

Guardians of the
Tricolor:
**Exploring India's
Armed Forces
Through Philately**

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This exhibition explores the history of India's armed forces through postage stamps, highlighting significant events, contributions, and milestones.

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Spanning a single frame, it serves as a window into history. Stamps commemorating the Param Vir Chakra, Armed Forces Day, and various army regiments honor the unwavering bravery and sacrifices of soldiers who have defended the nation.

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Institutions like UPSC, NCC, RIMC, and IMA are recognized through stamps, reflecting their role in shaping disciplined leaders dedicated to national service.

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Each stamp serves as a historical record, highlighting contributions to national service and reflecting the dedication and resilience associated with India's armed forces.

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Through philately, these stories are preserved, offering insights into significant moments and milestones.

Introduction

Welcome to 'Guardians of the Tricolor: Exploring India's Armed Forces Through Philately.' This exhibition delves into India's rich heritage and armed forces, narrating tales of courage, leadership, and national pride through postage stamps.

In our inaugural chapter, we navigate the seas with stamps honoring the Indian Navy, dating back to 1968. These stamps resonate with the waves our naval forces traverse, safeguarding our shores globally.

The exhibition spotlights education and service through stamps dedicated to institutions like UPSC, NCC, RIMC, and IMA, symbolizing educational excellence and a commitment to service. The following gallery pays homage to the Armed Forces, with stamps commemorating the Param Vir Chakra and Indian Armed Forces Day, offering windows into the valor and sacrifices of our soldiers.

The heartbeat of the exhibition resonates with the rhythmic march of army regiments, each stamp a badge of honor representing the diversity and unity in our armed forces. Soaring into the skies, the exhibition takes flight with stamps capturing the dynamic world of Indian aviation, narrating the saga of technological prowess, strategic capabilities, and the human spirit propelling our air force.

In conclusion, 'Guardians of the Tricolor' invites you to explore stories etched in these stamps—of resilience, sacrifice, and pride. Each stamp serves as a portal into the soul of a nation, a fragment of history, a salute to heroes, and a celebration of the indomitable spirit defining the heart of India. Welcome to a journey where every postage stamp illuminates an extraordinary chapter in our nation's narrative."

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This First Day Cover celebrating 50 years of the Indian Armed Forces, issued on December 16, 1997, bears the inscription 'Courageous, fearless, selfless,' symbolizing the core values of the military. This poignant design serves as a timeless tribute to five decades of unwavering service, making it a meaningful collectible and homage to India's military legacy.



This First Day Cover, issued on Independence Day, August 15, 1972, with the theme "Greetings to our forces," stands as a heartfelt tribute to the valor and sacrifice of our armed forces. This collectible cover symbolizes the nation's gratitude and honors the dedication of the forces in safeguarding our independence, making it a poignant keepsake of patriotic sentiment.

LAND, SEA, AIR, AND PEACE: A PHILATELIC TRIBUTE TO INDIA'S MILITARY PROWESS

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12th Aero India International Show (Issued on 23 Feb 2019)
The 12th Aero India International Show's postage stamp highlights the empowering role of women in aviation, a testament to their significant contributions and achievements in the field



75th Year of the Indian Army Day



Marking a historic moment in maritime strength, the INS Kalvari postage stamp pays tribute to India's first Scorpène-class submarine, symbolizing advanced naval prowess and technological excellence. (Issued on 7 Dec 2017)



The BrahMos missile stamp commemorates India's technological excellence, symbolizing precision and innovation in defense capabilities. (Issued on 22 Dec 2008)



Capturing the spirit of service and global harmony, the Indian Army in UN Peacekeeping Operations postage stamp honors the commitment and sacrifices made by Indian forces in fostering international peace and security. (Issued on 24 Oct 2004)



Diamond Jubilee of DRDO



Stamps honoring the permanent commission of women officers in the Indian Army, a testament to their unwavering dedication and trailblazing role in breaking barriers and serving with distinction. (Issued 15 Jan 2022)

