



Scented postage stamps a hit this Valentine's Day in Gurgaon

India, Feb. 14, 2017 -- Deviating from traditional Valentine's Day gifts such as roses, soft toys, cards and numerous other gift items, residents have been flocking to post offices to buy the unique scented stamps introduced by the department this year. Even as the usual gifts options were available in the market, the stamps, which come in rose and sandalwood fragrances, stand out, an official of the postal department said.

The postal department last week brought out a series of fragrant stamps to celebrate the occasion.

Roses cost six times more during Valentine's week in Mumbai



India, Feb. 14, 2017 -- Valentine's Day celebrations became expensive as price of roses spiked to six times the normal cost. A rose that would otherwise cost Rs20 was being sold at Rs 120 each, but only if bought by dozen. "We sell one rose at Rs150.

Pre-Valentine fervour down? Florists, jewellers in Chandigarh complain of low sales



India, Feb. 14, 2017 -- Several hot spots in the city were devoid of enthusiasm on the Valentine's Day eve on Monday, typically seen on the occasion every year. Local florists, who used to do brisk business on the occasion, were not happy.

FEATURE STORIES

Finding love in a hopeless place



India, Feb. 14, 2017 -- People are always telling Sheena their movie-like love stories. They probably find it easy to tell her things. She is 21, a student who grew up in Hyderabad.

She is bright, giggly and non-judgemental. So it isn't surprising that the young woman on the train told her everything. The young woman on the train was crying as she said goodbye to her young man.

Sheena asked after the train started, "Newly-weds?" She got the whole story, the long, unlikely online romance of strangers that had ended in a wedding.

But here was the detail Sheena told me with eyes like an anime girl. "They met in her Other inbox."

More roses than goons: The anti-Valentine's Day political narrative is changing

India, Feb. 13, 2017 -- The anti-Valentine narrative appears to be changing, for the better. On Valentine's Day, the Right appears to have its heart in the right place. But do outfits such as the Bajrang Dal, Shiv Sena and the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena mean what they say when they pronounce that their cadre won't harass couples out celebrating the Festival of Love? Not so long ago, both the Bajrang Dal (the youth wing of the Vishva Hindu Parishad), the Shiv Sena and Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS)...

Valentine's Day special: Meet the couples who've dared to stand out

India, Feb. 14, 2017 -- You don't marry someone you can live with, you marry the person who you can't live without. But what happens when your love doesn't confirm to the laws set by the society? On Valentine's Day, we speak to LGBT couples who went against social traditions to live together. It was certainly not easy, but they say, love conquers all.

A BUSY VALENTINE'S DAY

India, Feb. 14, 2017 -- According to the latest Mastercard Consumer Purchasing Priorities Survey, more than half of Indian consumers plan to go out for a meal on Valentine's Day (55 per cent), and more than a third plan to spend time with their loved ones by going to the movies (42 per cent). The survey throws light on spending patterns that are expected this Valentine's Day. Among the Indian consumers surveyed, a fifth of (21 per cent) plan to buy a gift for their loved ones on Valentines' Day, on an average spending close to Rs1,500.

CELEBS' VALENTINE'S DAY

Let's talk about love, baby: Celebs share their fondest Valentine's Day memories



India, Feb. 14, 2017 -- 'Tis the season to be mushy! Love is in the air and so are romantic notions about the day. Here, celebs from different walks of life share anecdotes about their tryst with the day of love. From having secret admirers to freezing in the cold to being hopeless romantics, these celebs have gone through it all and then some more.

Valentine's Day: Gauhar Khan parties with Bani J in London

New Delhi, Feb. 14, 2017 -- What is better than chilling with your best friends on Valentine's Day? Well nothing. The strong friendship between Gauhar Khan and Bani J is well known ever since the latter's stint on Bigg Boss 10. Khan, who was the former winner of the reality show used to motivate Bani J on Instagram by sharing pictures with beautiful messages.

This Valentine's Day, Kangana to distribute whips

New Delhi, Feb. 14, 2017 -- Listen up all boys! Kangana Ranaut has some different plans to celebrate this Valentine's Day. Staying true her fiery off-screen personality, the 29-year-old actor seems to have effortlessly slipped into her onscreen character, 'Jaanbaaz Julia', from upcoming flick 'Rangoon'...

HIGHLIGHTS

▶ **Valentine's Day 2017 gift for girlfriend: Boyfriend pastes Rs 2000 notes on car; arrested by cops on sight**

New Delhi, Feb. 14, 2017 -- On this day of love, when people exchange gifts and profess their feeling to their girlfriend/boyfriend, a lover in Mumbai decided to do something very different in order to impress...

▶ **Aviva Life Insurance launches India's first heart insurance for couples**

New Delhi, Feb. 14, 2017 -- Aviva Life Insurance, one of India's prominent life insurance companies, on the occasion of Valentine's Day, has launched India's first-ever heart insurance plan for couples...

▶ **Islamabad HC bans Valentine's Day celebrations in Pak**

Islamabad, Feb. 13, 2017 -- The Islamabad High Court on Monday imposed a ban on Valentine's Day celebrations across the country after hearing a petition that argued the day is not part of Muslim tradition.

▶ **Madhya Pradesh: Chhindwara Administration calls for 'worship of parents' on Valentine's Day**

New Delhi, Feb. 10, 2017 -- Valentine's Day is around the corner, and right on schedule is the parade of bizarre. This year the Chhindwara district administration of Madhya Pradesh has issued a diktat calling on the young ones to worship their parents on the day, instead of frolicking with their beloved!

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