Centenary of the Geological Survey of India

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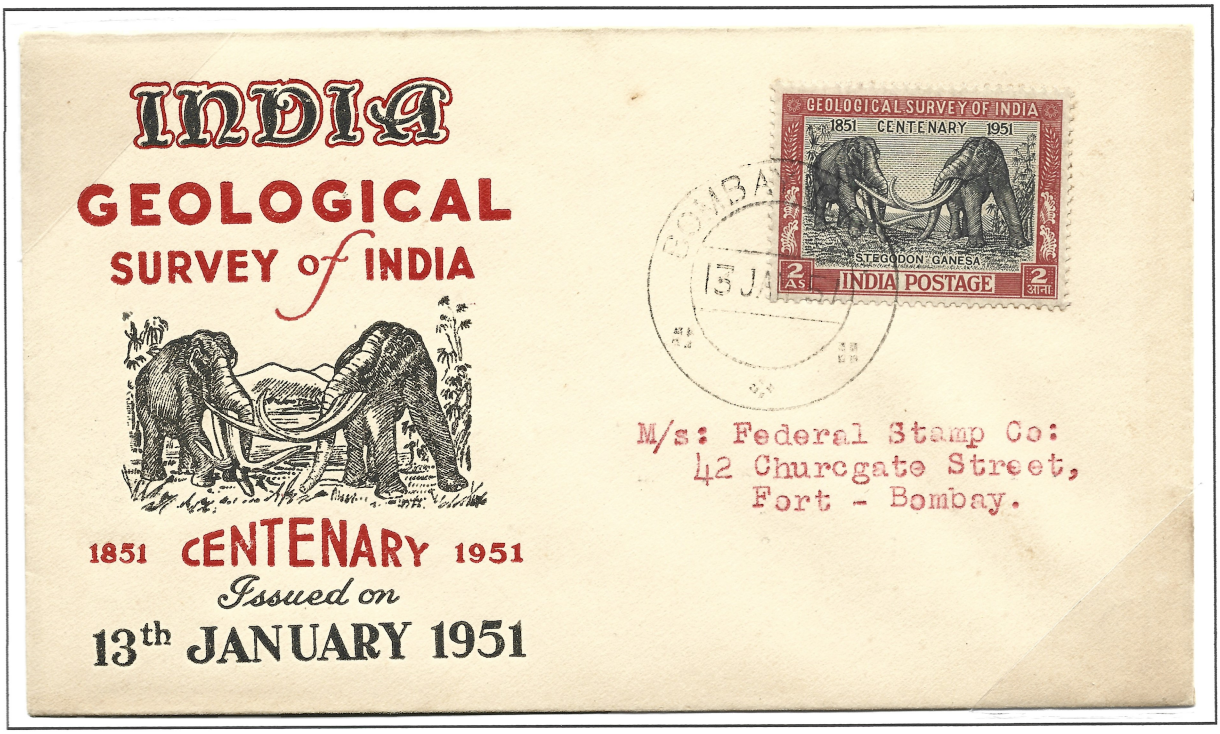
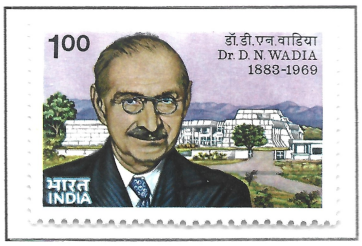
Stamp featuring *Stegodon ganesa*, an extinct relative of the modern elephant found in India.

Issued 13 January 1951. First reconstruction of a prehistoric animal on a postage stamp. Valued at 2 anas, an Indian coin used before 1956.





A 1984 Indian postage stamp showing Dr. Wadia and the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology.

- Dr. Darashaw Nosherwan Wadia, was a pioneering geologist in India and among the first Indian scientists to work in the Geological Survey of India.
- He is remembered for his work on the stratigraphy of the Himalayas, where he discovered a *Stegodon ganesa* tusk in 1928.
- The oldest *Stegodon* fossils in Asia date to the Late Miocene, around 8-11 million years ago. They went extinct in Asia about 35-30,000 years ago.

Founded in 1932 as Tata Airlines by J. R. D. Tata, who flew its first air mail from Karachi to Bombay. Nationalised by the Government of India in 1953 and renamed Air India.