - Pioneer of Steel Industry 958.1.2

Date : 01/03/1958 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of J N Tata & Steel Plant; legend on top, First Day of Issue/INDIA ; in center 50/years of/Steel/Industry/1907-1957; below Tata's picture, Jamsedji N. Tata/Pioneer of /Steel Industry; at bottom BDS Production **Colour :** Red **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Rare

958.1.3 50th Anniversary of first Indigenous Steel Industry

Date : 01/03/1958 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of J N Tata & Steel Plant; legend on top, First Day of Issue/INDIA ; in center 50/years of/Steel/Industry/1907-1957; below Tata's picture, Jamsedji N. Tata/Pioneer of /Steel Industry; at bottom BDS Production **Colour :** Dark blue **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Rare



Official Cover _ Birth Centenary of Dr. D. K. Karve 958.2.0

Date : 18/04/1958 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of building of S. N. D. T. University; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom S. N. D. T. University, Bombay/Founded by/Dr. D. K. Karve /Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Brownish Red **Size :** 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

958.3.0 Official Cover _ Silver Jubilee-Indian Air Force

Date : 30/04/1958 **Denomination :** 15np & 90np (2 stamps) **Description :** O Picture of Ashoka Emblem & logo of Indian Force; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Silver Jubilee/Indian Air Force/1933-58 **Colour :** Silver grey **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

**Silver Jubilee-Indian Air Force 958.3.1**

Date : 30/04/1958 **Denomination :** 15np & 90np (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of IAF Logo & flying Plane; legend on top, First Day Cover; in center, Silver/Jubilee/of/Indian Air Force/1933-1958; at bottom, BDS Production. **Colour :** Blue **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Very Rare

958.4.0 Official Cover _ Bipin Chandra Pal

Date : 07/11/1958 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Bipin Chandra Pal; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Bipin Chandra Pal/Birth Centenary/7-11-1958/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Light brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

**Official Cover _ Children's Day 958.5.0**

Date : 14/11/1958 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Child on a weighing scale; legend on top, First day Cover; at bottom, Children's Day/14-11-1958/Indian Posts & Telegraphs; legend as a base line "The child that is sick must be nursed; the child that is physically or mentally handicapped must be helped" **Colour :** Orange **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

958.6.0 Official Cover _ Jagdish Chandra Bose

Date : 30/11/1958 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of J. C. Bose's Microwave Apparatus; legend on top, First Day Cover/Jagdish Chandra Bose/Birth Centenary/30-11-1958; at bottom, Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Black & Orange **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

**Jagdish Chandra Bose _ Noted Indian Scientist & Physicist 958.6.1**

Date : 30/11/1958 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of J. C. Bose; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom Jagdish Chandra Bose/Born:30th Nov.1958/Noted Indian Scientist /And/Physicist/Birth/Centenary/BDS Production **Colour :** Reddish brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Very Rare

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958.7.0 Official Cover _ India 1958 Exhibition, New Delhi

Date : 30-12-1958 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Logo of Exhibition **Colour :** Light blue **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal



India 1958 Exhibition 958.7.1

Date : 30/12/1958 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Pictures of Exhibition gates and other exhibition sites; legend on top, First Day of Issue and in center, India 1958 Exhibition **Colour :** Blue **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare

959.1.0 Official Cover_ Death Centenary of Sir Jamsetji Jejeebhoy

Date : 15/04/1959 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Pictures of Sir J. J. P. B. Institute, Bund Gardens (Poona), Mahim Causeway and Sir J. J. School of Art; legend on top. First Day Cover; at bottom Sir Jamsetji Jejeebhoy, Bart. (1783-1859)/1st April, 1959/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal



Death Centenary of Sir Jamsetji Jejeebhoy 959.1.1

Date : 15/04/1959 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Bust photo of Sir Jamsetji Jejeebhoy; legend on left, First Day Cover/Death Centenary/of/Sir/Jamsetjee Jijeebhoy/Baronet/(1783-1859)/First Indian/Knight & Baronet/Born in poverty/became/multi-re/and/greatest Indian Philanthropist/BDS **Colour :** Blueish grey **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** BDS Production **Rarity :** Very Rare

959.2.0 Official Cover _ 40th Anniversary of International Labour Organisation

Date : 15/06/1959 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of triangular Logo of ILO with legend Workers, Employees and Governments on three sides; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, 40th Anniversary/International Labour Organisation/15th June 1959/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Green **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

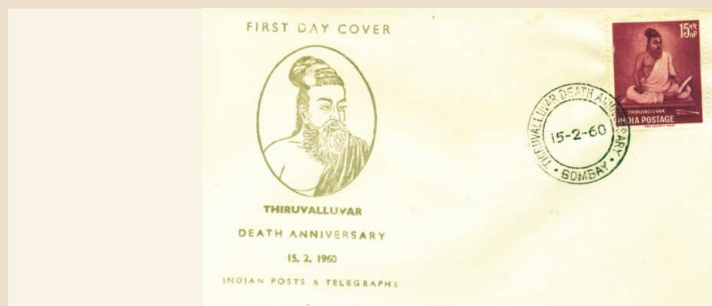


Official Cover _ Children's Day 959.3.0

Date : 14/11/1959 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of children playing; legend on top, First Day Cover/Children's Day/14-11-59; legend on side on left, Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

959.4.0 Official Cover _ World Agriculture Fair

Date : 30/12/1959 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Globe with legend World Agriculture Fair & ' Bharat Krishak Samaj '; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, World Agriculture Fair/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Light Green **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Madras **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

**Official Cover _ Thiruvalluvar 960.1.0**

Date : 15/02/1960 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Thiruvalluvar in an oblong circle; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom Thiruvalluvar/Death Anniversary/15-2-1960/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Light silver grey **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

960.2.0a Official Cover _ Kalidasa _ Small cover

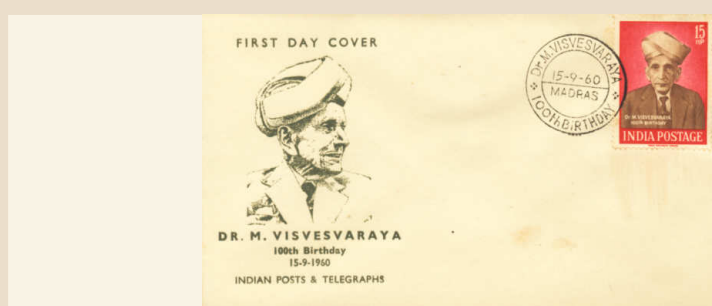
Date : 22/06/1960 **Denomination :** 15np & 1 Re.3np (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Terracota medallion; legend on top, First Day Cover/22nd June 1960; at bottom, Kalidasa/Commemoration/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Brownish red & Black **Size :** 154x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Scarce

**Official Cover _ Kalidasa _ Long cover 960.2.0b**

Date : 22/06/1960 **Denomination :** 15np & 1 Re.3np (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Terracota medallion; legend on top, First Day Cover/22nd June 1960; at bottom, Kalidasa/Commemoration/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Brownish red & Black **Size :** 228x102 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Scarce

960.3.0 Official Cover _ Subramania Bharati

Date : 11/09/1960 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Subramania Bharati; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Bharati Day/11-9-1960/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Light Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

**Official Cover _ Dr. M. Visvesvaraya 960.4.0**

Date : 15/09/1960 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Dr. M. Visvesvaraya; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Dr. M. Visvesvaraya/100th Birthday/15-9-1960/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Light Green **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Madras **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

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960.5.0 Official Cover _ Children's Day

Date : 14/11/1960 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of medal of Bharatiya Bal Vikas Samiti showing a child planting tree near house; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom Children's Day/14-11-1960/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Pinkish red **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal



Official Cover _ UNICEF Day 960.6.0

Date : 11/12/1960 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of UNICEF Logo; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, UNICEF Day/11/12/1960/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Blue **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

961.1.0 Official Cover _ Tyagaraja

Date : 06/01/1961 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Tyagaraja's Tambura and Rosery by the side of his seat; legend on top, First day Cover/Tyagaraja/Aradhana-Day/6-1-1961; at bottom, **Colour :** Light brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal



Official Cover _ First Ariel Post-Golden Jubilee _ Used at Allahabad carrying special rubber stamp cancellation 961.2.0a

Date : 18/02/1961 **Denomination :** 15np, 15np & 1 Re. (3 stamps) **Description :** Picture of M. Piquet on his bi-plane, which carried the first ariel post in 1911; legend on top, First Ariel Post/Golden Jubilee/1911-1961; at bottom, Jubilee Flight/Allahabad-Naini/18th February 1961/Indian Posts & Telegraphs; at the base, Picture shows M. Henri Piquet on his kite Humber bi-plane which in 1911 carried the mail between Allahabad and Naini. **Colour :** Black & Orange **Size :** 228x102 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Allahabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Scarce

961.2.0b Official Cover _ First Ariel Post-Golden Jubilee _ Black cachet

Date : 18/02/1961 **Denomination :** 15np, 15np & 1 Re. (3 stamps) **Description :** Picture of planes of 1911 and 1961 in an oblong circle with inscription, First Ariel Post/Golden Jubilee/1911-1961; legend at top, First Day Cover; at bottom, 18-2-1961/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Blue & golden yellow **Size :** 228x102 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Jaipur _ Black cachet **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Scarce



Official Cover _ First Ariel Post-Golden Jubilee _ Red cachet 961.2.0c

Date : 18/02/1961 **Denomination :** 15np, 15np & 1 Re. (3 stamps) **Description :** Picture of planes of 1911 and 1961 in an oblong circle with inscription, First Ariel Post/Golden Jubilee/1911-1961; legend at top, First Day Cover; at bottom, 18-2-1961/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Blue & golden yellow **Size :** 228x102 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Calcutta _ Red cachet **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Scarce

961.3.0 Official Cover _ Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

Date : 17/04/1961 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Shivaji mounted on horse near Fort; legend on top, First Day Cover/Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (Hindi)/17 April 1961; at bottom, Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Brown & Green **Size :** 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

**Official Cover _ Motilal Nehru 961.4.0**

Date : 06/05/1961 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Swaraj Bhavan; legend on top, First day cover/Motilal Nehru/6 May 1961; at bottom, Swaraj Bhavan/(Allahabad) **Colour :** Grey & Orange **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

961.5.0 Official Cover _ Rabindranath Tagore

Date : 07/05/1961 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Symbolic picture; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Tagore Centenary/7 may 1961/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Orange & Purple **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

**Official Cover _ All India Radio _ Silver Jubilee 961.6.0**

Date : 08/06/1961 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Air transmitting tower and symbol of AIR with India's map at the back and having inscription Silver Jubilee/All India Radio/8 June 1961; legend at top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Violet & Purple **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bomba **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

961.7.0 Official Cover _ Prafulla Chandra Ray

Date : 02/08/1961 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of some scientific instruments with inscription Honouring/Prafulla Chandra Ray/1861-1944 **Colour :** Blueish green **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

**Official Cover _ Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande 961.8.0**

Date : 01/09/1961 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of V. N. Bhatkhande with Tabla & Tambura (Indian Musical instruments); legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Honouring Vishnu Narayan/ Bhatkhande/1860-1936/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

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961.9.0 Official Cover _ Children's Day

Date : 14/11/1961 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of girl making cane basket; legend on top, First Day cover; at bottom, Children's Day/14 November 1961/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Orange & Blue **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal



