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Biennial General Meeting

The Biennial General Meeting of the South India Philatelists Association was held on Sunday the 26th September '82 at the S.K.P.D. Boys' Higher Secondary School, 107, Govindappa Naick Street, Madras - 600 001. Shri V. N. S. Rau, our President was in the Chair. 58 members were present. The Chairman welcomed the members present. Shri K. Prasad, Hon. Secretary read the report for the Biennial period ended 31st December 1981 and the same was unanimously adopted. The accounts were also unanimously passed. New office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee for 1982 & '83 were elected unanimously as follows :

- President* : Shri G. Madan Mohan Das
Vice-President : Shri U. Mohan Rao
" : Shri F. P. Seervoij
Hon. Secretaries : Shri G. Balakrishna Das
" : Shri K. Prasad
Hon. Treasurer : Shri G. Amarchand

Executive Committee Members: 1) Shri S. Mahalingam 2) Shri K. Muthuswamy 3) Shri K. Ramamoorthy 4) Mrs. Ramanujam 5) Shri A. C. Thiriloknath 6) Shri C. S. Sankaranarayanan and 7) Shri S. Viswanathan.

Hon. Editor of SIPA Bulletin: Shri M T. Karunakaran will also be in the Executive Committee as ex-officio member.

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Editorial :

Promoting Philately among School Children

Quite a good number of colourful Stamps covering various aspects of Indian culture, nature etc. have been brought out by the Indian Posts & Telegraph Dept. as one of its steps to promote Philately in India. Several Philatelic Exhibitions and work shops conducted by it at district, regional, national and international levels might also have helped to promote Philately to some extent. Further the fact that Indian collections and exhibits have also earned top honours at international level may serve as an encouragement to juniors. Yet the standard of knowledge at the junior level in India is very much at the bottom.

All these above said points are widely discussed by all those concerned and is no doubt a good augury for finding some solution to promote Philately extensively as in countries like U.K. USA. Japan and Federal Republic of Germany.

In the recent past Posts & Telegraph Tamil Nadu Circle has conducted philately workshops for the School Children at various centres and thus gave training to some hundred or more children in the art of collecting stamps. Though this novel effort might have helped the children who attended the class the chances of those

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UNUSUAL DWELLINGS

A. Seshagiri Rao - Bhilai

Collecting stamps on a particular theme has now become very popular as there is unlimited scope in choosing a theme from among the numerous stamps of various countries. One can really enjoy a lot by collecting stamps on a particular theme.

We discuss here one such theme "Unusual Dwellings".

Man in the olden days lived in caves. He didn't know how to build a house for shelter against rain, wind, sun and enemies. But he started thinking when he saw birds build nests. As a result he began to build dwellings of his own. The early such dwellings were quite odd, the pictures of which when we see as vignets in some stamps, as they are unusual, across curiosity.

A number of stamps of various countries illustrate such dwellings. Let us go through the details of some stamps pertaining to our theme "Unusual Dwellings".

The stamps of South West Africa 1954 set, shows one of the Rock paintings which have found in some of the caves in Matopa Hills. These caves were, in days gone by used as residences.

Huts were built on tree tops near the rivers. In 1924 Brunei issued a stamp. This gives a view of the native houses of Brunei Town, while some of the stamps of earlier issues give us a closer view of the actual house built on poles sticking up out of the river.

Another type of which, also built above ground level is shown on the 1½d stamp of 1932 issues from Papua. This shows us some of their tree houses. A tree house would be a grand sport; constructing DEN upon a tree and pulling up the rope ladder after you, and so ensuring safety from animals and enemies.

There are beautiful and artistic huts on Popua stamps issued in 1952-KIRWINA chief's house S.G. 7 and KIRIWINAYAM House S.G. 8. Eastern Highlands Dwelling S.G. 191(1971).

Pitcairn Island has also issued many stamps showing unusual Dwellings.

The stamps of SAMOA have a number of interesting illustrations of native huts. There are two stamps on the 1952 set which attracts attention. They are the 1s and 2s. The fact that the first one shows picture of a hut being thatched makes us to think of it as an important operation in that area where the rain fall may be as much as 100 inches in a year. The vignet of the other stamp shows a native preparing copra, while in the back ground a group of natives are sitting in the shade in front of a large open sided hut. This dwelling ofcourse is also unusual. When the roof is meant for shade, the sides are left open for free air.

The stamps of Australian Antarctic Territory and British Antarctic Territory also show typical Antarctic Camps.

There are plenty of stamps on this theme from Nyasaland, Gibraltar, Cook Islands, Pitcairn Islands, Canada and Newzealand also.

If one collects and arranges systematically the stamps on this theme 'Unusual Dwellings' it would surely be interesting and attractive.

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children imparting their knowledge to Thousands of many others like them is very remote. But still it is a good means of propagation of the hobby and may be utilized with a different approach for more success. The Posts & Telegraph Department shall approach the schools by deputing some philatelic officers and set up Clubs or Associations in the schools and then conduct a philately workshop for the masters themselves, who in their turn can educate all those interested in the hobby.

