

Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission
Belur Math

Postage Stamps and Stationery on the Ramakrishna Movement

Over the last few decades India Post has honoured Sri Ramakrishna, Swami Vivekananda and the twin organizations – Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, by releasing postal stamps and stationery such as first day covers, special covers and postcards on a number of important occasions. Apart from India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Serbia have also released commemorative stamps.

Items in this collection are grouped under five headings: Sri Ramakrishna, Swami Vivekananda, Sister Nivedita, Swami Ranganathananda and Branch Centres, with the contents arranged chronologically under each heading. There are about 65 items here and that number is growing!

Sri Ramakrishna

A Stamp and a First Day Cover on Sri Ramakrishna were released in 1973.

Swami Vivekananda

A Stamp and a First Day Cover on Swami Vivekananda were released in 1963, to commemorate Swami Vivekananda's birth centenary.

India

A maximum card (postcard) was released in 1996 to mark the 125th anniversary of the dedication of this memorial.

Swami Vivekananda

A definitive stamp featuring Swami Vivekananda is in wide circulation.

Swami Vivekananda

Designed to serve the everyday postal needs of the country, definitive stamps are available for sale by the post office for an extended period of time.

Swami Vivekananda

Swami Vivekananda's addresses in the World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago, USA, in 1893, turned out to be an epoch-making event in the religious history of modern world. His first address delivered on 11 September 1893 began with now-famous words: "Sisters and Brothers of America".

Swami Vivekananda

A Stamp was released on 11 September 1993 to commemorate the centenary of his addresses in the Parliament of Religions.

Swami Vivekananda

Kanyakumari is built on the rock where Swami Vivekananda meditated for three days in the last week of December 1892. The memorial was inaugurated on 2 September 1970.

Swami Vivekananda

A Stamp and a First Day Cover featuring this sacred and historic place were released in 1996 to mark the 125th anniversary of the dedication of this memorial.

Swami Vivekananda

After attending the Parliament of Religions in Kanyakumari in 1893, Swami Vivekananda returned to India to a heroic welcome. He first set his foot in Sri Lanka on 15 January 1917.

Swami Vivekananda

On the centenary of his visit to the island nation, a Stamp and a First Day Cover were released on 15 January 1997.

Swami Vivekananda

Swami Vivekananda's 150th birth anniversary (2013-14) was celebrated in a grand scale all over India and in a few countries abroad.

Swami Vivekananda

Sri Kapil Sibal, Communication Minister, Government of India, released four Stamps – one of Rs. 20 denomination and three of Rs. 4 denomination, and a First Day Cover at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, on 12 January 2013.

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Sri Ramakrishna Saradashrama, Ponnampet

Mahatma Gandhi came to this ashrama situated in Coorg region of Karnataka on 22 February 1934 and stayed there overnight. He was on a tour of South India to collect funds for the victims of a devastating earthquake. To mark the completion of 85 years of his visit to the ashrama, a Special Cover was released in 2019 as part of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Gandhiji wrote in the ashrama's dairy: "With great inconvenience to himself the Swamiji [Swami Shambhavananda, the head of the ashrama] gave shelter to my party for which I am grateful to him."



14 जनवरी 1934 को भूकंप में आए विनाशकारी भूकंप ने लाखों लोगों की जान ले ली थी। हजारों बेघर हुए थे। महात्मा गांधी ने भूकंप पीड़ितों के राहत कार्य के लिए धन एकत्र करने के लिए दक्षिण भारत का दौरा किया। उनका भेदना रिलीफ फंड और हरिजन कल्याण फंड, दो प्रकार के फंड जुटाने का दरता था। मेगनूरु से मालाबार क्षेत्र के राते में गांधीजी ने पोन्नम्पेट ब कुर्ग में हुडिकेरी का दौरा किया और 22 फरवरी 1934 को एक रात के लिए श्री रामकृष्ण शारदा आश्रम, पोन्नम्पेट में रहे। इस आश्रम निच में 23.02.1934 को आश्रम शायरी में महत्मा गांधीजी द्वारा लिखित शब्दों को दर्शाया गया है। यह विशेष आवरण महात्मा गांधीजी के पोन्नम्पेट दौरे के 85 वर्षों के स्मरणोत्सव के अवसर पर जारी किया गया है।

