National Postal Day 2026 (10 October)

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10 October is observed as National Postal Day to honour India Post's service of over 170 years. It falls within National Postal Week (9–15 Oct). Day-wise themes in 2026: 12 Oct – Fun with Philately Day; 13 Oct – Financial Inclusion Day; 14 Oct – Mails & Parcels Day; 15 Oct – Technology & Innovation Day.

Key facts

Date	10 Oct – National Postal Day; 9–15 Oct – National Postal Week
India Post	1 Oct 1854 – set up as a department under Lord Dalhousie
Ministry	Ministry of Communications – Department of Posts
Network	World's largest postal network – about 1.6 lakh post offices; 23 postal circles
New initiatives (2026)	N-Gen post offices, Jan Sewa Connect post offices, 'Dak Sewa' and 'Dak Mitra' apps

Background

- History: India's first all-India postage stamps came out in 1854. Speed Post – 1986; PIN code – 1972; India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) – 1 Sept 2018.
- Financial inclusion: post office schemes include Sukanya Samriddhi (2015), PPF, National Savings Certificates and Postal Life Insurance (1884 – India's oldest life insurance).

- Philately: the 'Deen Dayal SPARSH' scholarship scheme encourages stamp collecting among schoolchildren.
- Law: the Post Office Act 2023 (replacing the 1898 Act) ended the department's exclusive privilege over letters and empowers it to set addressing standards.

Tamil Nadu link: the Madras General Post Office opened on 1 June 1786 – among India's oldest; its present Rajaji Salai building dates from 1884. The Tamil Nadu Postal Circle is headquartered in Chennai.

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