The philatelic Associations also have a great part to play. The Associations can depute their members to the philatelic exhibitions and explain on the spot the finer points of the exhibits, the mounting and arranging of stamps etc.

All the past Presidents will also be in the Executive Committee as ex-officio members. They are Sarvashri Dr. C. A. Rajagopalachari, V. N. S. Rau and S. Ramaswamy.

M/s. Badri & Sudhakara Chartered Accountants, were elected as auditors for 1982 and 83.

The membership subscription was revised and the same was adopted unanimously to be effective from 1st January 1983 as follows :

Annual	: Juniors (below 15 years)	Rs. 10.00
	: Others	Rs. 20.00
Life membership :	...	Rs 250/00

Shri V. N. S. Rau was given a standing ovation, as the outgoing President.

Other Important News :

1. The meeting of the Philatelic Congress of India will take place at Madras on the 7th November 1982 and all members are requested to attend the same and make it a grand success. The venue and timings have not yet been fixed. Members are requested to contact the association for further news, in this regard.

2. The committee has resolved to revise the Advertisement tariff in SIPA Bulletin from the current issue as follows :

Quarter Page	: Rs. 40/00
Half Page	: Rs. 75/00
Full Page	: Rs. 150/00
Classified	: Rs. 10/00 for 25

words and 50p. for every additional word.

20% Discount for Annual Contract.

All advertisements will be published only against advance payment.

AT OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS

July '82

30 members were present. Shri V. N. S. Rau was in the Chair. He exhorted junior members to prepare well for the philatelic exhibition entitled "India of My Dreams", to be held at the PMG's, Office. Shri G. Madan Mohan Das gave some useful hints for the junior members present about how 'India of My Dreams' exhibits could be prepared. For the benefit of those members who could not understand English properly, he gave his talk in Tamil also so that the junior members could make use of it in mounting and writing up,

Shri G. Madan Mohan Das then gave a short talk on how to become a sincere stamp collector by quoting some incidents, with accent on what to collect and what not to collect according to ones own limited means.

August '82

24 Members were present. Shri V.N S. Rau, who presided apprised the members of the ensuing National Philatelic Exhibition 'INPEX-'82'

Sri K. Prasad, one of our secretaries, who is also incharge of the Numismatics wing, read out the particulars about Proof and uncirculated coins to be released to commemorate the IX Asian games, Delhi-1982.

Shri G. Madan Mohan Das, gave interesting Talk on sports and recreation and circulated Indian and East Germany stamps mounted on album sheets. He requested Sri V. N. S. Rau to use his office as President-Elect of the Philatelic Congress of India to recommend issue of more stamps on sports. He then took leave of the members as he was on orders of transfer to Ahmedabad.

Shri V. N. S. Rau promised to do his best in recommending more Stamps on sports and wished that his efforts would be fruitful. He then joined the members in wishing Shri G. Madan Mohan Das all the best and said that Shri G. Madan Mohan Das always took pleasure in giving a talk at the monthly meeting and that his absence till next April would be felt much.

September '82

42 members were present. Shri G. Madan Mohan Das was in the Chair. Shri C. S. Sankaranarayanan read out a prepared speech on the topic "Philately keeps the Faith". He was very much impressed by the articles in the books published by the American Topical Association and prepared the talk in order to share the knowledge with the members present.

Dr. C. A. Rajagopalachari, our past President, showed an 'Airgraph' and gave some information about it. He requested members to share their knowledge on this stationery item. Shri G. Madan Mohan Das gave some more informatton on Airgraphs. Shri V. N. S. Rau was cheered when it was announced that he was nominated as a member in the Philatelic Advisory Committee.

K. PRASAD,
Hon. Secretary

For Juniors of all Ages

Thematic Collecting :

Thematic collecting can conveniently be divided into three broad categories. Firstly there is the topical or subject collection, which is the arrangement of stamps each showing one particular subject such as ships, flowers, architecture or famous people. Then there are stamps issued over longer periods by different countries but linked to a common cause. In this category come for instance Churchill and Kennedy memorial issues, or anniversaries celebrated universally like United Nations, Europa or the Red Cross. Finally comes thematic collecting in its widest sense which is the grouping of stamps which may be different subjects in such a way that they illustrate a particular theme or tell a story. Themes like wild life, explorers and explorations, war and peace, history of posts may belong to this category.

For the benefit of the juniors some of the popular thematic/Topical subjects are furnished below.

