

THE LONG STAMPS Ramapriya

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Vedanta Desikan was born in Topol, Kancheepuram Tamil Nadu in the year 1268 AD in a religious family. His father was Anantha Sivi and mother Totavamba. They named him Venkatanathan. Later he came to be known as Vedanta Desikan. He is considered to be the incarnation of the great bell of Lord Sri Venkateswara of Tirumala Tirupati. He led a very simple life. He journeyed widely all over India on foot. He was a polymath, logician, philosopher and poet. He wrote philosophical as well as religious and poetical works in several languages including Sanskrit, Manipravalam (Sanskritised form of literary Tamil) Tamil and Prakrit. He won many titles like "Sarvatantra Swatantra" (master of everything) "Kavi Tharkika Simha" (Lion among poets and logicians) and "Vedantacharya" (The master of Vedanta). He lived for 101 years and died in 1369 AD. The stamp on Vedanta Desikan was released on 2-5-2019 to commemorate his 750th birth anniversary.



"RAM" is a magic word, the divine personified, the omnipresent who is there in every grain of sand, a noble king, a gentle prince, the blue deity who roamed across Bharath connecting people of different cultures along. Ramayana, the story of Ram was first composed by Valmiki around 500 B.C. The story is loved not only by the people in Bharath but practically all across the globe. A set of 11 stamps were issued in 2017 on Ramayana. The longest of them shows the crowning of Lord Ram as the king of AYODHYA after his stay in the forest for 14 years.



On 1st of April 2017 Thailand post introduced a long stamp containing six images of His Majesty Bhummibol Adulyadej who was the ninth king of Thailand from the Chakri dynasty titled Rama IX. The six images show His Majesty at work with six major research and development centres which were launched by His Majesty for the benefit of the Thai people. The length of the stamp is significant in that it represents His Majesty's 70th birthday anniversary. These stamps also employ the Asian Stamp Application Technology ingrained within the Thailand Post's logo which when scanned will generate a 9 minute long video of all 6 R+D centres.



Singapore Post Ltd. issued the longest single stamp as part of a two stamp set featuring the skylines of its iconic business district and one of most matured residential estates. The first stamp measuring 163.2 mm features a panorama of Singapore's world renowned skyline of the Marina Bay Central Business District shimmering with colour by day and glittering with lights by night. The second smaller stamp features one of Singapore's longest public housing apartment building.



On 30th Jan 2023, Kyrgyz Express Post issued the longest stamp in the world. The stamp shows a wide swath of Kyrgyzstan's Chqaar-Tash mountain range and commemorates International Year of Sustainable Mountain Development.