

Commemorative Stamps

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About Commemorative Stamps:

- Commemorative stamps are issued commemorating **important events**, prominent personalities in various fields, aspects of nature, beautiful or rare flora and fauna, environmental issues, **agricultural activities**, national/international issues, **games** etc.
- These stamps are **only available at Philatelic Bureaux** and counters or under the Philatelic Deposit Account Scheme.
- They are printed in **limited quantities**.
- Some of the rules for issuing Commemorative Postage Stamps
 - **Proposals for issue** of Commemorative Postage Stamps may be sent by **any citizen of India**.
 - Stamps shall be issued only on the apex institution/organization, on its **100th /125th /150th anniversary** and not on the branches of any institution or organization.
 - The institution/organization should have national or international stature with significant and well recognised contribution in their respective fields.
 - **No stamp** will be issued on a **living personality**. The personalities on whom commemorative postage stamp may be issued should be of national or international importance.
 - The occasion to be commemorated must be the birth centenary or 10th /25th /50th /100th death anniversary. Stamps can be issued no **sooner than ten years after an individual's death**.

- Exceptions in this regard will however be considered to be made for personality from the field of Art, Culture and Music.
- A stamp on the building, monument etc. may be issued on its centenary/125th anniversary/150th anniversary etc. The building, to be so honoured must be a Heritage site of national/international importance or a site recognized by ASI of national/international importance.

These are released by the Department of Posts, **Ministry of Communications**.

Q1: What is philately?

Philately is the study of postage stamps, stamped envelopes, postmarks, postcards, and other materials relating to postal delivery.

Source: Union Ministers Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia and Dr Mansukh Mandaviya to release set of commemorative postage stamps to celebrate Paris Olympics

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