

Army postal service functions as a part of the countrywide postal setup but administratively it is under army. Though a part of the army, army postal service provides postal remittance, savings & insurance services to army, Indian Navy, Air Force and paramilitary forces personnel through field post offices established across the country. It also provides cover to Indian troops deployed with United Nations peace keeping forces abroad.

Origin of aps dates back to 1856 when the first FPO accompanied the British expeditionary forces to Persia. FPO's continued to be requisitioned by the army from the department of posts to accompany expeditionary forces till world war I. During world war II volunteers from the department of p & t were drawn as combatants to run the FPO's. in 1947 when Indian troops were rushed to J&K, the handful of personnel, who remained with the occupation forces in Japan, were sent to provide postal services to the troops. This group germinated into the present army postal services.

Initially the organisation was affiliated to the ASC, in March 1972, aps was formed into a separate corps. The Sena Dak Seva or army postal service is mentioned behind the covers with a logo of a pigeon in flight and says mel milap in Hindi (combination). The cachet shows the particular emblem of the regiment, Battalion or office of the army. Multicolour printing is used and comes with a brochure with all details.

The philatelic bureau started functioning in aps from 18/7/1970. These are functioning at 1 cbpo and 2 cbpo to cater to the needs of armed forces personnel and their families. This bureau does the special cancellation of special cover and is done by 56"apo" and 99 "APO" respectively.

Philatelic activity of the department of post also reflects the significant role of our defence forces through commemorative stamps on various significant themes. Army postal service on its own, also brings out a good number of special army covers or army special covers to commemorate landmarks in the history of Battalions, Regiments, Squadrons, flag ships of the defence forces like re union, jubilees, awards, induction of new armoury, vehicles, ships, planes etc. pertaining to the three important forces namely army, navy and air force which plays a significant role in the combat and protection of the nation. It also shows the achievements, honours, laurels, gallantry awards etc.

This display of one frame of army covers pertains to the celebrations of jubilees in the order of silver, gold and diamond.

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1. 1.SILVER JUBILEE COVER



रजत जयंती ०१ सितंबर २००९
SILVER JUBILEE 01 SEP 2009



1.1 Army cover released on 15.09.2009 by 19 Mech INF. The group was raised at Srinagar on 15th September 1983. Operated at western and southern command. Have won laurels like Sharya Chakra, Sena Medal, VSM, COAS, VCOAS etc.