

About the Author



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About the Book

This handbook represents the first single source for general information on Mahatma Gandhi in the context of collecting, organizing and exhibiting philatelic material (to tell the story of his life and spread the ideas and ideals that motivated him and inspired several of his followers internationally). Weaving references that are both philatelic and historical in nature, this work represents a wealth of information that serves the interests of both philatelists and Gandhi enthusiasts.

Philatelic material compiled in this work include:

- Postage stamps (including provisionals, essays, proofs, color trials, plate varieties, errors, freaks, oddities)
- Commemorative postal stationery (postal cards, letter cards, aerogrammes, prepaid envelopes)
- Postmarks (slogan cancels, pictorial and non-pictorial hand stamps)
- Historic correspondence
- Noteworthy postal history
- Cinderella items (labels, cachets on postal stationery, health seals, hand stamps)
- Post offices with names related to Gandhi
- Thematic exhibit plans

Related non-philatelic materials compiled in the appendix of this hand book include:

- Private cachets and post cards
- Banknotes, revenue and fiscal items
- Coins, tokens and medals
- Gandhi memorials and institutions worldwide

To help fellow philatelists in their search for relevant material, this hand book also includes three detailed indices grouped by subject, country and year.