

1969 GANDHI CENTENARY ISSUES OF INDIA

Aim & Scope of the Exhibit : Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, known as Mahatma Gandhi, led India's independence movement through nonviolent means. To commemorate his birth anniversary on 2nd October 1969, India Post (then known as Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department) issued a range of postal commemoratives in 1969. This Traditional Philately exhibit aims to showcase the same.

Choice of Materials: Materials have been chosen to reflect the best possible examples to illustrate the topic. This exhibit shows various kinds of Covers, Inland Letters, Postcards, Aerogrammes with various place and slogan cancellations.

Presentation and Treatment: The text that relates to the philatelic item shown is in **Brown** Colour. The text that relates to the cancellation and slogan is in **Blue**. General Text is in **Black**.

Study and Research: Much of the information in this exhibit is from personal reading during my journey of being a collector of Gandhi philatelic items. Infact the exhibitor started his collecting journey in 1969 as a child when he first received the Gandhi centenary FDCs.

Bibliography: The Philatelic Journal of India 1968-1969 issues (edited by Dhirubhai Mehta); 'Gandhi Handbook' by Manik Jain & Mrinal Kanti Ray; 'A Philatelic Handbook on Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi' by Dr.Reuben A. Ramkissoon and Dr.Rajagopalan V Rajan.

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Top: 4 Stamps were issued on 2nd October 1969. Denominations were 20P, 75P, Rs 1, Rs.5. Printed on un water-marked paper by photogravure process at India Security Press Nasik

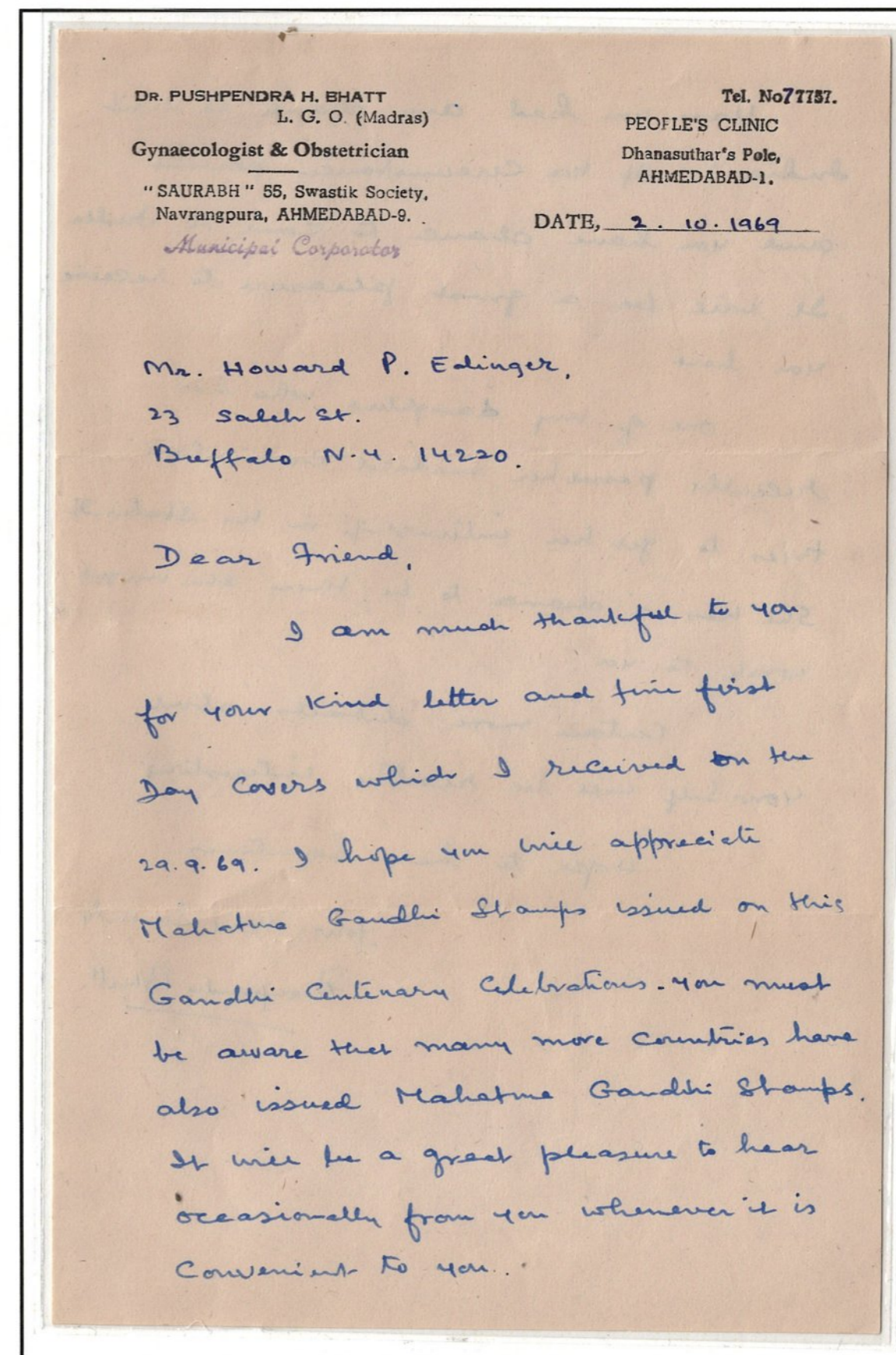
Size of the Stamps:-

- 20P: 3.34 L x 2.88 H cm
- 75P: 2.9 L x 3.91 H cm
- Rs. 1: 2.28 L x 4.06 H cm
- Rs. 5: 3.91 L x 2.9 H cm