Official Cover _ Indian Industries Fair, New Delhi 961.10.0

Date : 14/11/1961 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Industrial wheel with inscription around, Indian Industries Fair-New Delhi; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, 1961/November/December/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Purple **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

961.11.0 Official Cover _ Forest Centenary

Date : 21/11/1961 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Teak trees; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, World's Oldest Teak Plantation, Nilambur/Forest Centenary/1861-1961/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Green & Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal



Official Cover _ Centenary of Archeological Survey of India 961.12.0

Date : 14/12/1961 **Denomination :** 15np & 90np (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of Ancient Indian sculpture; legend on top, First Day Cover/Centenary Archeological/Survey of India/1861-1961/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Grey **Size :** 170x95 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

961.13.0 Official Cover _ Birth Centenary of Madan Mohan Malaviya

Date : 25/12/1961 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Photo of Banares Hindu University in an oblong circle; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Honouring Madan Mohan Malaviya/1861-1946/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal



Official Cover _ Gauhati Refinery 962.1.0

Date : 01/01/1962 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Refinery plant and oil lamp **Colour :** Orange **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

962.2.0a Official cover _ Indian Contingent UN Force-Congo _ FPO 660

Date : 15/01/1962 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 5np, 8np, 13np & 50np (6 stamps) **Description :** Map of Congo area; legend on top, First day Cover/15 January 1962; at bottom, Indian Contingent/United Nations Force/Indian Army Postal Service **Colour :** Pink & Blue **Size :** 170x95 mms **Cancellation :** Cancellation of F. P. O. 660 **Produced by :** Indian Army Postal Service **Rarity :** Scarce

**Official cover _ Indian Contingent UN Force-Congo _ FPO 716 962.2.0b**

Date : 15/01/1962 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 5np, 8np, 13np & 50np (6 stamps) **Description :** Map of Congo area; legend on top, First day Cover/15 January 1962; at bottom, Indian Contingent/United Nations Force/Indian Army Postal Service **Colour :** Pink & Blue **Size :** 170x95 mms **Cancellation :** Cancellation of F. P. O. 716 **Produced by :** Indian Army Postal Service **Rarity :** Scarce

962.2.0c Official cover _ Indian Contingent UN Force-Congo _ FPO 771

Date : 15/01/1962 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 5np, 8np, 13np & 50np (6 stamps) **Description :** Map of Congo area; legend on top, First day Cover/15 January 1962; at bottom, Indian Contingent/United Nations Force/Indian Army Postal Service **Colour :** Pink & Blue **Size :** 170x95 mms **Cancellation :** Cancellation of F. P. O. 771 **Produced by :** Indian Army Postal Service **Rarity :** Scarce

**Official cover _ Indian Contingent UN Force-Congo _ FPO 777 962.2.0d**

Date : 15/01/1962 **Denomination :** 1np, 2np, 5np, 8np, 13np & 50np (6 stamps) **Description :** Map of Congo area; legend on top, First day Cover/15 January 1962; at bottom, Indian Contingent/United Nations Force/Indian Army Postal Service **Colour :** Pink & Blue **Size :** 170x95 mms **Cancellation :** Cancellation of F. P. O. 777 **Produced by :** Indian Army Postal Service **Rarity :** Scarce

962.3.0 Official cover _ Bhikaiji Cama

Date : 26/01/1962 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Bust picture of Bhikaiji Cama; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Madam Bhikaiji Cama/1861-1936/ Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Light blue **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

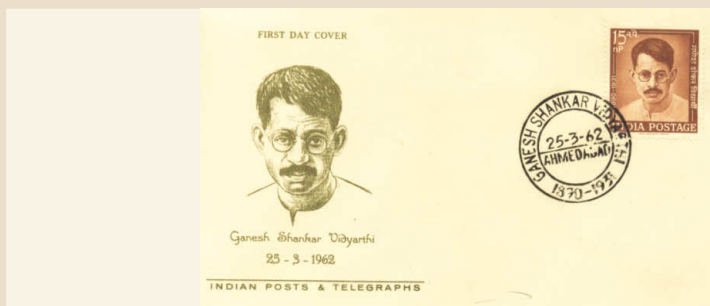
**Official cover _ Panchayati Raj 962.4.0**

Date : 26/01/1962 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Banyan Tree with inscription of Panchayati Raj & 26-1-1962; legend on top, First Day Cover and at bottom, Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Light red **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

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962.5.0 Official cover _ Dayanand Saraswati

Date : 04/03/1962 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Dayanand Ashram, Ajmer; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Indian Posts & Telegraphs
Colour : Purple & Violet **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

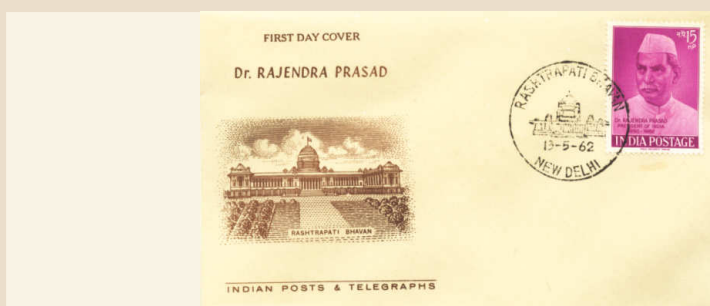


Official cover _ Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi 962.6.0

Date : 25/03/1962 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of G. S. Vidyarthi; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi/ 25-3-1962/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Sage Green **Size :** 1152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

962.7.0 Official cover _ Malaria Eradication

Date : 07/04/1962 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Malaria mosquito with inscription Eradication of Malaria and 7th April 1962; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Grey **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

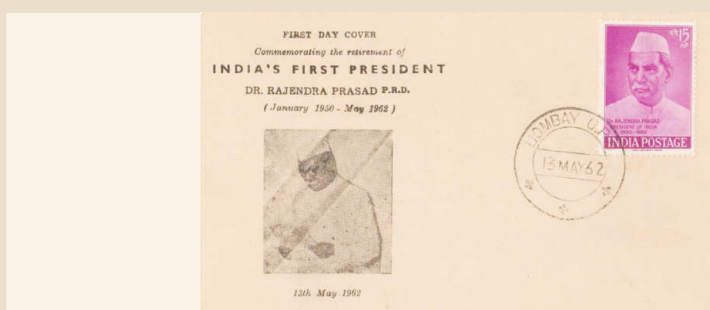
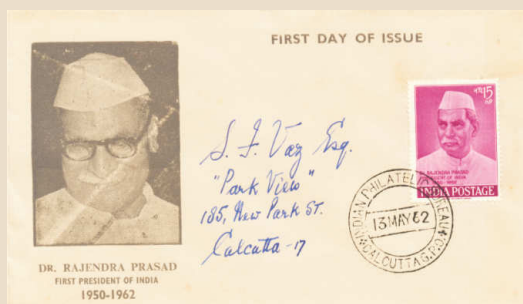


Official cover _ Dr. Rajendra Prasad 962.8.0

Date : 13/05/1962 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Rashtrapati Bhavan; legend on top, First Day Cover/Dr. Rajendra Prasad; at bottom Indian Posts & Telegraphs
Colour : Light Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of New Delhi **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

962.8.1 Dr. Rajendra Prasad

Date : 13/05/1962 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Photo of Dr. Rajendra Prasad; legend at bottom, Dr. Rajendra Prasad/First President of India/1950-1962
Colour : Black **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Calcutta G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce



Dr. Rajendra Prasad 962.8.2

Date : 13/05/1962 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Photo of Dr. Rajendra Prasad; legend on top left, First Day Cover/Commemorating the retirement of/India's First President/ Dr. Rajendra Prasad P. R. D./ (January 1950 - May 1962); legend at bottom, 13th May 1962 **Colour :** Black **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce

962.9.0 Official Cover _ Calcutta High Court

Date : 01-07-1962 **Denomination** : 15np **Description** : Picture of court building with Ashoka Emblem in an artistic arch having balance scale of Justice on the top& inscription Centenary/High Court of Calcutta/1862-1962; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour** : Light Brown **Size** : 152x90 mms **Cancellation** : Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by** : Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity** : Normal



Official cover _ High Court of Madras 962.10.0

Date : 06/08/1962 **Denomination** : 15np **Description** : Picture of Pagoda with Ashoka Emblem and legend Highcourt of Judicature Madras & Satyameva Jayate (Sanskrit) with inscription Centenary/High Court of Madras/1862-1962; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Centenary/High Court of Madras/1862-1962/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour** : Light Orange **Size** : 152x90 mms **Cancellation** : Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by** : Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity** : Normal

962.11.0 Official cover _ High Court of Bombay

Date : 14/08/1962 **Denomination** : 15np **Description** : Picture of statue of Goddess of Justice standing with a scale of Justice in her hand with inscription Centenary/High Court of Bombay/1862-1962; legend on top, First day Cover; at bottom, Centenary/High Cort of Bombay/1862-1962/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour** : Reddish brown **Size** : 152x90 mms **Cancellation** : Official cancellation of Ahmedabad



Centenary of High Courts of Calcutta, Madras & Bombay 962.11.1

Date : 1/07/1962, 6/08/1962 & 14/08/1962 **Denomination** : 15np stamp of each High Court **Description** : Picture of Historic buildings of Calcutta, Madras & Bombay High Courts; legend on right at bottom, Commemorative Cover/Centenary of the High Courts of Calcutta-1/07/1962, Madras 6/08/1962 & Bombay 14/08/1962. **Colour** : Purple **Size** : 1 **Cancellation** : Official cancellation of Bangalore **Produced by** : Not known **Rarity** : Scarce

962.12.0 Official cover _ Ramabai Ranade

Date : 15/08/1962 **Denomination** : 15np **Description** : Picture of Ramabai Ranade overlooking Sewa sadan, Poona; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour** : Light brown **Size** : 152x90 mms **Cancellation** : Official cancellation of Poona **Produced by** : Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity** : Normal



Official cover _ Rhinoceros 962.13.0

Date : 01/10/1962 **Denomination** : 15np **Description** : Picture of Rhinoceros; legend on top, First Day Cover/1st October 1962; at bottom, Rhinoceros/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour** : Light coffee brown **Size** : 152x90 mms **Cancellation** : Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by** : Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity** : Normal

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962.14.0 Official cover _ Children's day

Date : 14/11/1962 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of girl child playing with ball; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Children's Day/Bal Din (Hindi)/14-11-62/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Purple **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal



Official cover _ International Congress of Ophthalmology 962.15.0

Date : 03/12/1962 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Globe shown with 'XIX' and Eye and inscription written in semi-circle International Congress of Ophthalmology; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, 3-12-1962/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Light blueish green **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

962.16.0 Official cover _ Srinivas Ramanujan

Date : 22/12/1962 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Ramanujan; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, S. Ramanujan/1887-1920/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Light brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