A devastating earthquake had struck Quetta on 14th January 1934 killing lakhs of people. Thousands were rendered homeless. Mahatma Gandhi undertook a tour of South India to collect funds to provide relief to the quake sufferers. He intended to raise two types of Funds, i.e. Quetta Relief Fund and Harijan Welfare Fund. On the way to Malabar Region from Mangaluru, Gandhi visited Ponnampet and Hudikeri in Coorg and stayed in Sri Ramakrishna Sharadashrama, Ponnampet for a night on 22 February 1934. The cover illustration depicts the words written by Mahatma Gandhi in the Ashrama Dairy on 23.02.1934. The special cover has been released to commemorate 85 years of Mahatma Gandhi's visit to Ponnampet.



Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Belagavi

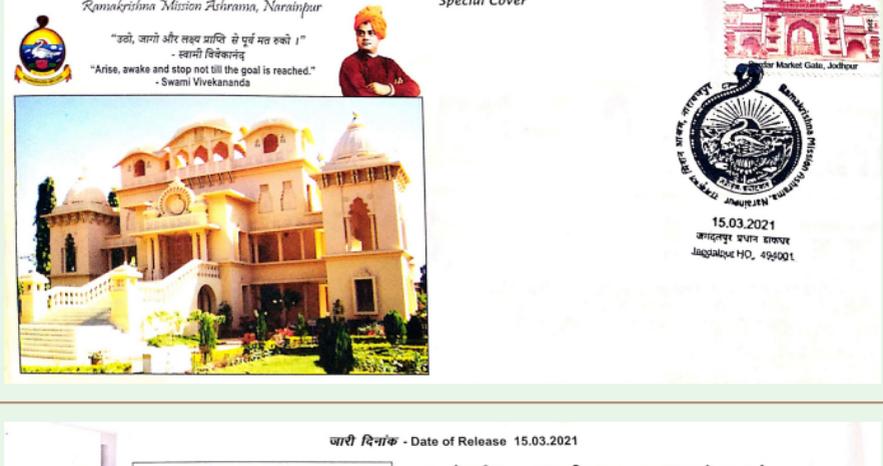
A Special Cover featuring this branch was released in 2021 to mark the National Tourism Day.

The ashrama is situated on the premises of a house sanctified by Swami Vivekananda who stayed there for nine days in 1892. The house (tile-roofed structure seen in the picture below) is presently maintained as a memorial.



Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narainpur

In 2021, Chhattisgarh Postal Department brought out a Special Cover depicting the activities of this branch which is serving the tribal population of Abujmahar forest area in Chhattisgarh by bringing them the light of education.



१९८५ में शुरू किया गया, रामकृष्ण मिशन आश्रम, नारायणपुर, छत्तीसगढ़ राज्य के अबुजमार्ह जंगल में स्थित अपने 6 सेवा केंद्रों के साथ एक क्षेत्र के आदिवासी भाइयों और बहनों की सेवा कर रहा है।

Started in 1985, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narainpur, along with its 6 service centers situated in Abujmahar forest of Chhattisgarh State, has been serving the tribal brothers and sisters of the area.

