

## **Release of 'Special Cover with Special Cancellation' of Radhasoami Satsang Sabha Dayalbagh**

Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, Government of India is releasing a 'Special Cover with a Special Cancellation' on the 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 through Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Agra Division to commemorate Radhasoami Satsang Sabha Dayalbagh.

Department of Posts, Government of India releases Special Covers to commemorate a Special Event or an Organisation or a Trust etc. Special covers are printed in limited quantity and are cancelled with Special cancellation with date impression. This makes them special and memorable for the organisation and a collector's item for the philatelists. Department of Posts approached Sabha through Sh Anand Kumar Singh, IPoS to commemorate Radhasoami Satsang Sabha Dayalbagh by release of such a 'Special Cover with Special Cancellation', which was agreed to.

Radhasoami satsang has a long association with the Postal Department of the Government. Rai Bahadur Salig Ram Sahab, known amongst the adherents by the name **Most Revered Huzur Maharaj, the second revered leader of the Radhasoami Faith, has immensely contributed to the postal services of the country for nearly forty years from date of His joining on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 1847 till 11<sup>th</sup> February, 1887 when he retired as the Post Master General of North Western Provinces, Allahabad.** With His sterling contributions, Money order scheme, Saving Bank account, Insurance of Parcels, VP parcels and post cards etc were introduced. In addition, rules regarding bearing letters, unstamped articles, etc were prescribed. He also translated the rules and regulations of Post Offices into vernacular, which proved very useful for the officials. In recognition of His services, He was awarded the title of 'Rai Bahadur' in 1871.