

THE GREAT INDIAN EPIC RAMAYAN THROUGH PHILATELY

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Ramayan the story of Lord Ram was composed by Valmiki around 500 BC. The simple story pertains to the Prince of Ayodhya Lord Ram and who followed the code of conduct in life. Many later versions came like Adhilam Ramayan by Vyasa, Kamba Ramayan by Poet Kambar, Krithivas Ramayan by Kritibas Ojha. However, the Ramayan by Valmiki is in Sanskrit and took place during the period known as Treta Yuga. The epic poem consists of 24000 verses. India Post brought out a sheetlet in 2017 based on the story line of Ramayan. It consists of 11 stamps which is self narrative. The cost was 65rs. 10 stamps of Rs5 each and one stamp of Rs.15.

The sheetlet starts with Ramas swayamvar where he lifts the bow and arrow and wins the swayamvar for the hand of Sita. Then Lord Dasharath his father exiling him for 14 years. Lord Ram bidding farewell and then taking his journey to exile. His encounter with problem and then meeting Sabari followed by Ma Sitaji under captivity under the tree. Ram crossing the sea and Lord Hanuman bringing the hill itself for healing plant to save Lakshman and the final battle. The Middle stamp shows the Lord ascending the throne of Ayodhya. A beautifully portrayed epic by India Post there can be no parallel to this release.

THE SHEETLET HAS BEEN CUT INTO TWO HALVES TO SHOW THE FULL. ONE HALF WITH STAMP THE OTHER HALF PICTURE DEMONSTRATION OF PATTABHISHEKHA

