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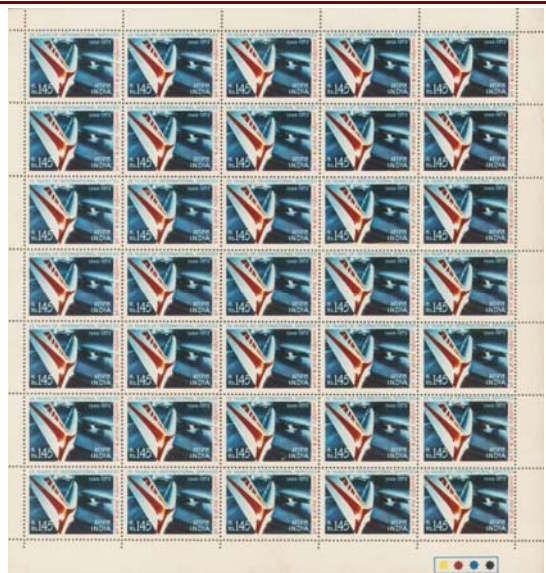
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India's First's in Philately
 (After Independence) continued....

First Stamp Printed with Traffic Lights

was issued on 8th June 1973 to commemorate the 25 years of International Air Services in the face value of Rs.1.45. which was the then air mail postage rate. A multicoloured stamp is basically printed with four colours only. They are **Cyan**, **Magenta**, **Yellow** and **Black**. For more perfectness and reality of a picture, more colours can be used. In India the maximum number of colours used for printing a stamp is **Ten**. The used colours are represented as dots in the sheet corner as shown below. The dots



Complete sheet of stamps with the colour dots printed at the right hand bottom corner of the sheet (TL4)



First Day Cancellation on Stamp with Traffic Lights



Stamp issued for the millennium sunrise on 01-01-2001, shown with all positions of Traffic lights

can be of various shapes like 8 or 6 or 5 pointed star or a perfect circle (dot). The size vary from small to large which depends mainly on the interest of the designer and the plate maker. The position of the dots (traffic lights) in a stamp sheet can be represented as TL1-left hand top corner, TL2-right hand top corner, TL3-left hand bottom corner and TL4-right hand bottom corner. Normally the order of colour dots will be



Shri Shirdi Sai Baba issued in 2008

the same on all four corner positions. See the millennium sun rise issue, all the TL's are in the same order. For the first time it was not in the issue on Shirdi Sai Baba stamp. TL1 and TL2 are same, but different from TL3 and TL4 which are alike. First stamp to have the letters **CMYK** instead of dots was the issue on President's body guard, 16 November 1998



First SAARC summit, Daka. 08-12-85