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2 Air Crafts	37 Fauna
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5 Architecture	40 Famousmen
6 Animals	41 Freedom
7 Astronomy	42 Flags
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9 Bids	44 Frigates
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12 Buildings	47 Insects
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16 Coat of arms	51 Journalism
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28 Dams	63 Musical Instruments
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85 Reptiles	107 U - Boat
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Federation Internationale De Philatelie - FIP

The Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP) was founded in Paris on June 18, 1926. When delegates from Seven Nations decided upon founding an international federation of philatelists that would be in a position to speak for the moral and material interests of philatelists all over the world. By 1933 the number of national members had increased to 13. By 1938 it had risen to 18. Today FIP has 60 member federations from 60 Nations.

The aims of FIP include promotion of philately by every possible means on a global basis and encouraging friendly relationships among Collectors from all over the world with a view to supporting peace and friendship among the peoples on this planet.

FIP is endeavoured to support all sectors of philately, to provide organizational services, and to publish rules with a view to harmonizing the efforts of all philatelic associations.

FIP is willing to support all events organized by its members and useful to the development of philately.

It is one of the intentions of FIP to enter into and cherish relationships to all postal administrations and national and international organizations interested in matters of philately.

FIP has made it one of its tasks to co-ordinate all activities of its national member federations in particular with respect to international exhibitions and to supervise observance of the rules laid down for such purposes.

FIP will make every possible efforts to organize, in close co-operation with national federations, international exhibitions.

Courtesy : FIP Silver Jubilee Almanac 1981

News /

Inpex-82 :

The Fourth India National Philatelic Exhibition, 1982, briefly called 'Inpex-82' will be held in New Delhi from 30-12-82 to 5-1-83.

Two special postage stamps will be issued in the denominations of 50p. and 200p. to commemorate the National Exhibition. A First Day cover, publicity folder and First Day cancellation will also be provided besides a special cover and special cancellation bearing different designs will also be brought out during the exhibition.

Mapex-82 :

The V Madhya Pradesh Philatelic Exhibition Mapex-82 will be held at Bilai from 9-10-82 to 12-10-82.

Kerapex-82 :

A state level Philatelic Exhibition, Karapex-82 will be held at Calicut from 14-10-82 to 16-10-82.

Mini Philatelic Exhibition, Madras :

In the Mini Philatelic Exhibition organised at Madras by the Post Master General of the Tamil Nadu Circle quite a good number of boys and girls took part. Shri V. N. S. Rau, President elect of the Philatelic Congress of India judged the exhibits. S. Deepak studying in the eight standard of the Don Bosco Metriculation Higher Secondary School, Egmore bagged the prize for the best entry. Miss. R. Venkatalakshmi-Children's Garden H. S. S. Mylapore, bagged the Second Prize and the Third was shared by Jaiganesh-Padmaseshadri Bala Bhavan Senior S. S.; B. Anuratha-Lady Wellington H. S. S.; Miss. A. Karpagam Ramasaraswathi Vidyalaya M. H. S. School and Arvind-A. G. Jain H. S. S.

Dr. A Venkatasubramanian, Director of School Education gave away the prizes. He wanted that the hobbies like philately should be promoted among the student community and announced a grant of Rs. 2,000 from the Tamil Nadu Parent Teachers Association (coming under the Education Department) for instituting

cash prizes to be given to the winners of the next stamp exhibition to be organised by the postal department.

Philatelic Society of Bhilai :

The Philatelic Society of Bhilai has revived the Societies Bulletin 'Bhiphil' from the month of September onwards. The Society has 40 members on its rolls. The Executive Committee is as follows: President-Shri G. C. Jain, Vice-President Shri Sat dev, General Secretary - Shri J. P. Singh; Joint Secretary - Shri R. S. Rad and Treasurer Shri J. P. Mathur.

Elite Philatelic Club :

The Elite Philatelic Club Celebrates its annual day on 3rd October 1982 at the Seminar Room, L.L.A. Building [First floor] Mount Road, Madras-600 002. Mr. A. Ravooof will preside. Mr. Fredum P. Seervai and Mr. A. S. Narayanaewamy will be the chief guest and special invitee respectively.

Philately Work Shop :

A Philatelic Workshop sponsored by the Corona stamp collector's club, Bomby is to be held at Bhilai on 10th October 1982. Shri Lakshiminarayanan Krishnan, Shri Madhukar Jhingan, Smt. Savita Jhingan and Ku. Kusum Gam Chandran are the main organisers of this workshop.

New Commemoratives :

A set of two stamps (305p and 200p.) on contemporary art were issued on 14-9-82 in connection with the "Festival of India" in the U. K. The 305p. stamp shows the painting of M. F. Hussain titled "Between the spider and the lamp", the other stamp depicts the painting titled "Bindu" by Raza.

A commemorative stamp (285p) will be issued on 'Wild life' on 1-10-1982. The stamp depicts 'Kashmir stag'. A first day cover will also be issued.

To commemorate the 'Golden Jubilee of 'Indian Air Force' a stamp (100p.) will be issued on 8-10-82. Special first day cancellation will also be provided.

The proposed issue of a commemorative stamp 75th Anniv. of Scout Movement on 27-12-82 has been dropped.