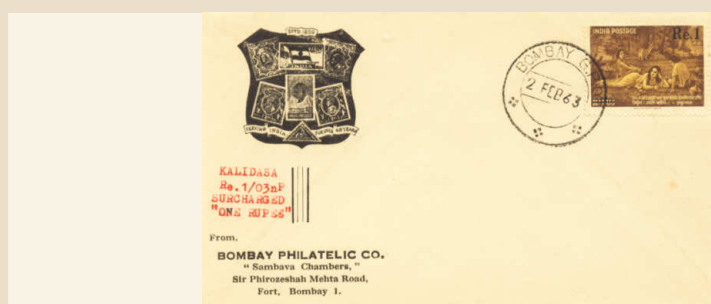


Official Cover _ Swami Vivekanand 963.1.0

Date : 17/01/1963 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of rising Sun, Swan, lotus flower all encircled by a snake with 'Tanno Hansah Prachodayat' written in Sanskrit; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Swami Vivekanand/1863-1902/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Orange **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

963.2.1 Kalidasa stamp re-valued and overprinted

Date : 02/02/1963 **Denomination :** 1Re. overprinted on 1Re.3np stamp **Description :** Plain Airmail cover **Colour :** Red & Blue **Size :** 164x95 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Scarce



Kalidasa stamp re-valued and overprinted 963.2.2

Date : 02/02/1963 **Denomination :** 1Re. overprinted on 1Re.3np stamp **Description :** Picture of various stamps combined in shield shape; legend at bottom, Bombay Philatelic Co. "Sambava Chambers", Sir Phirozeshah Mehta Rpad, Fort, Bombay 1. **Colour :** Black **Size :** 165x95 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Bombay Philatelic Co. Bombay **Rarity :** Rare

963.2.3 Kalidasa stamp re-valued and overprinted

Date : 02/02/1963 **Denomination :** 1Re. overprinted on 1Re.3np stamp **Description :** Legend on left, First Day of Issue/Rs. 1.00/Over Print/on/Kalidasa 1960 issue/(Rs.1.03 Value)/February 2nd, 1963 **Colour :** Golden Yellow **Size :** 151x88 mms **Cancellation :** Date cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Not known **Rarity :** Very Rare



Official Cover _ Freedom from Hunger 963.3.0

Date : 21/03/1963 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Globe in the background of FAO symbol; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Freedom from Hunger/21-3-1963/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Light red & Violet **Size :** 150x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

963.4.0 Official Cover _ Red Cross Centenary

Date : 08/05/1963 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Red Cross Logo with inscription Red Cross/Centenary/1863-1963; at bottom, Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Light grey & Red **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal



Official Cover _ Defence Effort 963.5.0

Date : 15/08/1963 **Denomination :** 15np & 1 Re. (2 stamps) **Description :** Pictures of Logos of Army, Navy and Air Forces; legend at top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Blue & Orange **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

963.6.0 Official Cover _ Dadabhoy Naoroji

Date : 04/09/1963 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Dadabhoy with inscription Dadabhoy Naoroji/ 4-9-1963 written below; legend at top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Light grey **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal



Official Cover _ Annie Besant 963.7.0

Date : 01/10/1963 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Theosophical Society's Building, Madras; legend on top, First Day Cover/Dr. (Mrs.) Annie Besant ; at bottom, 1-10-1963/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Light brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

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963.8.0 Official Cover_ Wild Life Preservation

Date : 07/10/1963 **Denomination :** 10np, 15np, 30np, 50np & 1 Re. (5 stamps) **Description :** Picture of face of Lion; legend on top, First Day Cover/7-10-1963/Wild Life Preservation; at bottom, Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Light brown **Size :** 230x101 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Jaipur **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Scarce

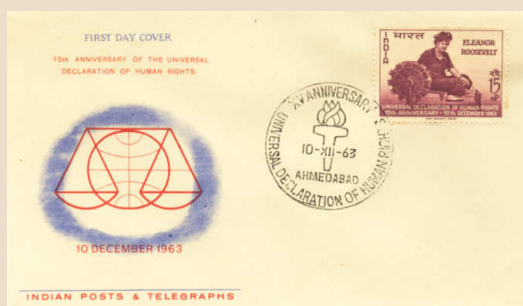


Official Cover _ Children's day 963.9.0

Date : 14/11/1963 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of children playing and a smiling face of child holding ball and glass of milk; legend on top, First Day Cover; legend in center, Children's Day /Bal-Din (Hindi)/14-11-1963; legend at bottom, Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Yellow & Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

963.10.0 Official Cover_ Declaration of Human Rights

Date : 10/12/1963 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Globe in the background of a scale; legend on top, First Day cover/15th Anniversary of the Universal /Declaration of Human Rights; at bottom, 10 December 1963/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Orange & Purple **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

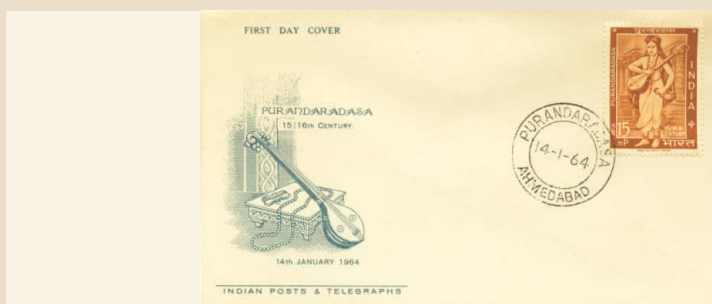
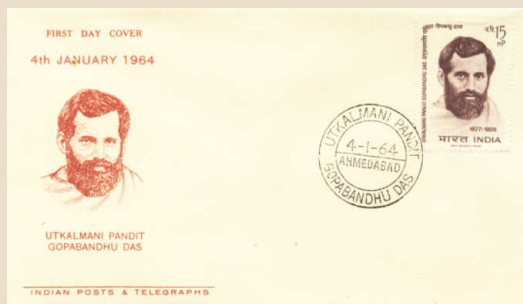


Official Cover_ XXVI International Congress of Orientalists, New Delhi 964.1.0

Date : 04/01/1964 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of flower design in a square; legend on top, First Day Cover/4th January 1964 **Colour :** Orange **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

964.2.0 Official Cover_ Utkal Mani Pandit Gopbandhu Das

Date : 04/01/1964 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture with inscription Utkal Mani Pandit Gopbandhu Das; legend on top, First Day Cover/4th January 1964; at bottom, Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Light brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal



Official Cover_ Purandaradasa 964.3.0

Date : 14/01/1964 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Tambura and Rosery on a seat with inscription, Purandaradasa/15-16th Century/14th January 1964; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom/Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Blueish green **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

964.4.0a Official Cover _ Subhash Chandra Bose Type 1

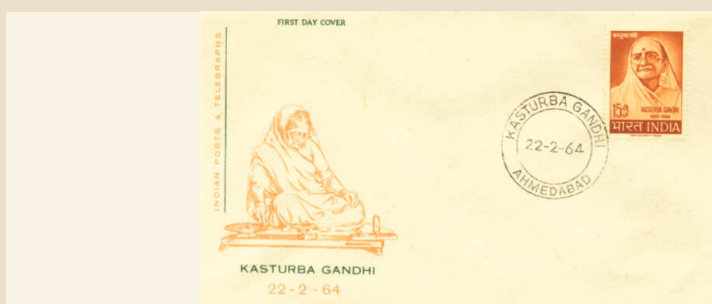
Date : 23/01/1964 **Denomination :** 15np & 55np (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of INA Logo; legend on top, First Day Cover/Subhash Chandra Bose/23-1-1964; at bottom, Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Green & Reddish brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Scarce

**Official Cover _ Subhash Chandra Bose Type 2 964.4.0b**

Date : 23/01/1964 **Denomination :** 15np & 55np (2 stamps) **Description :** Picture of I. N. A. Martyr's Memorial, Singapore/23-01-1964; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Reddish brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Scarce

964.5.0 Official Cover _ Sarojini Naidu

Date : 13/02/1964 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Sarojini Naidu and a Nintingle bird on a branch with inscription, Sarojini Naidu/1879-1949/13th February 1964; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Brown & Green **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

**Official Cover _ Kasturba Gandhi 964.6.0**

Date : 22/02/1964 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Kasturba Gandhi spinning yarn; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Kasturba Gandhi/22-2-1964; legend on extreme left, Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Green & Brown **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

964.7.0 Official Cover _ W. M. Haffkine

Date : 16/03/1964 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture of Haffkine Institute, Bombay; legend on top, First Day Cover; at extreme left 16th March 1964; at bottom, Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Reddish brown & Green **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Bombay G. P. O. **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

**Official Cover _ Raja Ram Mohan Roy 964.8.0**

Date : 27/09/1964 **Denomination :** 15np **Description :** Picture and inscription at extreme left- Raja Ram Mohan Roy and at right 27-9-1964; legend on top, First Day Cover; at bottom, Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Colour :** Brown & Blue **Size :** 152x90 mms **Cancellation :** Official cancellation of Ahmedabad **Produced by :** Indian Posts & Telegraphs **Rarity :** Normal

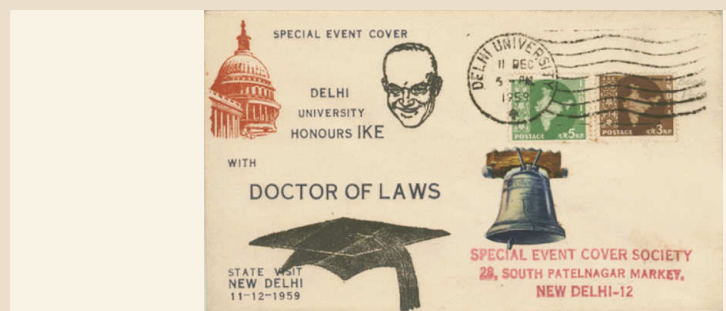
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1953 **Air Transport Nationalisation_1_08_1953**



17th International Scout Conference, New Delhi_25_07_1959 **1959 - 1**

1959 - 2 **President of America Mr. Eisenhower's Visit to New Delhi_10_12_1959**

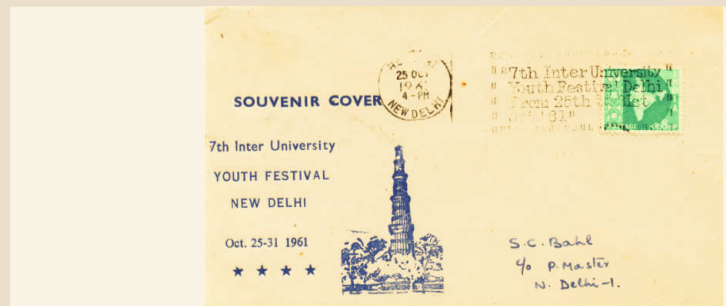
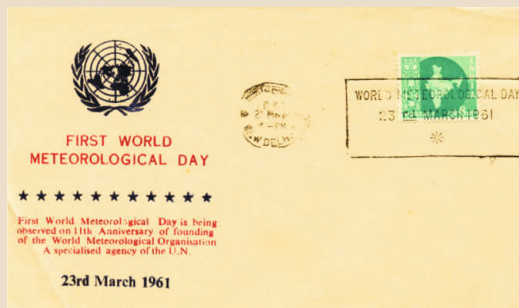


Delhi University honours Mr. Eisenhower (IKE)with Doctor of Laws _ 11_12_1959 **1959 - 3**

