

Celebrating Indian postal service

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Did you know: India has the **largest postal network in the world** with 1,53,454 post offices, and 5,62,000 letter boxes serving 6,04,341 towns, cities and villages in the country



The world's first pre-paid postage stamps were issued on May 6, 1840 in Britain. Called the Penny Black stamp and they carried the portrait of Queen Victoria

India 1937 -Dak (Post) Bullock cart King George VI Definitive Series



The East India Company setup the first post office in India in 1786. This stamp shows the 1st India Postage stamp a half Anna blue stamp issued in 1854 and the Indian Flag stamp issued in 1947 to commemorate Independence



On February 18, 1911, French pilot Henri Pequet (1888-1974) carried the first official mail flown by airplane. The flight occurred in India. Pequet carried a sack with about 6,000 cards and letters on his Humber biplane. The plane flew five miles, from an Allahabad polo field, over the Yamuna River, to Naini. India Post celebrated the 100 years event with stamp showing the path taken by the airplane



Set of 4 Commemorative stamps released on 15th Oct 1979 honoring all those associated with Mail carriage through Airmail



MS & Stamps -150 Years of India Post: Letter Boxes Released on 18th Oct 2005

