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### SOUTH INDIA PHILATELISTS' ASSOCIATION

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South India Philatelists' Association, Madras, which is affiliated to the Philatelic Congress of India takes the pleasure to inform you again that it is organising a Bio-Philatelic Exhibition, "BIOPEX-89," at the Corporation Indoor Stadium, Madras for 5 days from 5th

to 9th October 1989.

This exhibition on 'Thematics' only will have three different sections open to the Philatelists. They are the Invitees Section; Non-Competitive Section and Competitive Section.

The Competitive section will have two groups :

The first will cover exhibits on Bio-Philately subjects only and is open to all competitors from India.

The second group will cover exhibits on any Thematic Philately, Numismatics and Notaphily and is open for participation only to the members of the South India Philatelists' Association in the country.

All communications relating to the Bulletin may please be addressed to Mr. M. T. Karunakaran, Hony. Editor, 'SIPA Bulletin' 3, III Cross Street, Jayanagar, Tambaram Sanatorium, Madras.600 047.

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### BIOPEX-89

#### Committee to Select Trainee Jury Members

A panel of jury to be nominated by the Organising Committee will judge the entries, generally according to the FIP norms for awarding prizes.

It is also proposed to have 3 to 4 trainee jury members and are to be chosen from among the Senior SIPA members with philatelic distinction.

Members who are desirous of undergoing training may send their request with details of their philatelic achievements to the Secretary, BIOPEX-89, South India Philatelists, Association, 41, Perumal Mudali Street, Madras-600 079, before the end of August 1989, for consideration by the Committee, whose decision is final.

The views contained in the articles published are the author's own and not necessarily those of the Association.

### SIPA MEETINGS

SECOND SUNDAY of every month - Regular meeting at the Philately Bureau, Anna Road, Post Office.

THIRD SUNDAY of every month - Auction meeting at our Library Hall at 6, Nannan Street, Madras-3

(Timings: 10.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

# World Wide Fund For Nature

By IAN MCLNTYRE



(I hope this article would help the members to understand WWF whose branch in Madras is joining hands with us in the forthcoming "BIOPEX-89" — Bio-Philatelic Exhibition. —Editor SIPA)

In April 1961, three dedicated people produced a paper arguing the need for a new type of conservation organisation. Its objective would be ambitious - to raise enough money to put the Worldwide conservation movement on a sound footing. In the same year, The World Wildlife fund came into being.

Sir Peter Scott, Max Nicholson and Guy Mountfort must have had little idea how quickly their project would take off. From its modest beginnings in a converted country house in Switzerland. WWF has grown into the World's largest private organisation which is entirely devoted to the care and protection of the natural living world. There are WWF national organisations in 23 countries, and together they have raised £ 80 million for use on more than 5,000 projects world wide

The organisation that was seen from the outset as an 'International Red Cross for 'wild life' has stayed true to its original ideal, but inevitably there have been some changes. The modification of the well-known name in Britain - replacing the world 'wildlife' with 'Nature' - was announced in May 88 by WWF's International president. HRH the Duke of Edinburgh.

The new name - World Wide Fund for Nature - had already been adopted by WWF's International headquarters in Switzerland, along with most of the national organisations where English is WWF's operative language. The change brought UK in line with the other European WWF organisations, all of which use 'nature' in their name because they have no meaningful translation for 'Wild life'

The image evoked by this new name is also believed to more accurately reflect the broader range of conservation activities with which WWF is more involved - after all, many

people picture only animals rather than the whole natural system, when they think of Wild life.

In the early years, virtually all the funds raised were used to save endangered species, but even then moves were being made to protect habitats as well - WWF's first conservation success was the setting up in 1962 of the Coto Donana national park in Spain.

Last year, individual species conservation accounted for only 10 per cent of International conservation expenditure; the emphasis instead was on saving habitats, and protecting the earth's ecological processes and life support systems, including soil, air and water. But the chief beneficiary of all this activity is still, of course, wildlife as well as human race.