1960 - 1 **United Nations Day_24_10_1960**

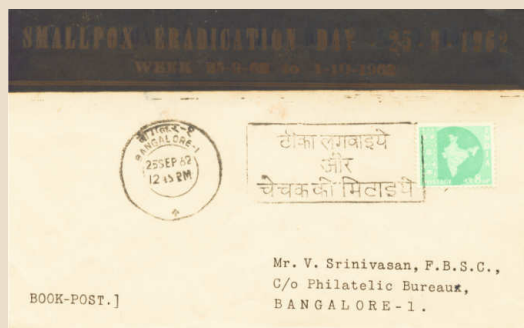


Visit of Crown Prince Akhito & Princess Michiko_29_11_1960 **1960 - 2**

1961 - 1 First World Meteorological Day_23_03_1961**1961 - 2** Youth Festival_25_10_1961**1961 - 3** Honouring Yuri Gagarin - Visit to India_02_12_1961**1962 - 1** Fire Preservation Week_05_02_1962**1962 - 2** Save and Invest - Save for your Future_04_08_1962**1962 - 3** It may be your turn now/Buy Government of India/Buy Prize Bonds_30_08_1962

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1962 - 4 Smallpox Eradication Day_25_09_1962



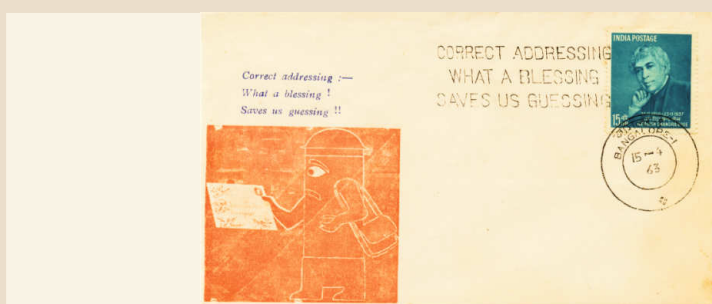
Co-operative Week_3_11_1962 to 9_11_1962 1962 - 5

1963 - 1 Save and Invest - "Save & serve the Nation"_09_03_1963



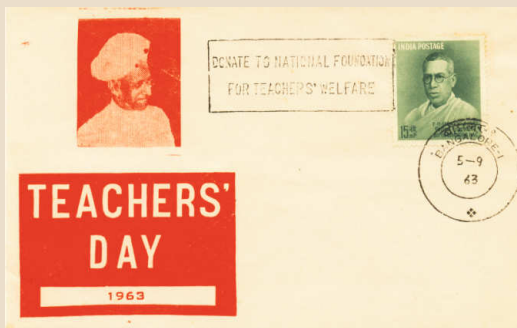
For Health & Happiness - Family Planning _ Violet_15_04_1963 1963 - 2

1963 - 3 For Health & Happiness - Family Planning _ Green_15_04_1963



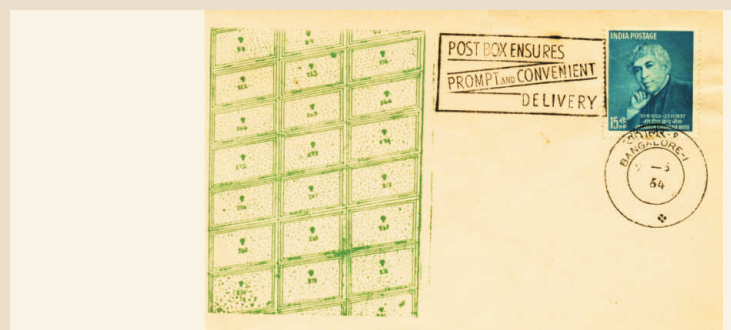
Correct Addressing/What a Blessing/Saves us Guessing_15_07_1963 1963 - 4

1963 - 5 Teacher Day _05_09_1963



Preserve Sight_Prevent Blindness_30_04_1964 1964 - 1

1964 - 2 Jawaharlal Nehru_Died on 27-5-1964



Post Box ensures/Prompt and Convenient/Delivery_09_06_1964 1964 - 3

1964 - 4 Smallpox Eradication Programme _25_09_1964



Commemorating United Nations Day 24_10_1964 1964 - 5

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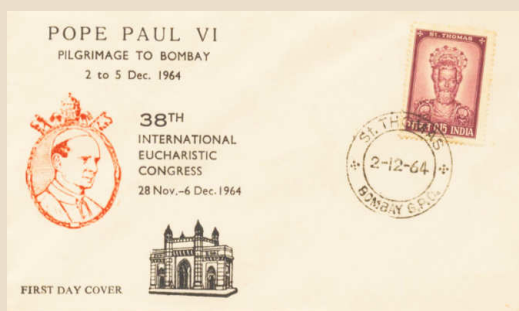
1964 - 6 **Preservation of Monuments_09_11_1964**



Children Day__14_11_1964

1964 - 7

1964 - 8 **38 th International Eucharistic Congress _28 Nov. to 6 Dec.1964**



Correct and Complete/Address ensures/Quick Delivery _12_12_1964

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964 - 10 **The Golden Series - 1, Rev. Pope Pole - VI's Visit to India_28_11_1964**
Opening of the 38 th International Eucharistic Congress - Bombay



The Golden Series - 2, Rev. Pope Pole - VI's Visit to India_02_12_1964
Stop over of the Pope in Bevruth

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964 - 12 The Golden Series - 3, Rev. Pope Pole - VI's Visit to India_02_12_1964
Eastward Flight Rome - Bombay



The Golden Series - 4, Rev. Pope Pole - VI's Visit to India_02_12_1964
F.D.C. Of the St. Thomas Stam

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964 - 14 The Golden Series - 5, Rev. Pope Pole - VI's Visit to India_03_12_1964
Consacration of 5 Bishops from the 5 continents



The Golden Series - 6, Rev. Pope Pole - VI's Visit to India_04_12_1964
Pope presiding the Pontifical mass with Siro - Malenkar rite

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964 - 16 The Golden Series - 7, Rev. Pope Pole - VI's Visit to India_05_12_1964
Return flight Bandra - Bombay - Rome



The Golden Series - 8, Rev. Pope Pole - VI's Visit to India_06_12_1964
Closing of the 38 th International Eucharistic Congress

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Folders, Presentation Folders and Souvenir Albums from 1947-1964 (Anna Value to NP Value)

Folders or Information Brochures have been issued for most of the post-Independence commemorative and Definitive stamps of India. They contained useful background information on the themes of the issues and technical data on the stamps. These Information folders were free till 1962. The 1st priced folder was brought out in case of Red Cross Centenary issue of 1963 with the cost of 7np.

In the early years, Folders were not issued regularly. On some occasions, they were brought only for presentation to dignitaries. Hence, these did not carry much of printed text and were meant for mounting of the special stamps. Later, however, the Presentation Folders were also issued along with ordinary folders meant for sale to collectors.

An effort is made here to present information about such Folders, Presentation Folders and Souvenir Albums.

1947

947.2. F 21/11/1947 (3 ½ Anna) - Independence Commemoration.

947.3. F 15/12/1947 (1 ½ Anna & 12 Anna) - Independence Commemoration.

Two Folders are issued for both the dates together i.e. one as complimentary and other one as regular folder.



1948

948.1. F 29/05/1948 (12 Anna) Inauguration of India U. K. Air Service. Folder is not issued.

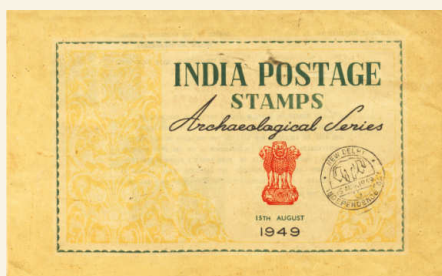
948.2. F 15/08/1948 (1 ½ Anna, 3 ½ Anna, 12a, 10 Rs.) - Mahatma Gandhi mourning issue. Two Folders are issued. Black folder was meant for presentation to high dignitaries and is Excessively Rare.



1949

949.1. F

15/08/1949 Archeological series of Definitive Stamps. Folder is issued.



949.2. F 10/10/1949 (9p, 1a, 3 1/2 Anna, 12 Anna) 75th anniversary of Universal Postal Union. Presentation Folder is issued.



1950

950.1. F 26/01/1950 (2 Anna, 3 1/2 Anna, 4 Anna, 12 Anna) Republic of India. Two Folders are issued i.e. one as complimentary and other one as regular folder.



1951

951.1. F 13/01/1951 (2 Anna) Centenary of Geological Survey of India. No folder is issued

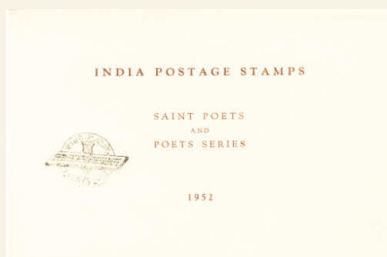
951.2. F 04/03/1951 (2 anna & 12 Anna) First Asian Games, New Delhi. No folder is issued.

1952

952.1. F 01/10/1952 (9 Paisa, 1 Anna, 2 Anna, 4 Anna, 4 1/2 Anna, 12 Anna) - Saints & Poets. Two Folders are issued i.e. one as complimentary and other one as regular folder. In complimentary folder, there were two varieties. One was having a silk cloth cover page while other one was simply printed on art paper. The designs of these folders were the same.

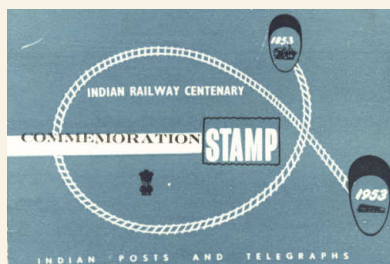


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1953

953.1. F 16/4/1953 (2 Anna) Railway Centenary. Presentation folder is issued.



953.2. F 2/10/1953 (2 Anna, 14 Anna) Conquest of Mount Everest. No folder is issued.

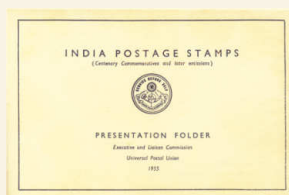
953.3. F 1/11/1953 (2 Anna, 14 Anna) Centenary of Indian Telegraphs. Presentation folder is issued.



1954

954.1. F 1/10/1954 (1 Anna, 2 Anna, 4 Anna, 14 Anna) Postage Stamp Centenary. Two Folders are issued for both the dates together i.e. one as complimentary and other one as regular folder. Over and above this, various types of Souvenir albums were also issued to commemorate this magnificent event of Indian Postage Centenary. In one Souvenir album, Indian Postage stamps from 1947 to 1954 were printed only. They were made with various coloured jackets viz. Blue, Black, Red and Green. In other Souvenir albums, original stamps including all stamps of Mahatma Gandhi stamps of 1948 and overprinted Archeological stamps of 1949 were put. Such Souvenir albums are Excessively Rare.



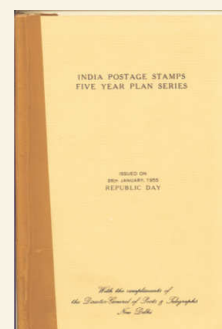


954.2. F 24/10/1954 (2 Anna) United Nations Day. No folder is issued.

954.3. F 11/12/1954 (2 Anna) Fourth World Forestry Congress, Dehra Dun. No folder is issued.

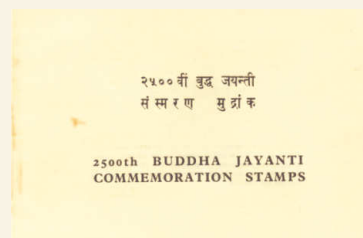
1955

955.1. F 26/01/1955 (Set of 18 Definitive Stamps) Five Year Plan Series. Two folders issued in Hindi & English are released as regular issues and one Complimentary folder with all mint stamps is also issued for presentation. One another folder with all mint stamps from Indian Postage centenary stamps to Five year Plan stamps including Archeological overprinted stamps is also issued in 1955.



