

A HERITAGE DENIED BY BIRTH

*Intentionally opted black and white style.

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Philately, an art and science, throughout the history is enjoyed by all. Ironically, no science can exist without exceptions.

Do you know that India alone houses 17 million people (a quarter of the world's 51 million blind) that cannot experience philately (14% of which are blind by birth). For a comparison, the entire population of the U.K. is 66 million.

Sadly, it is futile to show/teach colors to people who cannot see by birth. They cannot acknowledge beauty of the Mona Lisa, no matter how passionately you explain it to them. Such is the case with stamps too. A touch of them would only give estimate of the shape, size and perforation feel to someone underprivileged.

A study indicates that by 2050, world could cross the 115 million mark due to our lifestyle and ecological mutation.

So, using this sheet I would be pointing what our IndiaPost has done in recent years to instill this fascinating hobby in impaired persons, either by using Braille script, or using embossed images/text. These items, thought not rare, are a treasure to my collection.



Stamps read "Louis Braille" in the Braille script. Braille broacher also issued.



Embossed text in Odia language.



Stamp with embossing over the chakra (wheel) and the National Emblem of India.



Head embossed in the above stamp

This set of 6 stamps (total value Rs. 150) which marked the closing celebrations of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, each embossed outlining image elements.



Braille Embossed



Embossed Parliament



The Indian Rhino, African Rhino and Black Buck are hot foil embossed with Gun Metal foil, the two Lions with gold foil and the Thomson Gazelle with copper foil.

3rd India- Africa Summit 2015, M.S, intentionally photographed with a flash to illuminate the foil



First Braille FDC in India. It contains a lengthy inscription.

MY MESSAGE: APPELLING AUTHORITIES TO ISSUE STAMPS IN BRAILLE FROM TIME TO TIME