Elephant in Indian Philately
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ABSTRACT

The aim and objective of this paper is to critically study the presence of an elephant in pre-independent and post-independent philatelic history of India.

In pre-independent Indian philately, postal stamps were printed on paper watermarked with an elephant’s head from 1865 to 1876. In 1895, Sirmoor, a feudatory state issued stamps featuring an elephant.

As far as post-independent Indian philately is concerned, elephant appeared on 2 definitive and 11 commemorative stamps as well as on some cancellations.