1956

956.1. F 24/5/1956 (2 Anna, 14 Anna) 2500th Buddha Jayanti. Presentation folder is issued.



956.2. F

23/7/1956 (2 Anna) Birth Centenary of Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak. Folder is issued.



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1957

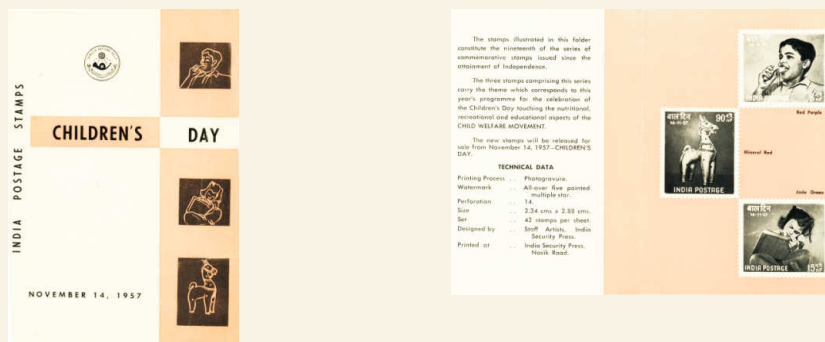
957.1. F 1/04/1957 (Set of 11+1 (7/05/1958) +2 (16/01/1958) =14 stamps) - Definitive stamps of Map Series.

No folder is issued.

957.1. F 15/8/1957 (15np, 90np) Indian Mutiny Centenary. No folder is issued.

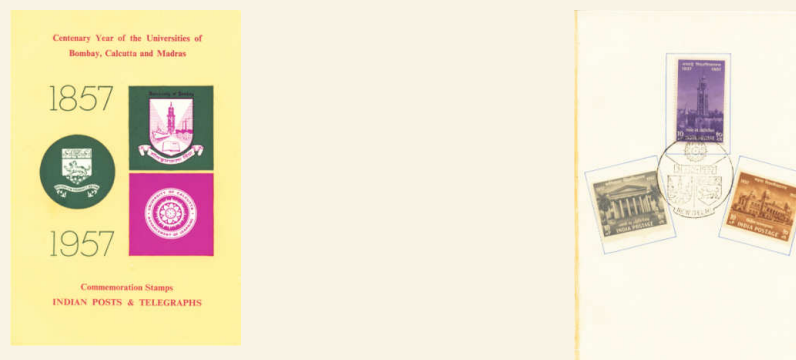
957.2. F 28/10/1957 (15np) 29th International Red Cross Conference, New Delhi. No folder is issued.

957.3. F 14/11/1957 (8np, 15np, 90np) National Children's Day. Two folders are issued.



957.4. F 31/12/1957 (10np, 10np, 10np) Centenary of Indian Universities Bombay, Calcutta & Madras

Presentation folder is issued.



1958

958.1. F 1/3/1958 (15np) 50th Anniversary of first indigenous Steel Industry. No folder is issued.

958.2. F 18/4/1958 (15np) Birth Centenary of Dr. Dhondo Keshan Karve. No folder is issued.

958.3. F 30/4/1958 (15np, 90np) Silver Jubilee of Indian Air Force. Presentation folder is issued.



958.4. F 7/11/1958 (15np) Birth Centenary of Bipin Chandra Pal. No folder is issued.

958.5. F 14/11/1958 (15np) Children's Day. No folder is issued.

958.6. F 30/11/1958 (15np) Birth centenary of Jagdish Chandra Bose. No folder is issued.

958.7. F 30/12/1958 (15np) India-1958 Exhibition, New Delhi. No folder is issued.

1959

959.1. F 15/4/1959 (15np) Death Centenary of Jeebhoy. No folder is issued.

959.2. F 15/6/1959 (15np) 40th Anniversary Of International Labour Organisation (I.L.O.) No folder is issued.

959.3. F 14/11/1959 (15np) Children's Day. No folder is issued.

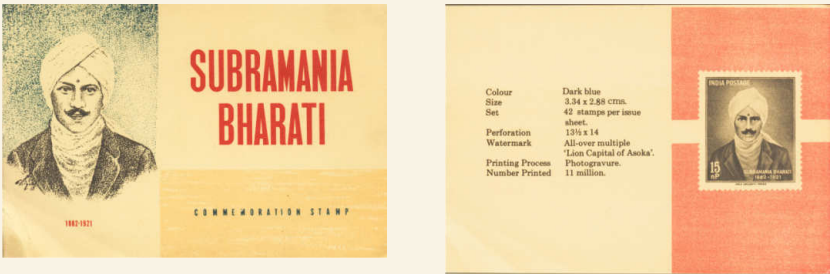
959.4. F 30/12/1959 (15np) First World Agriculture Fair, New Delhi. No folder is issued.

1960

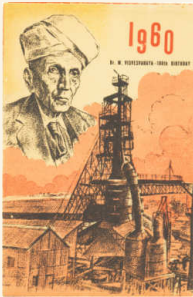
- 960.1. F 15/2/1960 (15np) Thiruvalluvar. No folder is issued.
- 960.2. F 22 /6/1960 (15np, 1 Rupee 3np) Kalidasa. Folder is issued.



- 960.3. F 11/9/1960 (15np) Subramania Bharati. Folder is issued.



- 960.4. F 15/9/1960 (15np) Birth Centenary of Dr. M. Visvesvaraya. Folder is issued.



- 960.5. F 14/11/1960 (15np) Children's Day. No folder is issued.
- 960.6. F 11/12/1960 (15np) UNICEF Day. Folder is issued.



1961

- 961.1. F 06/01/1961 (15np) Tyagaraja. Folder is issued.



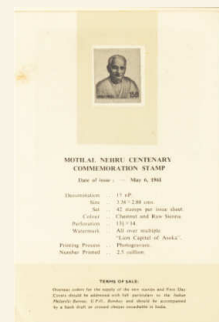
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961.2. F 18/2/1961 (5np, 15np, 1 Rupee) 50th Anniversary of First Official Airmail Flight, Allahabad to Naini. Two folders are issued.

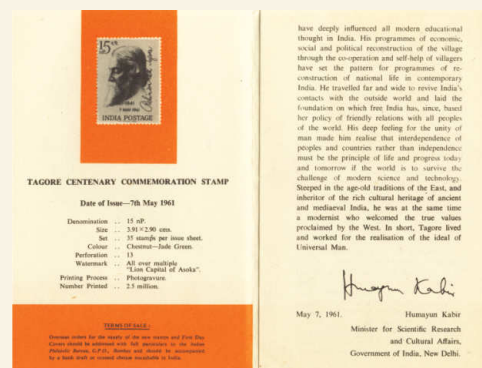
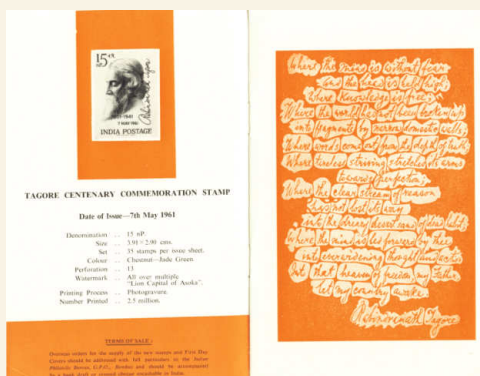
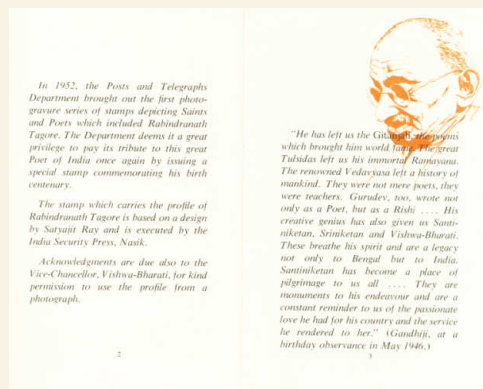
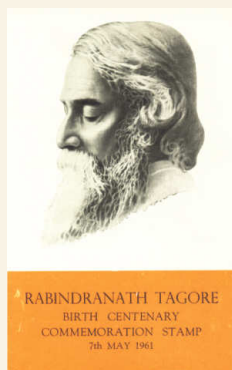


961.3. F 17/4/1961 (15np) Chhatrapati Shivaji. Folder is issued.

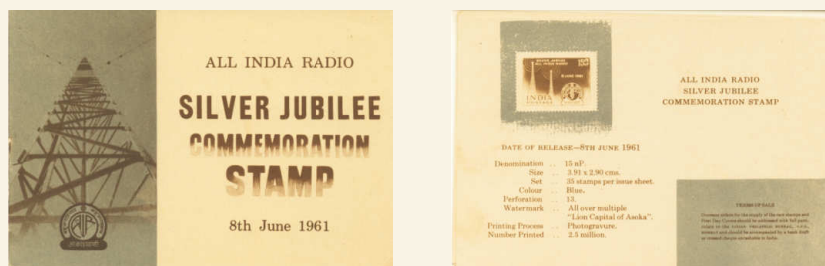
961.4. F 06/05/1961 (15np) Motilal Nehru Birth Centenary. Two folders are issued.



961.5. F 07/05/1961 (15np) Rabindranath Tagore Birth Centenary. Two folders are issued - One consisting of a folded sheet and the other in the form of a booklet for Presentation purpose. However, a very interesting fact has come to the notice after reading this folder. It has been mentioned there “The stamp which carries the profile of Rabindranath Tagore is based on a design by Satyajit Ray and is executed by the India Security Press, Nasik “.



961.6. F 08/06/1961 (15np) Silver Jubilee of All India Radio. Folder is issued.



961.7. F 02/08/1961 (15np) Birth Centenary of Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray. No folder is issued.

961.8. F 01/09/1961 (15np) Birth Centenary of Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande. Folder is issued.