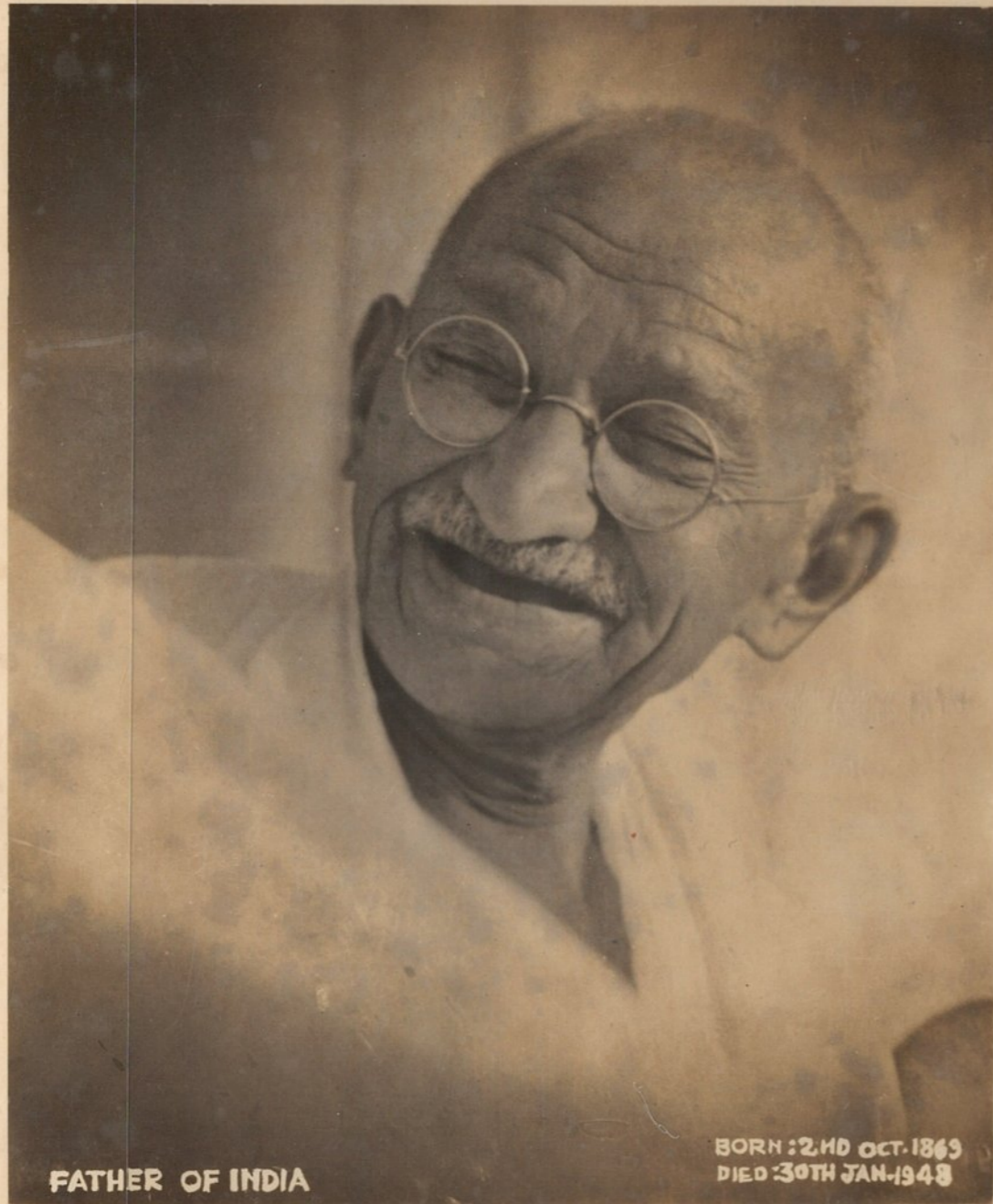
Designers of the Stamps:-

- 20P: Suraj Sadan
- 75P: PB Chitnis
- Rs. 1: Nandlal Bose
- Rs. 5: C.R Pakrashi

Left: Private FDC with 20P stamp. Has New Delhi First Day of Issue Cancellation.



Top: Original Letter dt 2nd October 1969 (the issue date of these stamps). Philatelist Dr.Pushpendra Bhatt from India writes to Philatelist Mr Howard P Edinger in USA in which the addressee is apprised to appreciate the Gandhi Centenary issue stamps.