Inevitably, it is still the projects to save spectacular and emotive species, such as the panda, tiger and whale, that catch the public imagination. But every day, in just about every country in the free world, WWF resources are helping to turn back the tide of environmental destruction.

The following three diverse campaigns from three different continents, illustrate how 'nature' and conservation of natural resources have now become the organisation's main focus.

In Europe, acid rain is one of the most critical environmental issues. For example, in Switzerland, 60 percent of the forests are now damaged or dying from its effects. Five years ago, WWF Switzerland began campaigning to persuade politicians to take more effective action. The turning point came in 1984, when a rally to protest at government inaction attracted more than 30,000 people to

Berne. Two years later, WWF linked with the churches to bring thousands of citizens on to the streets of Zurich in a silent, candle-lit winter protest. These initiatives along with the briefing of politicians and the publication of numerous reports, helped to persuade the Swiss government that they should legislate to cut back pollution levels.

Halfway across the world in Japan, the problem is timber or rather, a lack of it. Japan is the world's largest consumer of Tropical hardwoods - they pour into the country from the World's fast disappearing rainforests to be consumed by voracious manufacturing industries. But exactly how is the timber used, and cold plentiful softwoods be used instead in some cases? What type of wood are most commonly used, and do they come from well managed timber estates or devastated Asian forests? WWF-Japan realised that without definitive answers to these questions, effective pressure for change was impossible. The first detailed study of Japans hardwood trade is now under way, with funds from WWF.

Finally, over in Peru, development projects are eroding vital habitats. The country is probably more famous for its archaeological treasures than for its living ones, but it has rich natural resources, and its varied terrain

includes the High Andes, which form the Pacific fringe of the Amazon jungle.

The basic problem is that many people in Peru are simply not aware of their natural heritage, or the threats to it. To try to remedy this, WWF provided funds for the principal national conservation organisation, Fundacion Peruana para la conservacion de la Naturaleza, to campaign to change attitudes among the country's key decision makers. Politicians have already been taken to many areas of high conservation value: political parties are being persuaded to give a higher priority to the environment in their manifestos: and environment courses are being arranged for journalists.

Is it possible that WWF has forgotten wildlife in all this activity? The answer, emphatically, is no, because there is no hope for wildlife in Switzerland if the forests cannot live; the animals of the Asian forests will go under if their habitat is destroyed by timber cutting; and the incredibly varied bird species of Peru will not survive if ill-planned development continues to erode their habitats.

The natural world's Red Cross, under new flag of 'World Wide Fund for Nature,' is now fighting on more fronts than ever before, and the ultimate effect is still the protection of the Worlds endangered species.

—Courtesy: BBC Wildlife.

## Baroda Philatelic Society

### PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

Baroda Philatelic Society has organised a non-competitive exhibition on Saturday 11th March 1989 at Municipal Art Gallery, Badamdi Baug, Dandia Bazaar, Baroda, to celebrate 125th Birthday of H. H. Srimant Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad 3rd. On this occasion a pictorial cancellation of H. H. Srimant Sayajirao Gaekwad was released by H. H. Matushri Shantadevi Gaekwad. Baroda Philatelic Society has brought out a special cover depicting main gate of Laxmi Vilas Palace of Baroda. The exhibition was well attended by philatelists and public of Baroda. The cancelled cover can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Dr. Ashwin V. Patel. Opp. Sharda Talkies, near Tarkeshwar Temple,

Baroda-390 001. The cost of the cover is Rs. 2/- and postage extra.

#### EXHIBITION ON "NEHRU FAMILY"

Baroda Philatelic Society is to celebrate Nehru Centenary by holding a stamp exhibition. A Thematic Stamp Exhibition with the Theme restricted to only "NEHRU FAMILY" The Exhibition will be held on 14, 15 and 16 November 1989 and any Stamp Collector in India can participate in this exhibition.