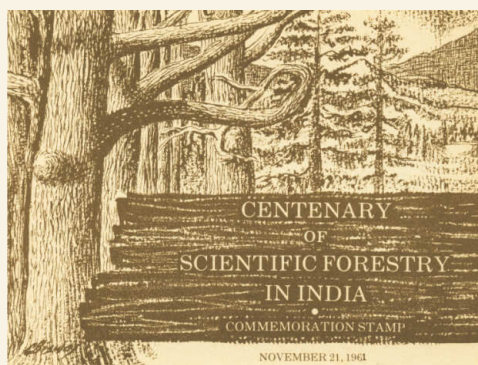


961.9. F 14/11/1961 (15np) Children's Day. Folder is issued.

961.10. F 14/11/1961 (15np) Indian Industries Fair, New Delhi. Folder is issued

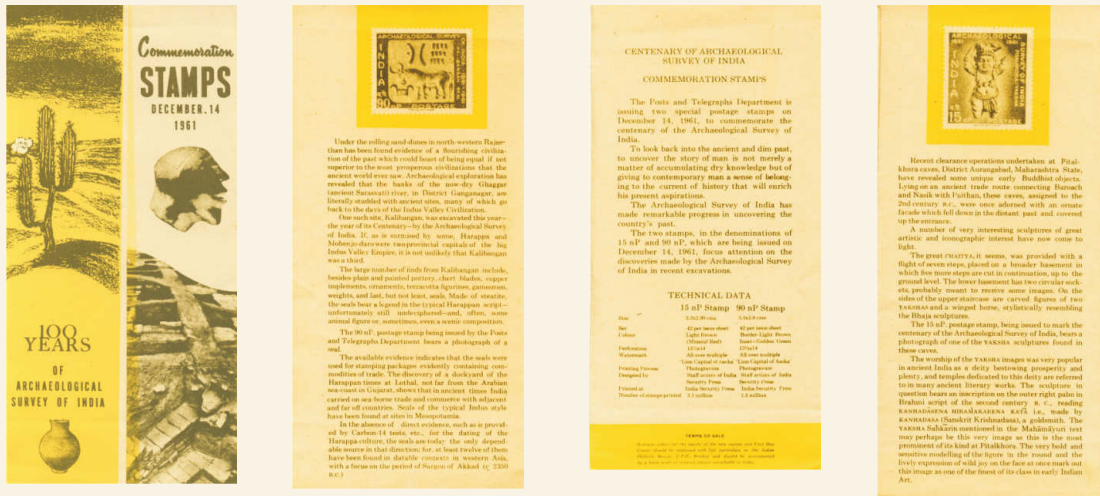


961.11. F 21/11/1961 (15np) Centenary of Scientific Forestry. Folder is issued.

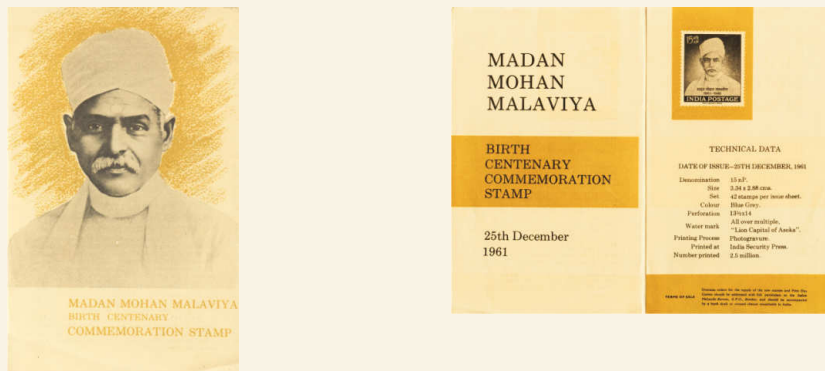


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961.12. F 14/12/1961 (15np, 90np) Centenary of Archaeological Survey of India. Folder is issued.



961.13. F 24/12/1961 (15np) Birth Centenary of Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya. Folder is issued.



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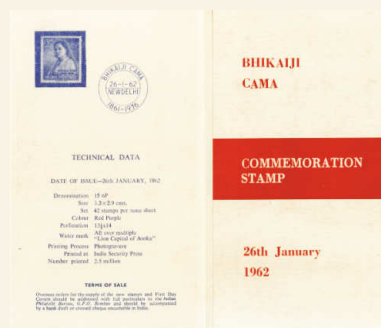
962.1. F 01/01/1962 (15np) Inauguration of Gauhati Oil Refinery. Folder is issued.



962.2. F 26/01/1962 (15np) Birth Centenary of Madame Bhikaiji Cama. Folder is issued.



962.3. F 26/01/1962 (15np) Panchayati Raj .Folder is issued.



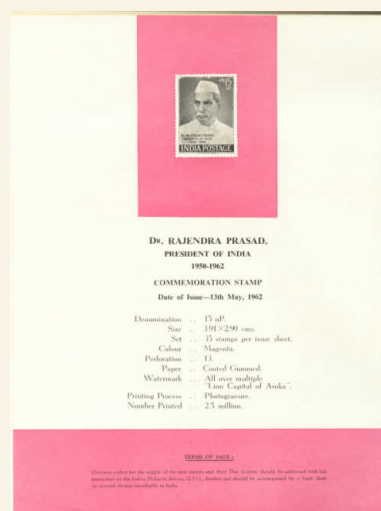
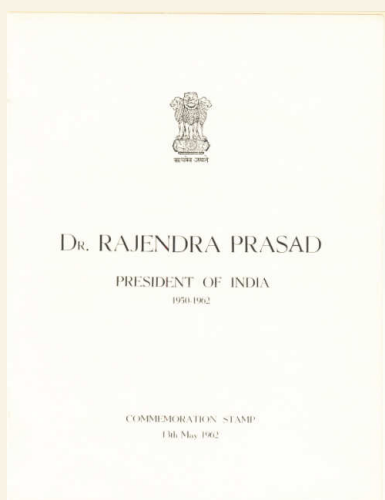
962.4. F 04/01/1962 (15np) Swami Dayanand Saraswati. No folder is issued.

962.5. F 25/03/1962 (15np) Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi. Folder is issued.

962.6. F 07/04/1962 Malaria Eradication. Folder is issued.

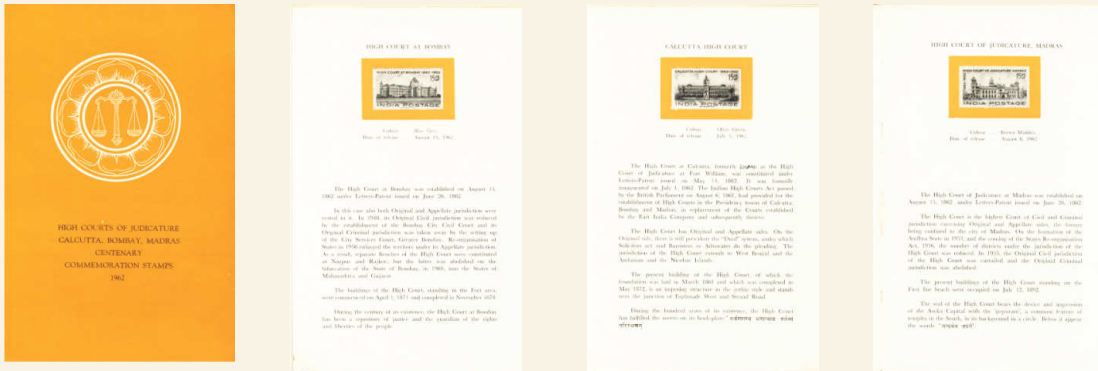


962.7. F 13/05/1962 Retirement of President Dr. Rajendra Prasad. Folder is issued.

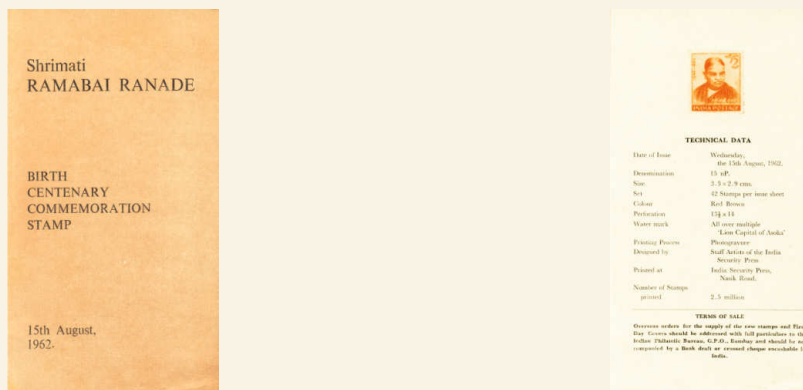


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- 962.8. F 01/07/1962 (15np) Centenary of High Courts Calcutta High Court
 962.9. F 06/08/1962 (15np) Centenary of High Courts - Madras High Court
 962.10. F 14/08/1962 (15np) Centenary of High Courts - Bombay High Court. Combined Folder is issued for all the three stamps.



- 962.11. F 15/08/1962 (15np) Ramabai Ranade. Folder is issued.



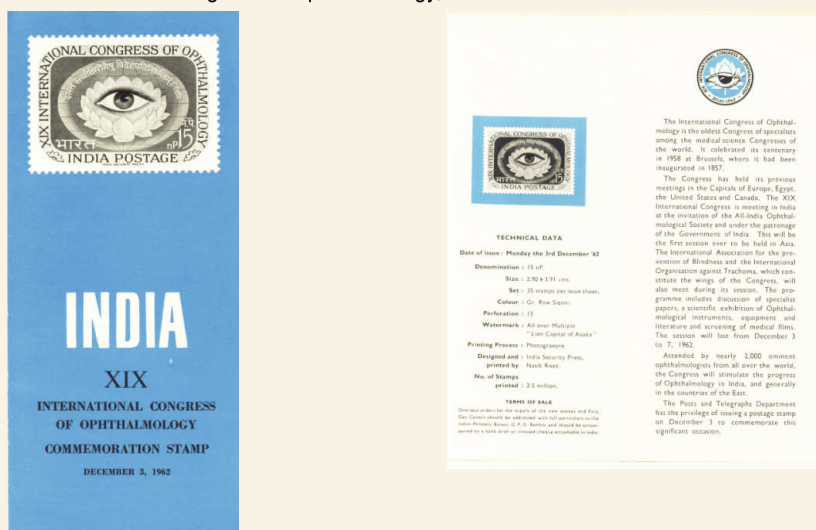
- 962.12. F 01/10/1962 (15np) Wildlife Series Indian Rhinoceros. Folder is issued.



- 962.13. F 14/11/1962 (15np) Children's Day. Folder is issued.



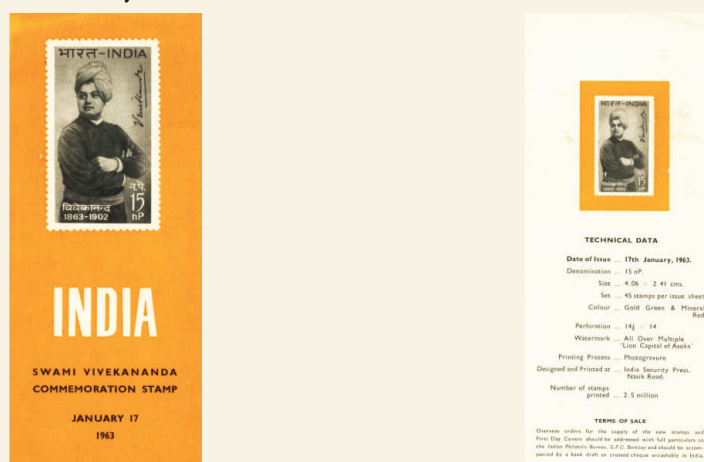
962.14. F 03/12/1962 (15np) 19th International Congress of Ophthalmology, New Delhi. Folder is issued.



