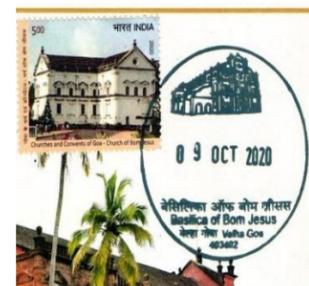


Permanent Pictorial Cancellations of Goa

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Goa is a state on the southwestern coast of India within the Konkan region, geographically separated from the Deccan highlands by the Western Ghats. It is located between the Indian states of Maharashtra to the north and Karnataka to the east and south, with the Arabian Sea forming its western coast. It is India's smallest state by area and its fourth-smallest by population. Goa has the highest GDP per capita among all Indian states. A Pictorial Cancellation is a postmark, which shows replica / photo / design or a picture highlighting a tourist, religious, historical or an important place or thing. Thus Pictorial Cancellations give wide publicity mainly to places of tourist interest and they are provided at the post offices which are located near such places of tourist attraction. As per available information, Pictorial Cancellations of permanent nature were first provided sometime in 1951. In the present exhibit, I am trying to exhibit all the 12 Permanent Pictorial Cancellations of the state of Goa, which have been issued till date.



Top : First PPC is A permanent pictorial cancellation on the endangered Grizzled Squirrel was recently released in Goa as a part of the Goa@60 celebrations by the department of posts, Goa Division. This squirrel species is found in the Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary in Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary, Second PPC is that of Fort Aguada is a 17th-century Portuguese fort looking out at the confluence of Mandovi River and the Arabian Sea. The highlight of the fort is a lone four-storey lighthouse (which is one-of-its-kind in Asia)and the PPC depicts the Light House. Third is that of Olive Ridley Turtle at Loliem, The olive ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*), also known commonly as the Pacific ridley sea turtle, is a species of turtle in the family Cheloniidae. The species is the second-smallest and most abundant of all sea turtles found in the world. The fourth is that of Basilica of Bom Jesus at Velha, Goa. The Basilica of Bom Jesus, Goa is one of a kind in India and is known for its exemplary baroque architecture. Built in 1594 and was consecrated in 1605. The church is located in Old Goa in Bainguinim about 10 km away from Panjim. The oldest church in Goa, it holds the remains of St. Francis Xavier



Centre : First PPC is that of Head Post Office with the state symbols of Goa within the cancellation. Second is that of Malabar Tree Nymph State Butterfly of Goa at Valpoi. Third PPC is that of Tambdi Surla Mahadev temple which is a 12th-century Shaivite temple in the Kadamba style dedicated to Lord Shiva and an active place of Hindu worship. It is an ASI protected Monument of National Importance in Goa.The fourth PPC is that of Reis Magos is a village located on the northern bank of the Mandovi River in Bardez, Goa, opposite to the capital city of Panjim. The village is famous for two of Goa's famous structures; the Reis Magos Fort, and the Reis Magos Church – the first church in Bardez. Reis Magos is the Portuguese name for the Three Wise Men from the Bible.



Bottom : First PPC The first permanent pictorial cancellation of Goa based on the line art of sculpture of Sant Mirabai illustrated by Mahendra Alvares was introduced on October 12, 2018. The second PPC is that of Heritage Building of the Madgao Post Office. The third PPC is that of Mangueshi Temple, Mangueshi, Ponda, Goa. This temple is one of the largest and most frequently visited temples in Goa . The fourth PPC is Humpback dolphins are members of the genus Sousa. These dolphins are characterized by the conspicuous humps and elongated dorsal fins found on the backs of adults of the species.