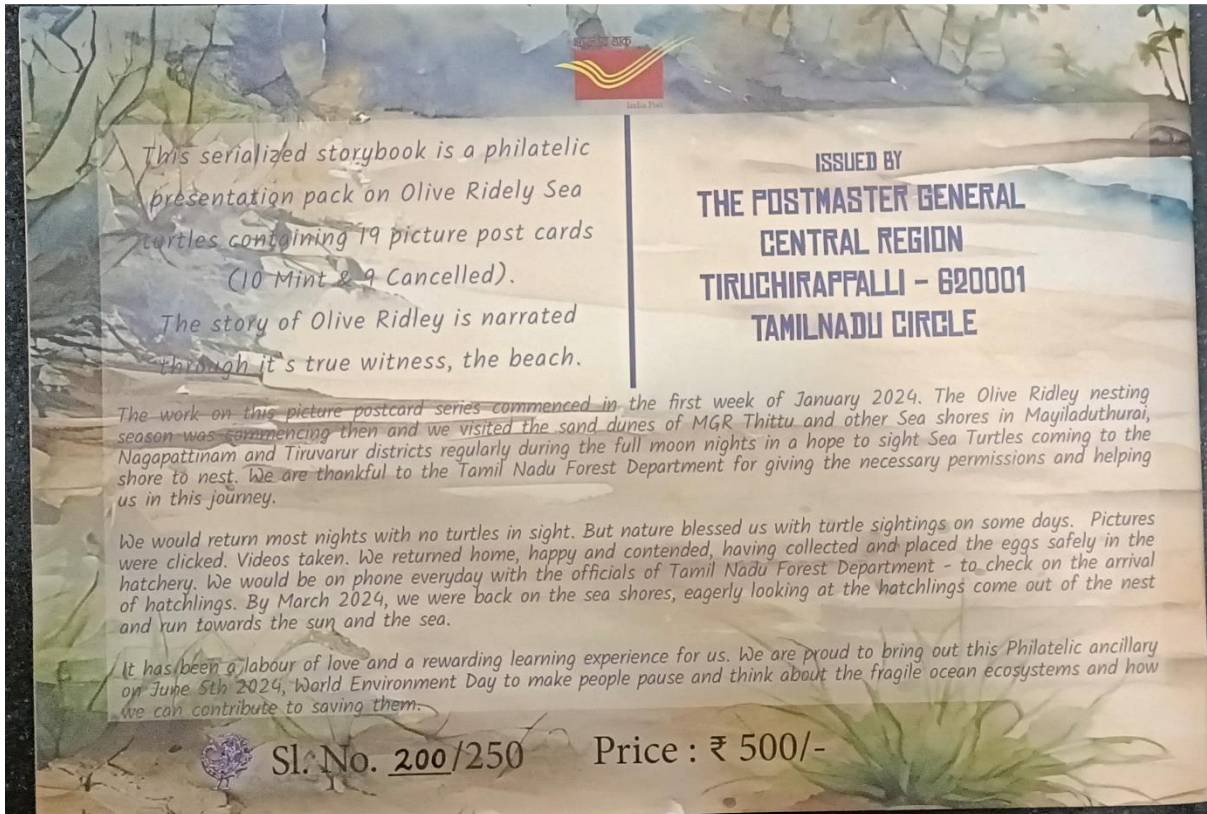


RIDLEY'S RENDEZVOUS

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A tale about the nesting of **OLIVE RIDLEY** Sea turtles

narrated by the beach.



This serialized storybook is a philatelic presentation pack on Olive Ridley Sea turtles containing 19 picture post cards (10 Mint & 9 Cancelled).

The story of Olive Ridley is narrated through its true witness, the beach.

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The work on this picture postcard series commenced in the first week of January 2024. The Olive Ridley nesting season was commencing then and we visited the sand dunes of MGR Thittu and other Sea shores in Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam and Tiruvarur districts regularly during the full moon nights in a hope to sight Sea Turtles coming to the shore to nest. We are thankful to the Tamil Nadu Forest Department for giving the necessary permissions and helping us in this journey.

We would return most nights with no turtles in sight. But nature blessed us with turtle sightings on some days. Pictures were clicked. Videos taken. We returned home, happy and contented, having collected and placed the eggs safely in the hatchery. We would be on phone everyday with the officials of Tamil Nadu Forest Department - to check on the arrival of hatchlings. By March 2024, we were back on the sea shores, eagerly looking at the hatchlings come out of the nest and run towards the sun and the sea.

It has been a labour of love and a rewarding learning experience for us. We are proud to bring out this Philatelic ancillary on June 5th 2024, World Environment Day to make people pause and think about the fragile ocean ecosystems and how we can contribute to saving them.



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