962.15. F 22/12/1962 (15np) 75th Birth Anniversary of S. Ramanujan. Folder is issued.

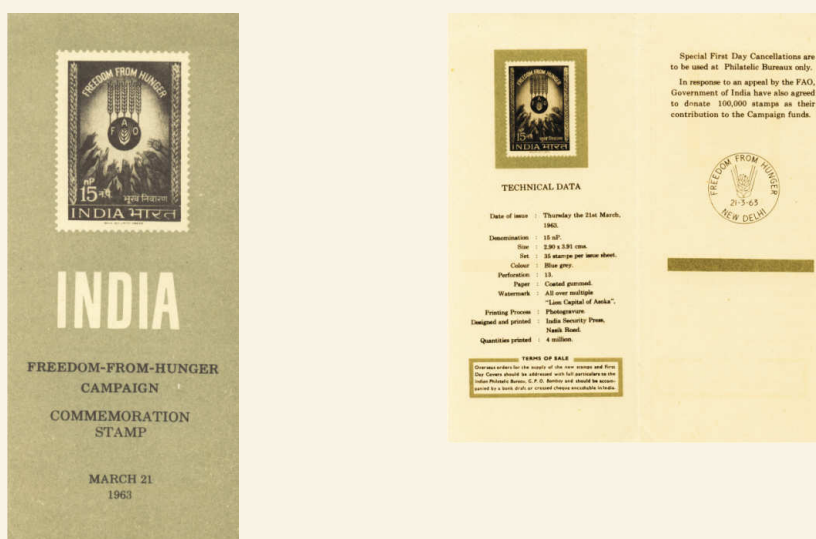
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963.1. F 17/01/1963 (15np) Birth Centenary of Swami Vivekananda. Folder is issued.



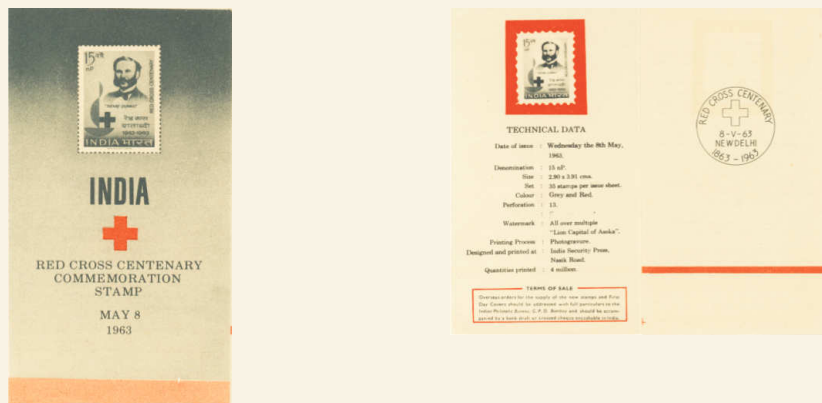
963.2. F 2/02/1963 (Re.1 on Rs. 1.03) Kalidasa overprint. No folder is issued.

963.2. F 21/03/1963 (15np) Freedom from Hunger Campaign. Folder is issued.



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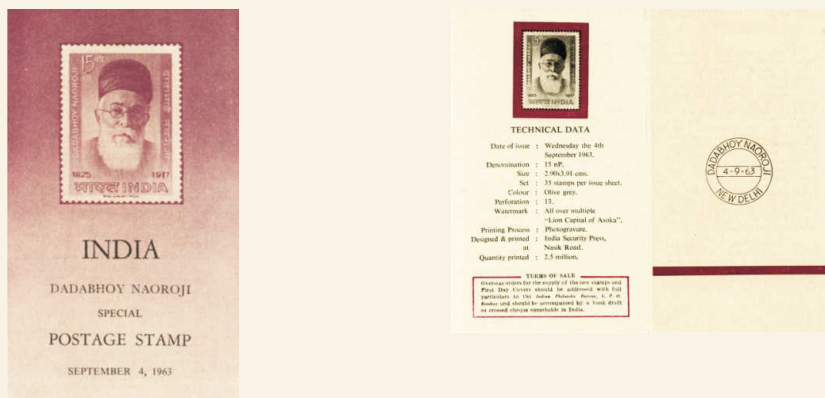
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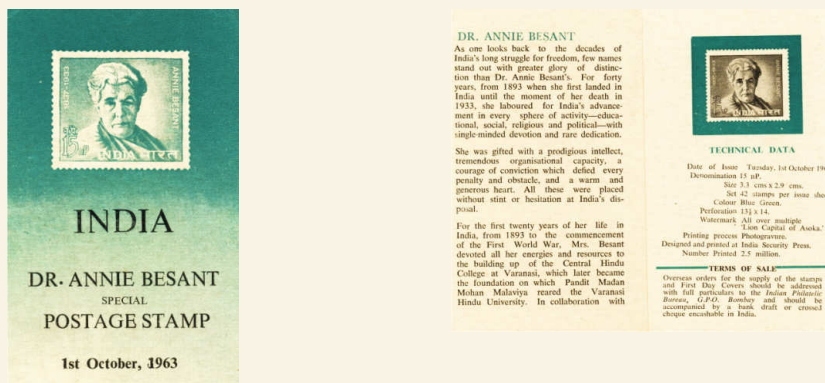
963.4. F 15/08/1963 (15np, 1 Rupee) Defense Effort. Folder is issued.



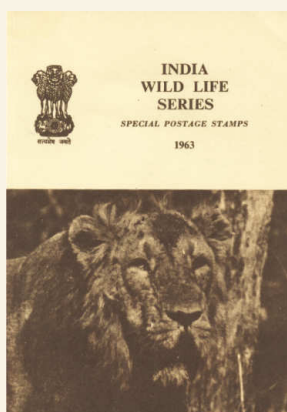
963.5. F 04/09/1963 (15np) Dr. Dadabhoi Naoroji. Folder is issued.



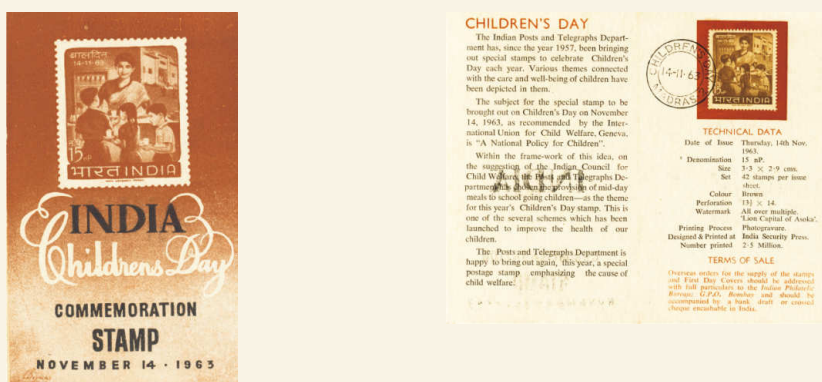
963.6. F 01/10/1963 (15np) Dr. Annie Besant. Folder is issued.



963.7. F 07/10/1963 (10np, 15np, 30np, 50np, 1 Rupee) Wild Life Preservation. Folder is issued.



963.8. F 14/11/1963 (15np) Children's Day. Folder is issued.



963.9. F 10/12/1963 (15np) 15th Anniversary of Declaration of Human Rights. Folder is issued.



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964.1. F 04/01/1964 (15np) 26th International Orientalists Congress, New Delhi. Folder is issued.



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964.2. F 04/01/1964 (15np) Pandit Gopabandhu Das. Folder is issued.



964.3. F 14/01/1964 (15np) 400th Death Anniv. Of Purandaradasa. Folder is issued.



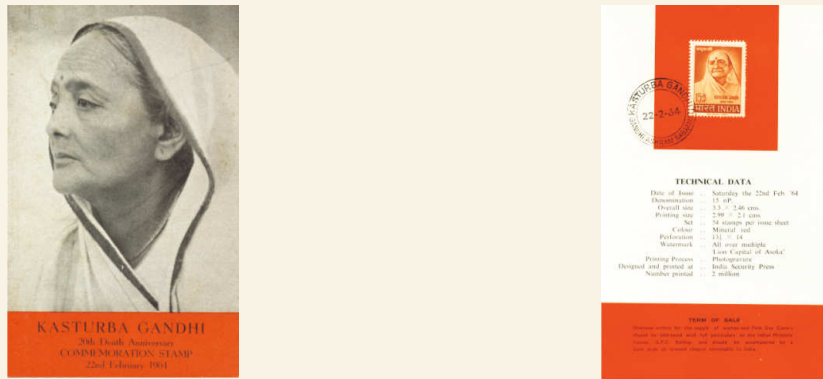
964.4. F 23/01/1964 (15np, 55np) 67th Birth Anniv. Of Subhas Chandra Bose. Folder is issued.



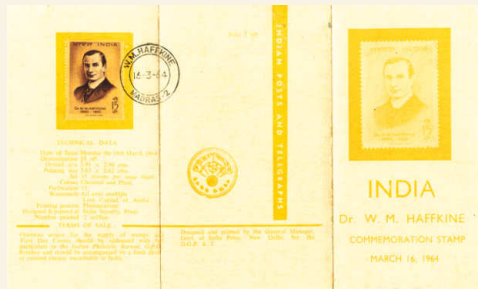
964.5. F 13/2/1964 (15np) 85th Birth Anniv. Of Sarojini Naidu. Folder is issued.



964.6. F 22/2/1964 (15np) Death Anniversary Of Kasturba Gandhi. Folder is issued



964.7. F 16/03/1964 (15np) Dr. Waldermar Mordecai Wolff Haffkine. Folder is issued.

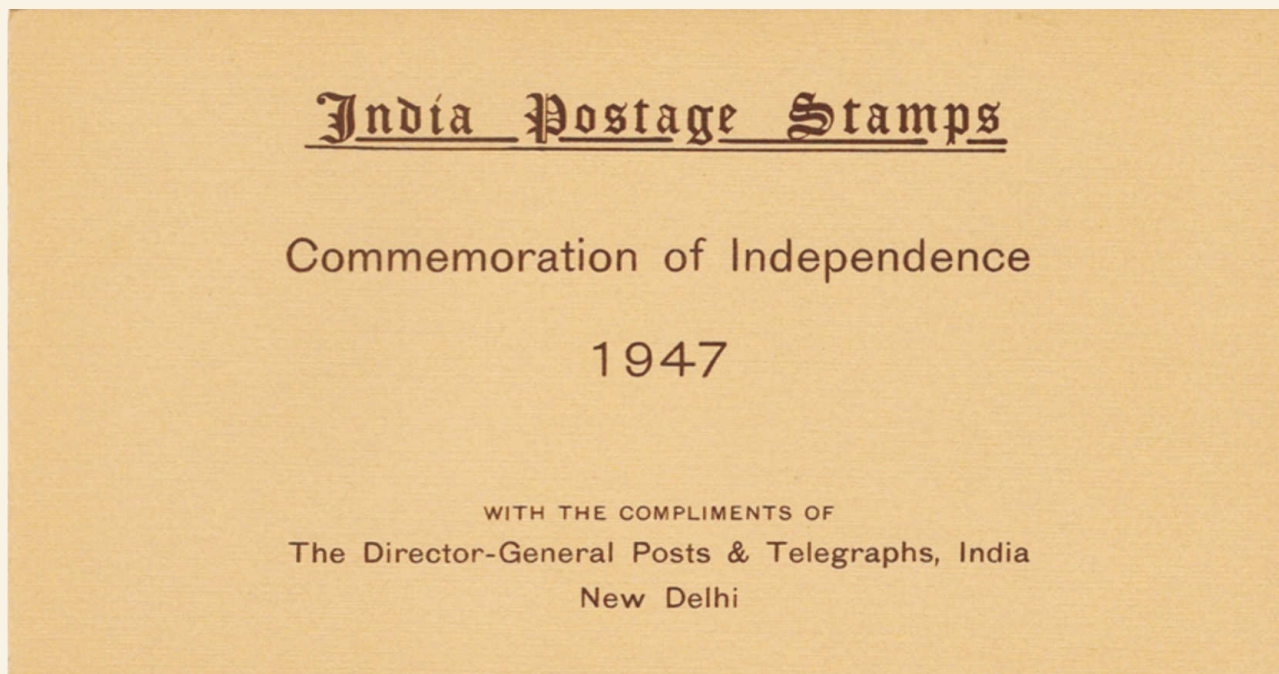


After this stamp, three stamps of Nehru - 12/06/1964 (15p) , Asutosh Muookerjee - 29/06/1964 (15p) and Sri Aurobindo 15/08/1964 (15p) were issued with 'P (Paisa)' denomination. And again following fourth stamp was issued with 'np' denomination which was the last stamp with 'np' denomination.