GANDHI CENTENARY
BA-BAPU
 1869 - 1969



" She was the most devoted wife and truest companion in my struggle for freedom "

M.K. Gandhi

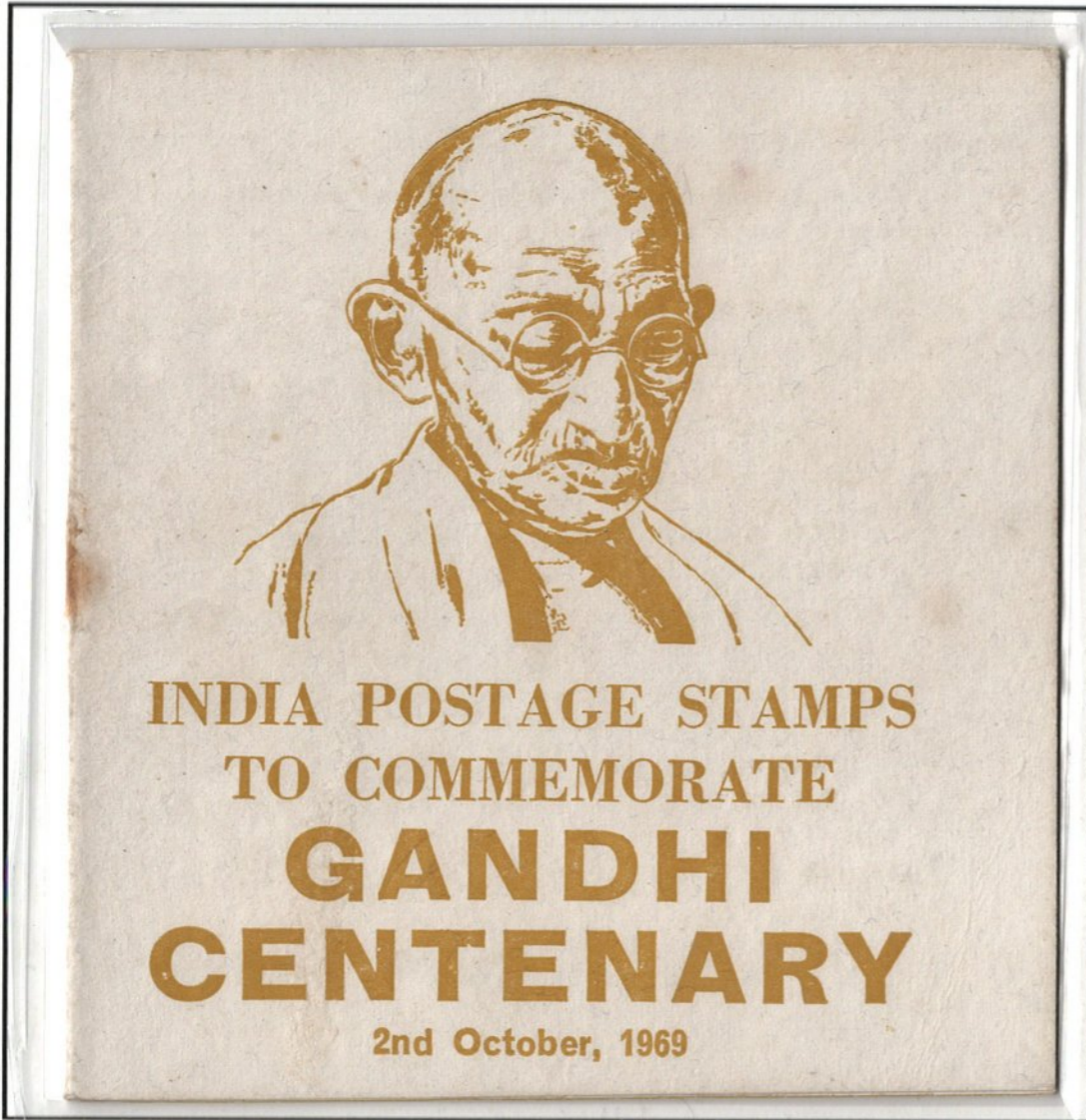
Feb. 22nd 1944
 The day Kasturba Gandhi, Died
2ND OCTOBER 1969



Maxi Card showing Gandhi with his wife Kasturba Gandhi. With 20P Stamp. Has Bombay GPO First Day of Issue cancellation.

Maxi Card showing Gandhi walking at the Ramgarh session of Congress in 1940. With Rs. 1 Stamp. Has Bombay GPO First Day of Issue cancellation.

Maxi Card with 20P and 75P stamps showing Mahatma Gandhi in a jovial mood. Has Bombay GPO First Day of Issue cancellation.



Left: Booklets like these were made in English and Hindi. It was designed and produced by the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity for Indian Posts and Telegraphs. It was priced at 50P. Booklet had provision to paste the stamps and had quotes about Mahatma Gandhi by World leaders.