भारतीय नौसेना INDIAN NAVY



सागर के सक्ती SENTINEL OF THE SEAS

भारतीय नौसेना INDIAN NAVY
1-12-81
इन्दौर
INDORE



Silver Jubilee of INS Vikrant
Issued on 16 Feb 1986

Indian Navy
Issued on 1 Dec 1981

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प्रथम दिवस आवरण FIRST DAY COVER



वा. नौ. वी. विजयन की 75वां जन्मदिन
SILVER JUBILEE OF I.N. S. VIKRANT



प्रथम दिवस आवरण FIRST DAY COVER
15-12-68



वा. नौ. वी. नीलगिरी INS NILGIRI
नौसेना दिवस NAVY DAY 1968



10th Anniversary of IMCO
Issued on 14 Oct 1969

SAIL THROUGH TIME: STAMPS UNVEILING INDIA'S NAVAL TRIUMPHS

INS Nilgiri (Navy Day)
Issued on 15 Dec 1968

14-10-1969

अंतराष्ट्रीय समुद्री सहायता समन्वय की
हमारी जयन्ती



10TH ANNIVERSARY
INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME
CONSULTATIVE ORGANISATION

भारतीय डाक-तार विभाग - INDIAN POSTS & TELEGRAPH



प्रथम दिवस आवरण
FIRST DAY COVER

राष्ट्रीय नौसैनिक दिवस



भारतीय डाक-तार विभाग
INDIAN POSTS & TELEGRAPH



National Maritime Day
Issued on 5 Apr 1965

250th Anniversary of Naval Dockyard Bombay
Issued on 11 Jan 1986

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250th वर्ष की
250th Anniversary
नौसेना गोदीबाड़ा बम्बई
NAVAL DOCKYARD BOMBAY



250th वर्ष की
250th Anniversary
नौसेना गोदीबाड़ा बम्बई
NAVAL DOCKYARD BOMBAY
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REGIMENTAL RHAPSODY: A PHILATELIC SHOWCASE OF VALOR AND TRADITION IN THE INDIAN ARMY

1000 दिवस अखिल
FIRST DAY COVER

सम्राट विजयेन्द्र MAHAR REGIMENT



प्रथम दिवस अखिल FIRST DAY COVER



सम्राट विजयेन्द्र
सम्राट विजयेन्द्र

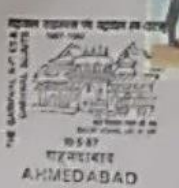


अखिल 3rd Battalion

सम्राट विजयेन्द्र
सम्राट विजयेन्द्र



गढ़वाल राइफल एवं गढ़वाल स्कौट्स
Garhwal Rifles & Garhwal Scouts
1887-1987



FROM BEATS TO BORDERS: STAMPS HONORING INDIA'S PROTECTORS

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प्रथम दिवस आवरण FIRST DAY COVER



सीमा सुरक्षा बल
BORDER SECURITY FORCE



Border Security Force
Issued on 21 Oct 2015



Corps of Signals
Issued on 4 Feb 2011



90th General Assembly of Interpol
Issued on 18 Oct 2022



125 Years of Intelligence Bureau
Issued on 23 Nov 2013



200 years of President's Body Guard
Issued on 30 Sep 1973



Police Beat Patrol
Issued on 21 Oct 1982



Central Reserve Police Force
Issued on 27 July 1989



APS Corps - Silver Jubilee
Issued on 22 Jan 1997



President's Fleet review
Issued on 21 Feb 2022



AERO INDIA AND BEYOND: STAMPS UNVEILING INDIA'S AEROSPACE TRIUMPHS

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Indian Air Force
"Chetak" Helicopter
Issued on 15 Oct 1979



12th Aero India International Show (Issued on 23 Feb 2019)

Aero India is a biennial air show and aviation exhibition held in Bengaluru, India at the Yelahanka Air Force Station. It is organised by the Defence Exhibition Organisation, Ministry of Defence. The 12th edition of Aero India was held from 20 to 24 February 2019. The theme of the event was Runway to a Billion Opportunities.