964.11. F 27/09/1964 (15np) Raja Rammohan Roy. Folder is issued.



First complimentary folder of Commemoration of Independence 1947



Folders of Gandhi mourning issue stamps of 15/08/1948



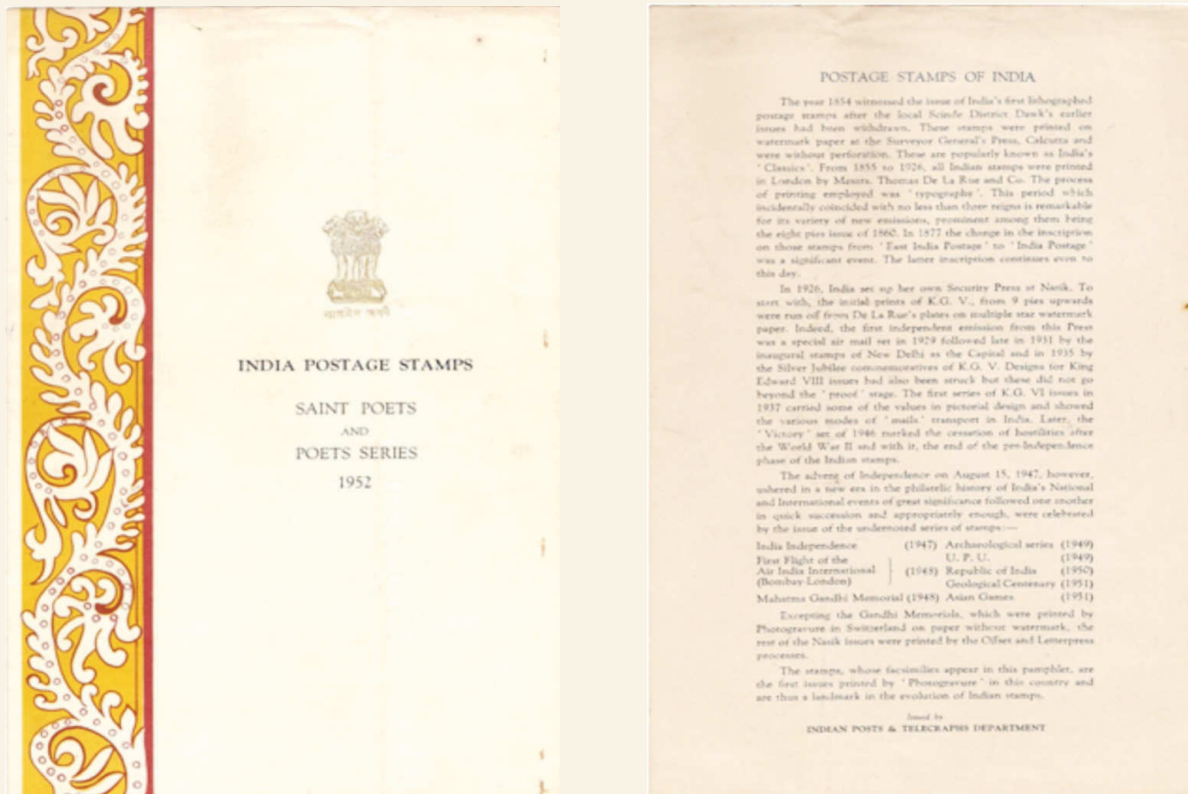
Folder of stamps of Archeological series with
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Folder of stamps of Saints & Poets Series 01/10/1952



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To give thematic dimension to the hobby of Autograph collection, he started with this website which represents a thematic Gallery of Indian/World Autographs. This is a unique site as it presents, for the first time, a galaxy of Autographs of Indian/World Celebrities in a very systematic and thematic way. However one can visit www.worldautographgallery.com to view autographs of only world celebrities of various fields.

On this website, one can find the autographs and photographs of more than 500 Padma awardees, 350 film personalities, 150 TV personalities, 200 cricket players, 120 Nobel Laureates, 360 world political celebrities and many more personalities.

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With a view to preserve, protect and project Indian Art and Numismatic Treasure in proper perspective, this Website is created. It is an attempt to popularize collection of coins, banknotes, tokens, medals and other collectibles like weights, badges, badge plates, match labels etc. of India. The Website aims to create public awareness to preserve these little nuggets of Indian history. The history of India can only be studied and rewritten when these historical tablets have been survived and maintained from the melting pot.



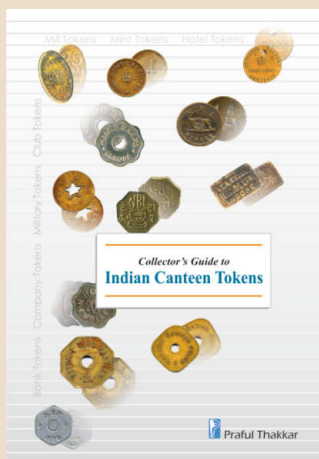
Collector's Guide to First Day Covers & Folders 1947-1964 Official & Private

'Collector's Guide to First Day Covers & Folders of India 1947-1964 - Official & Private' is a book that catalogues Official & Private First Day Covers and Folders of India from 1947 to 1964 (Anna Value to NP Value). It also covers the gamut of Commemorative and Definitive stamps along with their folders, Presentation folders and Souvenir Albums. India attained Independence on 15th August, 1947. And the first official Celebration cancellation of Independent India was 'JaiHind-15 Aug. 47'. However the Stamps commemorating India's Independence were first issued on 21/11/1947 (3 ½ Anna) and 15/12/1947 (1 ½ Anna & 12 Anna). The book starts with Private covers duly cancelled with this Celebration cancellation of 15/08/1947.

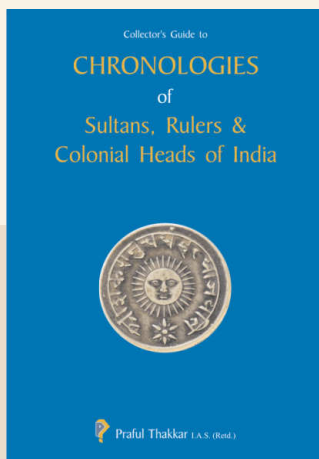
In the first decade of Independence, India Post was not fully geared up to come out with First Day Covers of stamps. At this point of time, some creative philatelists/dealers realized the importance of such FDCs and took this opportunity to bring out some artistic and ornamental FDCs to commemorate respective events. Their beautiful creations filled the Postal gaps for FDC collection and provided the continuity in collection of Commemorative and Definitive FDCs. This early period of Indian Philately is highly fascinating and attracting because of variety of First Day Covers with various sizes, color shades, cancellation marks, legends and creative designs which are appropriate to the theme of respective stamps.

In this book an effort is made to illustrate with coloured photos about 80 Official FDCs, 70 Folders, Presentation folders & Souvenir Albums along with FDCs of Indian Army Postal Service and Overprinted Military Postage stamps. It also contains more than 250 Private First Day Covers (including about 24 Private FDCs of Gandhi mourning issue of 1948) with colorful, creative and charismatic designs made by the philatelists and dealers of early days.

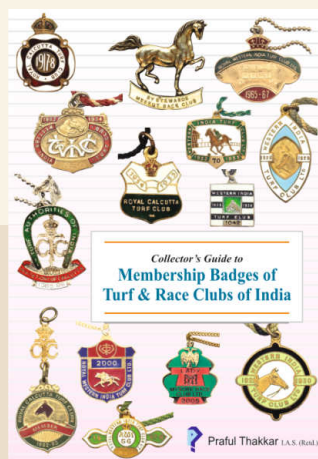
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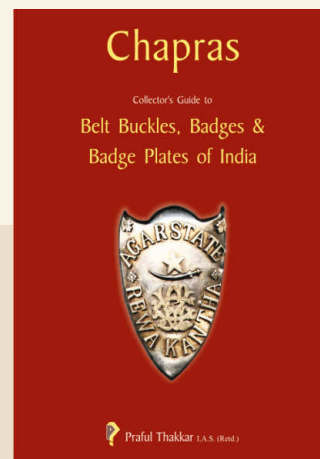
'Collector's Guide to Indian Canteen Tokens' is a reference catalogue of canteen tokens issued in India since 1939. The concept of Canteen Tokens developed in different industrial, commercial, military, catering and other such units during the time of the World War II. These metallic tokens were issued by various establishments, government as well as non-government, for use in their own premises only. Such establishments were like mills, mints, military, railways, banks, clubs, hotels, companies, factories, co-operatives and like. In all, as many as 295 canteen tokens have been catalogued in this Guide with details like the issuer, location, metal, weight, size, shape, value, and descriptions of obverse and reverse. Colour illustrations of more than 260 tokens have also been appended to make the Guide more comprehensive.



'Collector's Guide to Chronologies of Sultans, Rulers & Colonial Heads of India' is a compilation that gives chronological rule periods of various Heads of the States and Territories. In this book one can find the rule periods of Muslim rulers who were Sultans of different territories. Under the Independent Kingdoms, chronology of such Rulers who tried to stay Independent during Mughals and British are presented. While under Princely States, chronology of Rulers of some few Princely States (whose coins, medals, cash-coupons, badges etc. are known) is presented. Under the Colonial Heads, rule period of colonies like Danish, Portuguese, British etc. is given. This humble effort and endeavor will be of much use to the collectors in pursuit of their numismatic hobby.



'Collector's Guide to Membership Badges of Turf & Race Clubs of India' is a reference work of membership badges issued by the race/turf club authorities to their members. In India there are five main race/turf clubs viz. Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Bangalore and Hyderabad. They have issued such badges, which were colourful and were artistically made with exquisite workmanship. As the badges are full of variety and are also colourfully enameled, it has all the charisma to attract and give pleasure to the collector. The Guide gives a historical background of racing in India and catalogues about 260 badges along with their coloured photos. The Guide is an attempt to give a dimension to the hobby of collecting such membership badges.



'Chapras - Collector's Guide to Belt Buckles, Badges & Badge Plates of India' is a book that gives a wonderful thematic dimension to the hobby of collecting Badges, Badge Plates & Belt Buckles of India. They were usually made of brass or bronze and in some few cases they were made of silver too. They were made of various shapes and had variety of wearing styles. They depict and describe history and indicate the identity or the Authority on whose behalf they are issued. They were the symbols of recognition. As these Chapras Badges are full of variety and meticulously made, they have all the charisma to attract and give the pleasure to the collector. This Guide has catalogued more than 630 such badges, badge plates and belt buckles along with their photos.