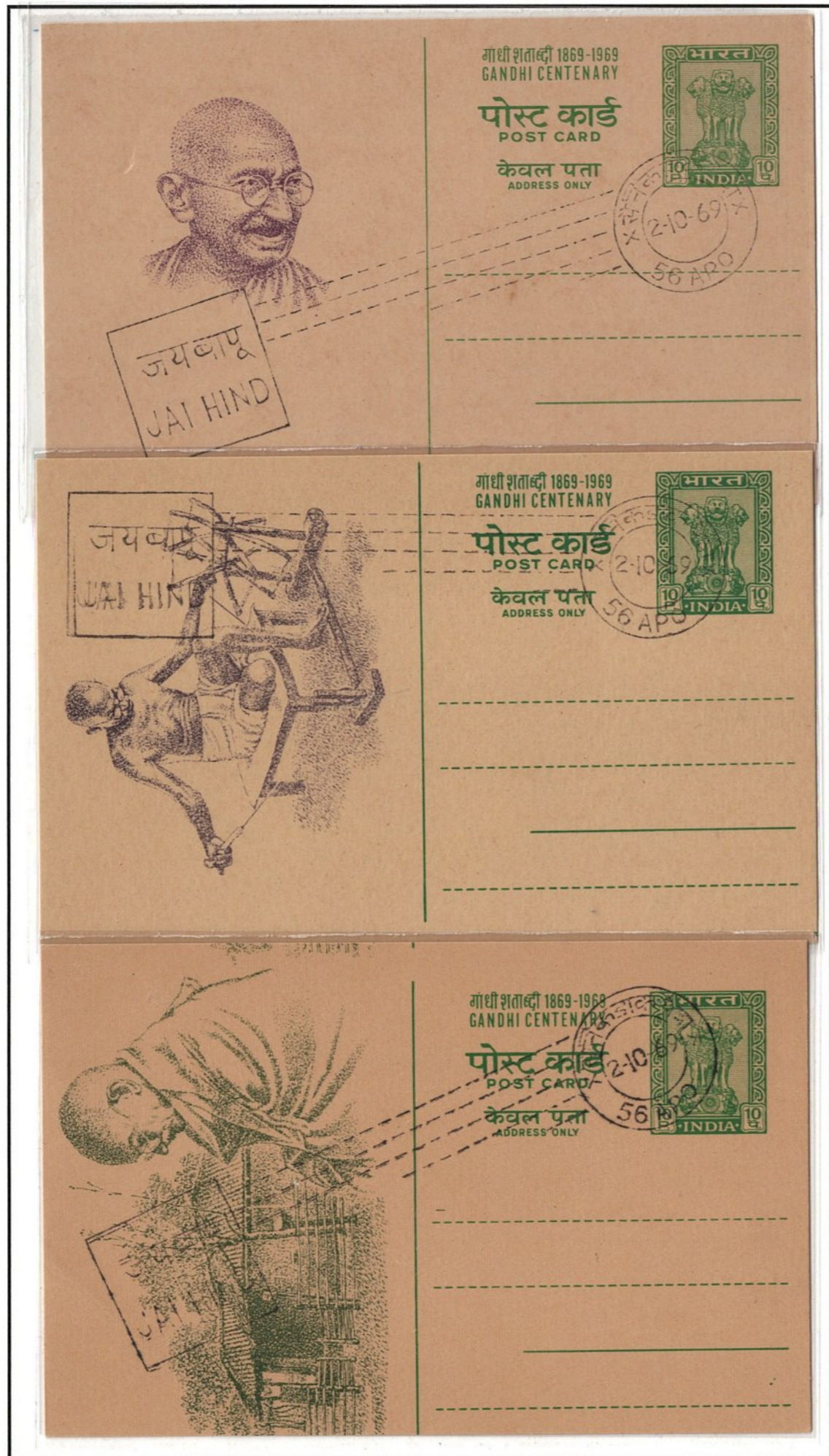
Bottom: Folders were published in English and Hindi. Shown here is Hindi Folder reverse side showing technical details of all the 4 Stamps with some bullet points about the proposed postal stationery to be issued.

तकनीकी आँकड़े	20 पैसे	75 पैसे	1 रु०	5 रु०
मूल्यवर्ग	3.34 x 2.88 सें०मी०	3.91 x 2.90 सें०मी०	4.06 x 2.28 सें०मी०	3.91 x 2.90 सें०मी०
कुल आकार	2.98 x 2.52 सें०मी०	3.56 x 2.54 सें०मी०	3.80 x 2.00 सें०मी०	3.56 x 2.54 सें०मी०
मुद्रण-आकार	42	35	50	35
प्रति शीट डाक-टिकटों की संख्या	डाउन	नारंगी तथा कृष्णपीत	कांस्य नील	चमकदार नारंगी और बाउन
रंग	14 x 13 1/2	13 x 13	14 1/2 x 14	13 x 13
छिद्रण	80 लाइ	35 लाइ	22.5 लाइ	12.5 लाइ
मुद्रित डाक-टिकटों की संख्या	दिल्ली के कलाकार	श्री पी०बी० चिटलूम, प्रधान डिजाइनकार, इंडिया सिक्नेचरिटी प्रेस, नासिक रोड	यह डिजाइन इंडिया सिक्नेचरिटी प्रेस में तन्दलात बसु के काफ़ डिजाइन के आधार पर तैयार किया है।	दिल्ली के कलाकार श्री सी० प्रार० पाकरासि
डिजाइनकार	श्री मुरज मदन	डाक-टिकट पर गांधी जी प्रसन्न-मुद्रा में चित्रित है।	डाक-टिकट पर गांधी जी दांढी-याया करते हुए चित्रित है।	डाक-टिकट - पर गांधी जी वर्ना बसाते हुए चित्रित है। सूर्य धोर कमल 'सत्य धोर अहिंसा' के प्रतीक रूप में चित्रित है।
डिजाइन का वर्णन	डाक-टिकट पर गांधी जी बसुर बा के माथ चित्रित हैं।			

