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NEWS LETTER

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

First and the only one day stamp

was issued on 29th May, 1948 in the denomination of 12As. This stamp was meant



for use for one day only during the inaugural flight between India and United Kingdom on 8th June, 1948. Only 0.57 Million stamps were printed. This quantity is very small when compared to 25 million stamps of 1½As Gandhi which was issued in the same year.

First Personality on Stamp



Mahatma Gandhi

was our father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Four stamps were issued in the denominations of 1½As. 3½As. 12As. and 10Rs. on 15th August 1948 to commemorate the first year of Independence. Nearly 40% of the stamps issued so far in India, is only on personalities.

First Stamp on Children's Day was issued on 14th November 1957 to coincide with the Birthday of India's First Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The denominations were 8nP. 15nP. and 90nP. So far till 2008, fifty



Nutrition

Education

Recreation

stamps have been issued on children's day. They are mainly on children's activities, their health, education and talents in painting.

First Stamp with a Signature

was issued on 7th May 1961 to commemorate the Birth centenary of Rabindranath Tagore. Till 2006 India has issued 32 stamps with signature and initials of the honoured personalities.



Enlarged Tamil Text

First Stamp with Tamil Text

was issued on 3rd January 1968 to commemorate the International seminar on Tamil studies which was organised in Madras (present day Chennai). The Tamil word "திருக்குறள்" was printed in the design. So far till 2008, seven stamps with Tamil text and Tamil signature has been issued.

First Stamp printed with a Flower

was issued on 24th October in 1954 to celebrate the United Nations Day. It had a lotus flower (Indian National Symbol - Flower) printed on it. The first set of stamps issued



U.N. Emblem & Lotus

on flowers was on 1st July 1977. The flowers were Lotus(25p), Rhododendron(50p), Kadamba(100p) and Gloriosa Lily(200p). Third set of Maxim cards were also released on these flowers. Till 2001, India has released 35 stamps with flowers in the topic Flora and Fauna, Flowering trees and Herbal plants.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear philatelist, hope this news letter gives you some additional information on stamps. On 4th of this month (April'09), Mr.Balakrishna Das, President of SIPA (South India Philatelists Association) in Chennai along with other SIPA office bearers went through the first five news letters. The past President of SIPA Mr. Madanmohan Das also went through the news letters. They were happy. Now you can view these APPS News Letters as PDF file in the official web site of SIPA sipa.org.in in the bulletin and news letter section. APPS and its members thank SIPA for recognising and encouraging APPS.

- Prof. Dr. Saathappan

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