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The World Health Organisation declared a Public Health Emergency of International concern owing to an outbreak of Pneumonia of unknown etiology. ICTV announced severe acute respiratory syndrome of covid 2 as the name of the new virus. It was related to the syndrome of SARS of 2003 hence the name. WHO announced Covid 19 as the name of this new disease.

WHO declared it as a pandemic (it means the worldwide spread of a new disease) on March 11th 2020 and countries were advised to speed up the measures to curtail transmission and to avoid loss of life. Hence most of the countries banned flight , influx from other states within etc. as a precautionary measure. India brought lockdown of the nation from March 25th 2020 to 31st May 2020 so as to avoid the spreading. Various measures like washing of hands, social distancing, wearing mask etc were advised. These seals on the postcards are by the post offices creating awareness on these measures to curtail the pandemic.

The countries world- wide worked to bring in a vaccine that would boost the immunity and reduce the severity of the pandemic in the affected persons. Slowly the countries are vaccinating people but yet this pandemic seems to be a mystery and research is on. It may take a few years before a solution is found for this pandemic. Until then it is our responsibility to follow these measures so as to reduce spreading and prevent ourselves from getting affected. We should only go out if essential and eat healthy food and try not to spread to others.

PURPOSE:

Purpose of this exhibit is to create awareness on the dos which are essential to avoid spreading and reduce the severity of the disease. India Post has been covid warriors and have not only served the people but created awareness through philately. This is to open the eyes of the people who can atleast see and understand through philately. Commemorative post card is also shown.

SCOPE:

Covid through philately is a vast subject which has been spread through various post offices across the nation by various mediums and hence it can form one the best knowledgeable display.

HIGHLIGHTS:

It is a one frames exhibit consisting of only the seals affixed on post cards which cost 50ps for regular and 25 ps for meghdhoot cards and most of them travelled. In fact most of these seals are colourful and pictures are attractive and catches the eye of the receiver or sender. Page one shows the introduction along with such a post card and then upto page 16 I have covered most of the cards. The post offices across India has taken the initiative to issue these but mostly they will be repetitive hence have avoided repetition by only showing what needs to be followed to prevent spreading of this pandemic. It has been released in regional language also. It is arranged chronologically according to the date and year of issue.



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The seal to the left shows together we can fight covid . Advises to wear a mask and maintain Social distancing issued by Balangir H O in Odisha. The cache shows the front line workers Like postman, sanitisers, policemen, doctors round the cache stethoscope and was issued on 05.06.2020.