- ये डाक-टिकट इंडिया सिक्नेचरिटी प्रेस, नासिक रोड में बिना जल-चिह्न के कागज पर धातु प्रतिचित्रण प्रक्रिया से मुद्रित हुए हैं और 2 अक्टूबर, 1969 को जारी किए जाएंगे।
- दो अलग-अलग डिजाइनों में प्रथम दिवस आवरण भी निकाले जाएंगे। कोरे लिफाफे दस पैसे प्रति लिफाफे और चारों टिकट लगाकर रद्द किए गए लिफाफे 7 रुपये 5 पैसे प्रति लिफाफे की दर पर बेचे जाएंगे।
- 2 अक्टूबर, 1969 को निम्नलिखित चित्रमय पत्रादि तीन अलग-अलग डिजाइनों में निकाले जाएंगे :
 - (1) पोस्टकार्ड 10 पैसे
 - (2) अन्तर्देशीय पत्र-कार्ड 15 पैसे
 - (3) एयरोग्राम 25 पैसे और 85 पैसे



Top: A Mini Book as above was published by Mani Bhavan, Gandhi Sanghrhalaya Bombay giving details of all stamps issued around the world on Gandhi Centenary.

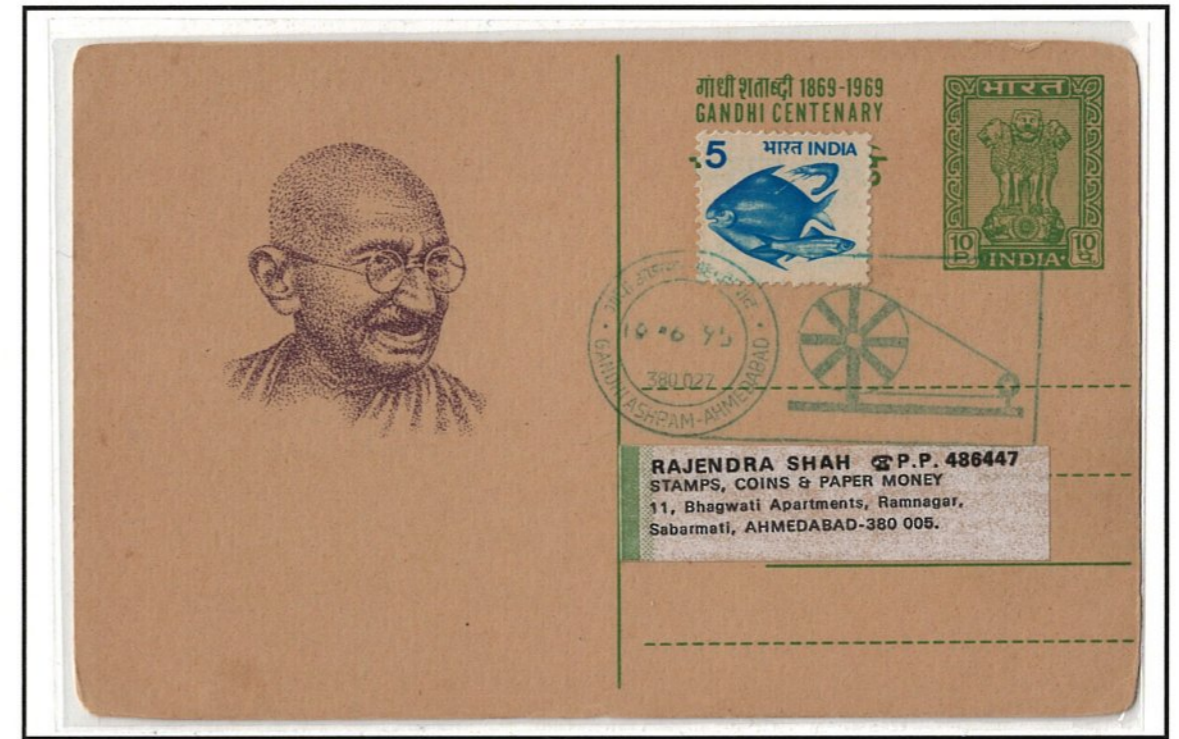


Variety 1: First Day Cancellation 56 APO - Army Post Office.

56 APO Cancellation had the slogan 'Jay Bapu' in Hindi and Jay Hind in English in a Box with lines connecting to the Date cancellation.

Variety 2: First Day Cancellation 56 APO - Army Post Office.

Variety 3: First Day Cancellation 56 APO - Army Post Office.



Variety 1 Upated with 5 paisa stamp. Has Gandhi Ashram 1995 Charkha Cancellation.

Postcards were published in 3 Varieties. All 10 Paise denomination.

