



# 150th Anniversary of Universal Postal Union

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The **Department of Posts** has released **commemorative stamps** marking the 150th anniversary of the **Universal Postal Union (UPU)** on **World Post Day (9th October)**.

- UPU is a **United Nations specialised agency** and the **postal sector's primary forum** for international cooperation.
- UPU was established on **9th October 1874**, in **Berne, Switzerland** and **India joined UPU in 1876**.
- UPU has played a crucial role in **standardising international postal regulations**, facilitating seamless mail exchange.
- UPU is **headquartered in Berne** and is the **2nd oldest** international organisation worldwide after **International Telegraph Union (1865)**.
- **Year 2024** also marks **170 years** of establishment of **India Post** which was founded in **1854** during the tenure of **Lord Dalhousie**.
- **Postal Service in India:**
  - **1852:** Issuance of "**Scinde Dawk**," India's first postage stamp.
  - **1854:** Establishment of **India's first post office in Bombay**.

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