

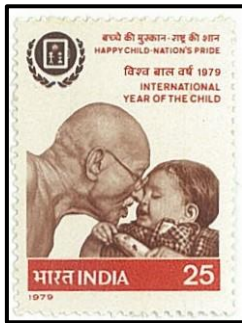
Loving Father of Nation : Joyful moment in the life of Mahatma Gandhi

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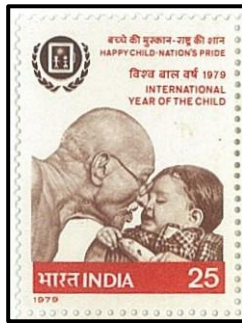
A well-known photograph from 1944 of Gandhi nuzzling baby Nandini who happily clutches banana.

A Nandini was the niece of Gandhi's devoted doctor Sushila Nayyar and her brother Pyarelal Nayyar who was his loyal secretary.

The Mahatma was much taken with the infant, even holding up her cheerful disposition as an example to his older followers, "Be cheerful like Nandini," he wrote at one point.



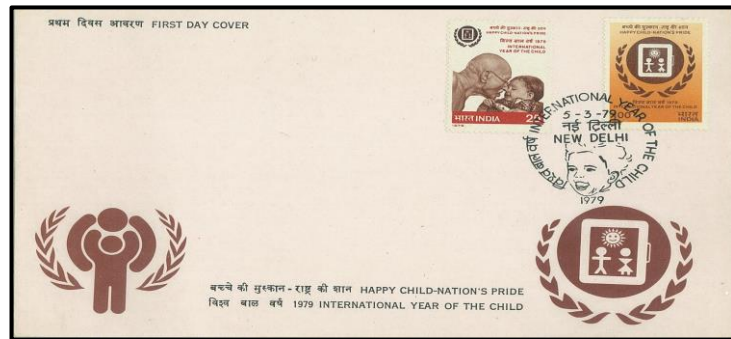
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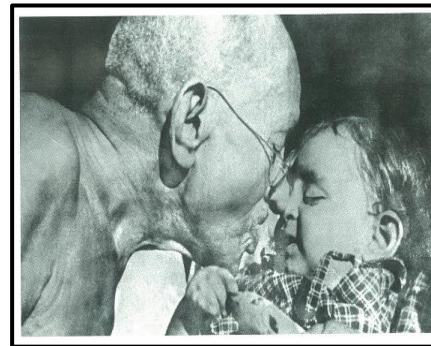
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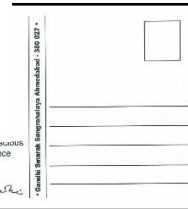


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1944 photograph used to issue
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Smarak Sanghalay Ahmedabad

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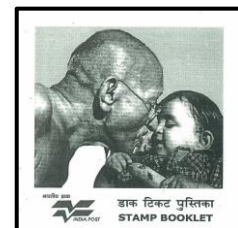


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1944 photograph image use
on Booklet issued by Jaipur
Postal Department with the
slogan "Save the Girl Child"

Booklet issued by Andaman-
Nikobar Postal department.



The United Nations has declared 1979 as the International Year of the Child. India had played a significant role in the efforts that culminated in U.N. resolution declaring the IYC. The Indian post and Telegraphs Department issued the set of two stamps in March 1979 with Gandhi's 1944 photo image to mark the observance of the IYC. India has adopted a special slogan "Happy Child-Nation's Pride" for IYC. The special symbol adopted for the year depicts children with a Sun and a slate. The Sun signifies health and strength. The slate stands for the future of children. The same symbol had been used as a logo on the stamp of Mahatma Gandhi and used as cancellations for philatelic events in the year 1979.