- Variety 1: Shows Gandhi Smiling
- Variety 2: Shows Gandhi using a Charkha
- Variety 3: Shows Gandhi outside his Ashram.



Variety 3 with Porbandar - Gandhi Birthplace Cancellation



अन्तर्देशीय पत्र कार्ड
INLAND LETTER CARD

गांधी शताब्दी 1869-1969
GANDHI CENTENARY

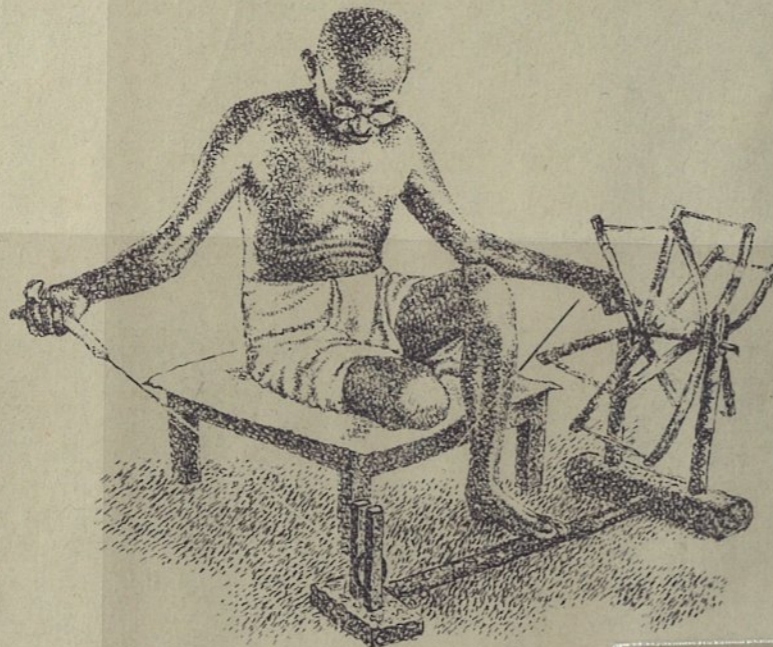
GANDHI CENTENARY
गांधी जन्मदिनी
2-10-69
PORBANDAR S. D. चोरवन्दर



Variety 1

3 Varieties of Inland Letter Cards were issued. All with 15 Paise Denomination.

- Variety 1: Shows Gandhi Smiling. Light Purple Colour.
- Variety 2: Shows Gandhi using a Charkha. Light Green Colour.
- Variety 3: Shows Gandhi outside his Ashram. Light Brown Colour.



अन्तर्देशीय पत्र कार्ड
INLAND LETTER CARD

गांधी शताब्दी 1869-1969
GANDHI CENTENARY

GANDHI CENTENARY
गांधी जन्मदिनी
2-10-69
PORBANDAR S. D. चोरवन्दर



Variety 2

All Inland Letter Cards on this page have
Porbandar Gandhi Birthplace
Cancellation



अन्तर्देशीय पत्र कार्ड
INLAND LETTER CARD

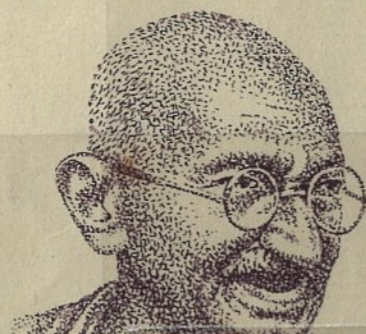
गांधी शताब्दी 1869-1969
GANDHI CENTENARY

