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## **1. Britain's postal service to issue stamps on royal wedding**

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London, Apr 6 (PTI) Britain's national postal service Royal Mail will bring out commemorative stamps to celebrate the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton, an occasion that has caught the imagination of Britain.

Royal Mail has launched a special sheet of stamps to commemorate the royal wedding and the stamps will be available at post offices throughout the country from April 21, which is the Queen's birthday.

The stamps feature the official engagement portraits taken by world-renowned photographer Mario Testino on November 25.

The formal image was taken in the Council Chamber of St James Palace, while the informal image shows the couple in the Palace's Cornwallroom.

The Royal Mail said as with all its commemorative stamps, the Queen has given final approval for their issue and Prince William was also involved in the approval of these stamps.

Stephen Agar from Royal Mail said: "We are honoured to be celebrating this very special and historic occasion. We believe that this set of stamps will be very popular with people both in the UK and around the world".

This is the third time Prince William has appeared on a Royal Mail stamp.

The Prince featured on a sheet of stamps to celebrate the Queen Mother's 100th birthday on August 4, 2000.

In 2003, the Prince became the first member of the Royal Family to have a set of stamps produced to celebrate his 21st birthday.

The wedding stamps will deliver another landmark as William is the first of the Queen's grandchildren to have their wedding commemorated on a set of stamps.

## **2. New secretary of Sri Lanka Ministry of Postal Services**

Wed, Apr 6, 2011, 10:45 am SL Time, ColomboPage News Desk, Sri Lanka.

Apr 06, Colombo: As the employees of the Sri Lanka Postal Department have walked out demanding removal of the Post Master General D.M.K. Dissanayake, President Mahinda Rajapaksa has appointed a new secretary to the Ministry of Postal Services.

Accordingly, veteran administrator Hemasiri Fernando is to assume duty today as the new Secretary of the Ministry of Postal Services.

Fernando, who is a Presidential Adviser on sports, is the Chairman of National Olympic Committee.

He is a past student of Nalanda College and graduated as an Economist from Colombo University. He served as the secretary to the former Prime Minister Sirima Bandaranaike. He has also held the posts of Chairman of Telecom and Airport and Aviation Authority.