

# Dakshin Gangotri – Cancelations, Stamps, and Post Marks

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Dakshin Gangotri was the first scientific base station of India situated in Antarctica, part of the Indian Antarctic Programme. It is located at a distance of 2,500 km from the South Pole. It is currently being used as a supply base and transit camp. The base is named after Dakshin Gangotri Glacier. It was established during the third Indian expedition to Antarctica in 1983–84. This was the first time an Indian team spent a winter in Antarctica to carry out scientific works.

This stamp is issued to commemorate the second year of the Dakshin Gangotri Post Office. An FDC with the Dakshin Gangotri Post Office stamp was released on 11th July, 1989 along with the submerged Dakshin Gangotri Research station was abandoned later after it was submerged in ice.

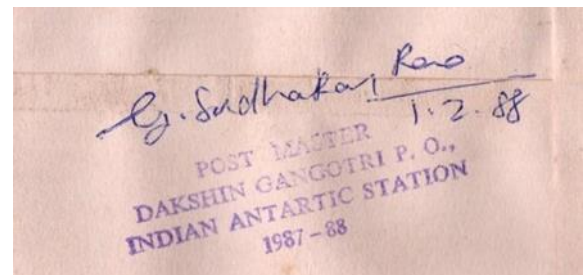


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More than 10,000 articles of the letter mail were posted and cancelled at the Dakshin Gangotri Post Office completed its first year of continuous existence. This stamp is issued to commemorate the second year of the Dakshin Gangotri Post Office. A block 4 of the Dakshin Gangotri Post Office stamp with Traffic Light

Shri G. Sudhakar Rao, a scientist, from India Meteorological Department, who went to Antarctica as a member of the Seventh Indian Scientific Expedition in November, 1987, was appointed as the first Honorary Postmaster of the Dakshin Gangotri Post Office.



Various types of cancelations of Dakshin Gangotri were brought out by the Department of Posts such as circular in Blue, Black, and rectangular type were brought during the fourth, sixth and seventh expeditions also are depicted below.