GANDHI CENTENARY
गांधी जन्मदिनी
2-10-69
PORBANDAR S. D. चोरवन्दर



Variety 3

6 Varieties of Aerogrammes were issued.



AIR MAIL
PAR AVION
हवाई पत्र
AEROGRAMME

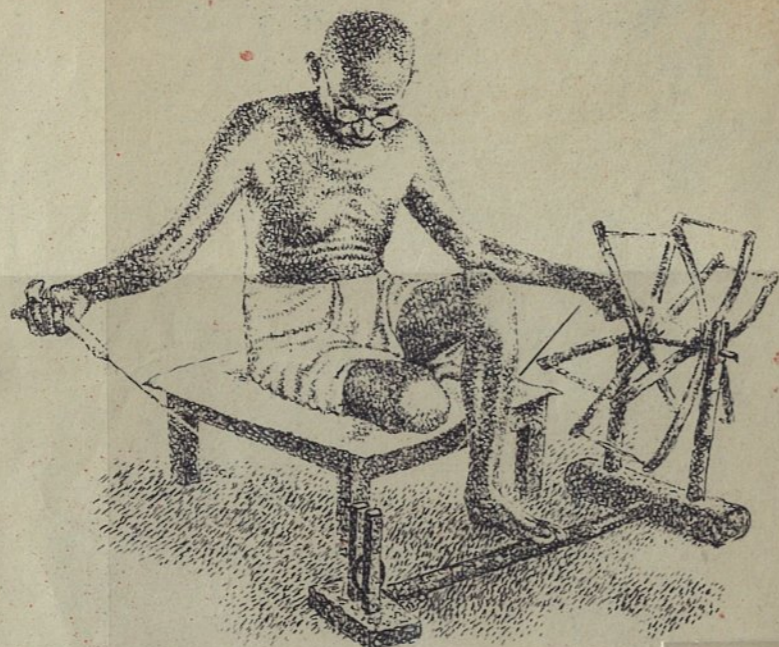
गंधी शताब्दी 1869-1969
GANDHI CENTENARY



GANDHI CENTENARY
गंधी शताब्दी
2-10-69
MADRAS-2 मद्रास-2

Variety 1A
Has Madras
First Day
Cancellation

- Variety 1A: Shows Gandhi Smiling. 25 P for use in India.
- Variety 1B: Shows Gandhi using a Charkha. 25 P for use in India.
- Variety 1C: Shows Gandhi outside his Ashram. 25 P for use in India.
- Variety 2A: Shows Gandhi Smiling. 85P for posting abroad.
- Variety 2B: Shows Gandhi using a Charkha. 85P for posting abroad.
- Variety 2C: Shows Gandhi outside his Ashram. 85P for posting abroad.



AIR MAIL
PAR AVION
हवाई पत्र
AEROGRAMME
गंधी शताब्दी 1869-1969
GANDHI CENTENARY



GANDHI CENTENARY
गंधी शताब्दी
BANGALORE

Variety 2B
Has Bangalore
First Day
Cancellation

Variety 1C



AIR MAIL
PAR AVION
हवाई पत्र
AEROGRAMME

गंधी शताब्दी 1869-1969
GANDHI CENTENARY



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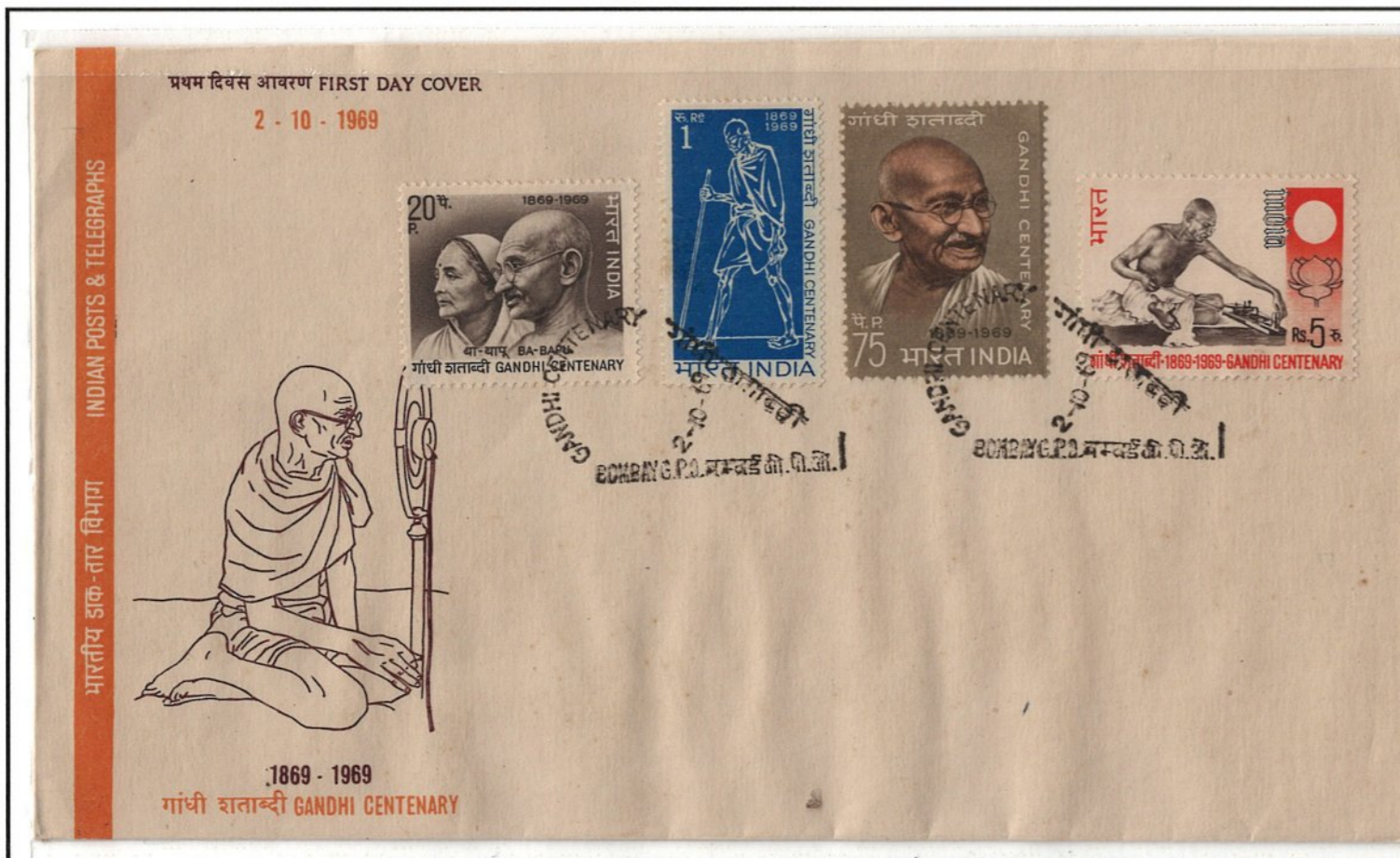
2 Varieties were issued in the Official FDC. One Showed Gandhi Walking. Second one shows Gandhi giving a Speech.