Gnat- Hindustan
Aircraft Industries
Ajeet Jet fighter

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FIRST DAY COVER

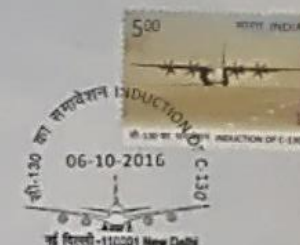
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अर्जुन सिंह डीएफसी
MARSHAL OF THE INDIAN AIR FORCE
ARJAN SINGH DFC



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10 का समावेशन INDUCTION OF C-130



Marshal of the Indian Air Force Arjan Singh, DFC (Issued on 9 Oct 2019)

Marshal of the Indian Air Force Arjan Singh, DFC (15 April 1919 – 16 September 2017), soared to new heights, exemplifying courage and leadership, leaving an indelible legacy in the skies and hearts of the nation.

Induction of C-130 (Issued on 16 Oct 2016)

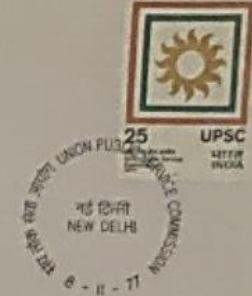
The C-130 postage stamp marks a historic flight into excellence, celebrating the versatile prowess of this aircraft in serving both mission and mail with precision and pride.



PRESTIGIOUS PATHWAYS

प्रथम दिवस आवरण FIRST DAY COVER

IMA
Golden Jubilee of Indian Military Academy
Issued on 10 Dec 1982



NCC NCC Silver Jubilee
Issued on 25 Nov 1973

भारतीय सैन्य अकादमी
INDIAN MILITARY ACADEMY

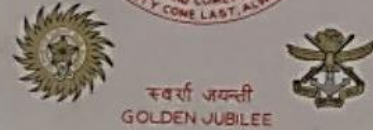


प्रथम दिवस
दिवस
FIRST DAY
OF ISSUE



Union Public Service Commission
Issued on 8 Nov 1977

RIMC Platinum Jubilee of Rashtriya Indian Military
College, Dehradun
Issued on 13 March 1997



स्वर्णी जयन्ती
GOLDEN JUBILEE

RIMC Centenary of Rashtriya Indian Military College,
Dehradun
Issued on 13 March 1997

प्रथम दिवस आवरण FIRST DAY COVER



राष्ट्रीय भारतीय सैन्य कॉलेज, देहरादून
RASHTRIYA INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE, DEHRA DUN
1922-1997



नई दिल्ली NEW DELHI 110001



प्रथम दिवस आवरण FIRST DAY COVER



वर्ष YEARS

साली वर्ष 1922-2022 Centenary Year



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अमृत महोत्सव

VALOR UNVEILED: PHILATELIC PANORAMA OF INDIA'S WAR MEMORIALS AND MILITARY HEROES

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प्रथम विश्व युद्ध में भारतीय Indians in First World War

प्रमुख युद्ध क्षेत्र MAJOR BATTLE THEATRES



The "Indians in WWI: Major Battle Theaters



The "Indians in WWI: Indian Air Warriors

The "Indians in WWI: Indian War Memorials

प्रथम विश्व युद्ध में भारतीय Indians in First World War

भारतीय युद्ध स्मारक Indian War Memorials



Major Durga Mail
(1 Jul 1913 – 25 Aug 1944)
Issued on 23 Jan 2023



General K. S. Thimayya
(31 March 1906 – 18 December 1965)
Stamp issued on 4 Feb 2023

प्रथम दिवस कावरेण FIRST DAY COVER



सैन्य की शक्ति SALUTE TO THE HEROES



Param Vir Chakra
Issued on 15 Aug 1956



Swarnim Vijay Varsh
(1971 – 2021)



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Finally, let us not forget the power of philately to educate, inspire, and connect people across borders and generations. As we continue on our philatelic journey, let us cherish the joy of discovery and the beauty of each stamp, knowing that we are part of a timeless and enduring hobby.

Thanks !