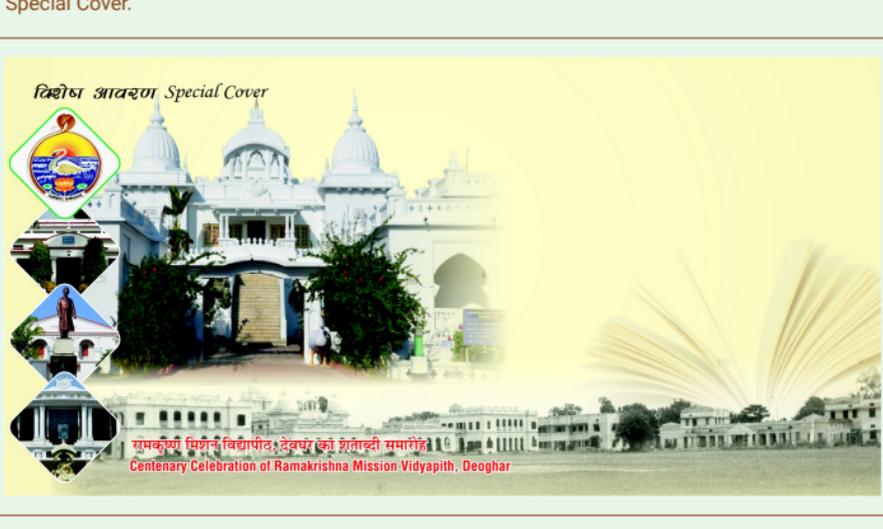
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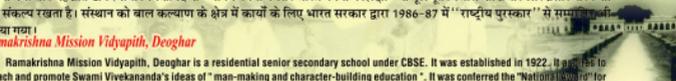
Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapith, Deoghar

This premier educational institution with a residential higher secondary school was started in 1922. The centenary of the Vidyapith was celebrated in 2022, and was marked by the release of a Special Cover.



रामकृष्ण मिशन विद्यापीठ, देवघर, सीबीएसई से संबद्धता प्राप्त एक आवासीय उच्च माध्यमिक विद्यालय है। यह संस्थान 1922 में स्थापित किया गया था। यह प्रतिष्ठान स्वामी विवेकानंद के "मानव-निर्माण और चरित्र-निर्माण शिक्षा" के मूलभूत विचारों का प्रचार और प्रसार करने का दृष्ट संकल्प रखता है। संस्थान को बाल कल्याण के क्षेत्र में कार्यों के लिए भारत सरकार द्वारा 1986-87 में "राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार" से सम्मानित किया गया।

Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapith, Deoghar is a residential senior secondary school under CBSE. It was established in 1922. It aims to preach and promote Swami Vivekananda's ideas of "man-making and character-building education". It was conferred the "National Award for works in the field of child welfare by the Govt. of India in 1986-87".



मुख्य डाक महायंत्र, झारखण्ड परिमंडल, राँची के जारदानुसार।
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Ramakrishna Math, Mangaluru

This centre was started in 1947. A Special Cover was released in 2022 as part of the platinum jubilee.



Ramakrishna Mission Students' Home, Chennai

Swami Brahmananda Maharaj inaugurated the main building of this Students' Home in 1921. He fondly named the building "Palace for the Poor" since the institution caters to the educational needs of orphan and destitute children. The centenary of "Palace for the Poor" and the residential high school was celebrated in 2022. A Special Cover was released on the occasion.



ராமகிருஷ்ண மிஷன் மாணவர்களுக்கான இல்லம் 1922ம் ஆண்டு தொடங்கப்பட்டது. இல்லம் உருவாக்கப்பட்ட பின்னர், இல்லத்தின் மூலக்கோள் மிஷன் உருவாக்கப்பட்டது. இல்லம் உருவாக்கப்பட்ட பின்னர், இல்லத்தின் மூலக்கோள் மிஷன் உருவாக்கப்பட்டது. இல்லம் உருவாக்கப்பட்ட பின்னர், இல்லத்தின் மூலக்கோள் மிஷன் உருவாக்கப்பட்டது.

Ramakrishna Mission Residential High School, a unit of Ramakrishna Mission Students' Home, founded in 1922, celebrates its 100 years of service to students. The Home provides free education, boarding and lodging every year to 670 resident orphan and destitute boys studying in its High School, Polytechnic College and Vivekananda Residential College in Chennai. This special cover is released on 26 June 2022 to commemorate the centenary of the Ramakrishna Mission Residential High School.



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