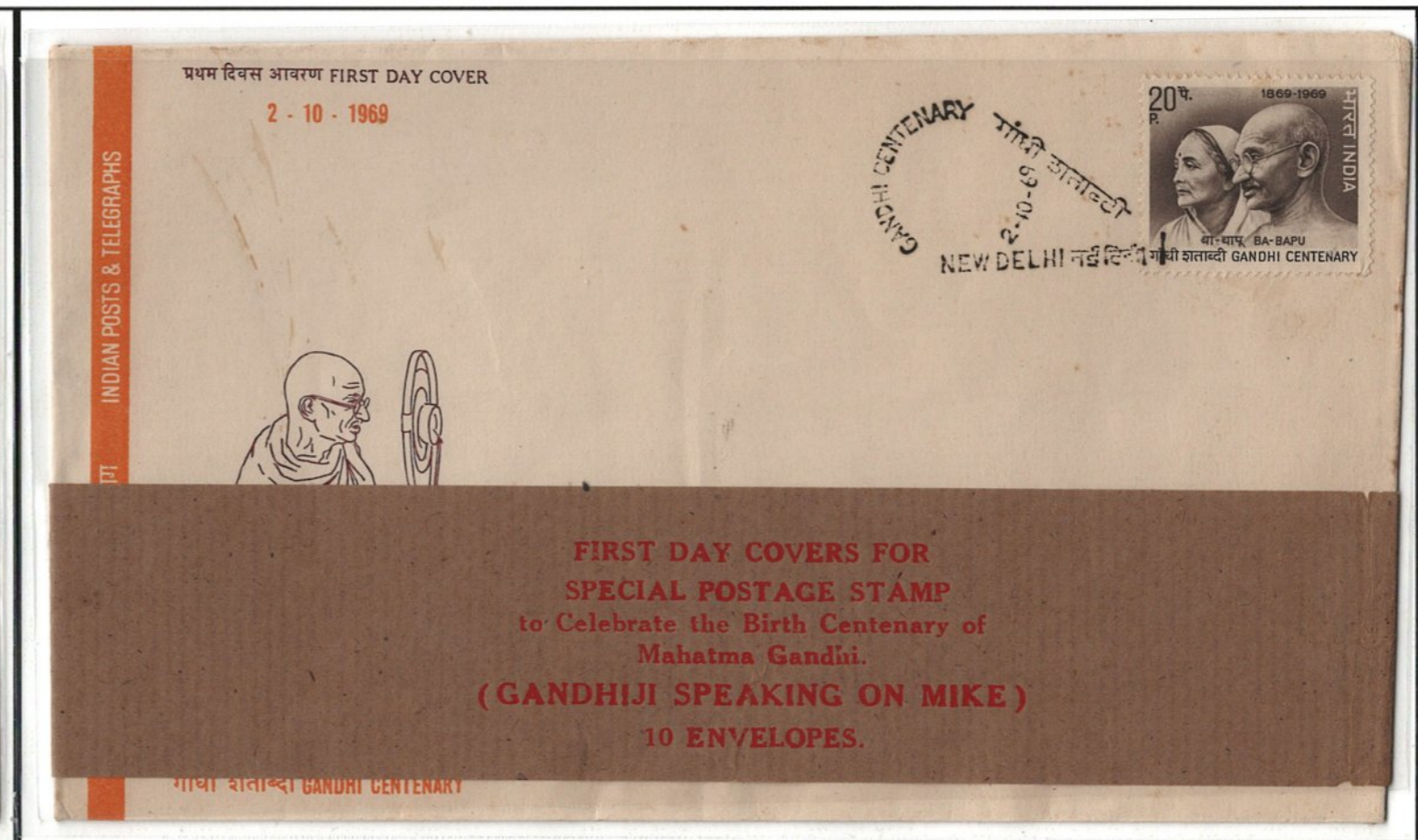
Blank FDC Envelope of Gandhi Walking Variety FDC.



All 4 Stamps on Gandhi Walking Variety FDC. Has Bombay GPO cancellation.



All 4 Stamps on Gandhi giving a speech FDC. Has Bombay GPO cancellation.



20P Stamp on Gandhi giving a speech FDC. Has New Delhi cancellation. Also shows the FDC wrapper. 10 envelopes were wrapped in 1 wrapper.

'Truth is God' and 'Service is Worship' slogan cancellations were issued a few months before the official issue. Some FDCs show these slogan cancellations.



20 P stamp with 'Service is Worship' Slogan in Black with Bangalore GPO Cancellation.



20 P stamp with 'Truth is God' Slogan in Black with Rajkot Cancellation.



20 P stamp with both slogans in Green and Red respectively with Bangalore GPO Cancellation



20 P stamp with both slogans in Black with Bangalore GPO Cancellation