For further details please write to Dr. Ashwin V. Patel, Hony. Secretary, Baroda Philatelic Society, opp. Sharda Talkies, near Tarkeshwar Temple, Vadodara-390 001, along with a self addressed envelope duly stamped.

## List of Special Covers Issued by ARMY POSTAL SERVICE

S. No.	Date of Issue	Nomenclature	S. No.	Date of Issue	Nomenclature
1	01 Dec 54	International Control Commission-Indochina	31	15 Nov 79	3rd Gorkha Rifles Reunion
2	15 Jan 62	United Nations Force-Congo (Army Day)	32	15 Nov 79	9th Gorkha Rifles Reunion
3	15 Jan 65	United Nations Emergency Force-Gaza	33	24 Nov 79	The Dogra Regiment and Scouts wing
4	15 Jan 65	International Control Commission-Indochina	34	08 Dec 79	Army Service Corps 3rd Reunion
5	02 Oct 68	International Control Commission-Indochina	35	01 Feb 80	APS Day India-80
6	15 Jan 71	Army Day	36	05 Nov 80	Brigade of the Guards
7	01 Apr 71	Indian Air Force	37	04 Dec 80	Second Reunion APS
8	01 Jun 72	Army Education Corps	38	05 Dec 80	Second Reunion APS
9	04 Dec 72	Indian Navy	39	12 Dec 80	Maratha Light Infantry
10	15 Oct 73	The Corps of Electrical & Mechanical Engineers	40	15 Feb 81	Corps of Signals
11	01 Nov 73	Zojila Day	41	24 Mar 81	11 Gorkha Rifles Reunion
12	08 Dec 73	Army Service Corps-Reunion	42	24 Mar 81	Assam Rifles
13	28 Jan 74	Corps of Engineers Day	43	15 Oct 81	EME 5th Corps Reunions
14	16 May 74	Directorate General Armed Force Medical Service	44	25 Nov 81	The Grandier Regiment
15	15 Jun 75	Armed Forces School of Nursing	45	14 Dec 81	Sikh Light Infantry
16	03 Nov 76	Major Somanath Sharma PVC	46	02 Jan 82	63 Cavalry-Silver Jubilee
17	18 Jul 77	CHM Piru Singh PVC	47	15 Jun 82	Ladakh Scouts - 34th Anniversary
18	20 Oct 77	Madras Engineer Group & Centre	48	17 Oct 82	Flag Officer NJS Shekhon PVC
19	21 Nov 77	The Parachute Regiment	49	22 May 83	125th Anniversary of 1/5 GR
20	06 Feb 78	Naik Jadunath Singh PVC	50	31 Oct 83	5th Reunion of Assam Regiment
21	20 May 78	Norcompex-78	51	15 Feb 84	75 year of Radio Service in Army
22	30 Jun 78	INS Delhi	52	18 Feb 84	7th Postwar Reunion the Dogra Regiment
23	30 Sep 78	2 Guards (1 Grenadiers)	53	27 Sep 84	Jak Light Infantry
24	01 Dec 78	20 Lancers-colour presentation	54	18 Nov 84	Major Shaithan Singh PVC
25	03 Dec 78	Lance Naik Albert Ekka PVC	55	30 Nov 84	Jack Rifles
26	16 Dec 78	National Defence Academy Khadakwihla	56	11 Dec 84	Air HQ Communication SQNAF
27	02 Feb 79	First Gorkha Rifles- First Reunion	57	11 Dec 84	No-9 SQN Air Force
28	10 Sep 79	CQHM Abdul Hameed PVC	58	14 Dec 84	Remount and Veterinary Corps
29	15 Oct 79	Indian Air Force	59	16 Feb 85	Punjab Regiment
30	06 Nov 79	Armoured Regiment	60	13 Apr 85	2/8 Gorkha Rifles

## INDIA-STAMP ISSUE PROGRAMME FOR 1989.

S. No.	Date of Issue	Nomenclature
61	04 Dec 85	3rd Gorkha Rifles
62	04 Dec 85	9th Gorkha Rifles
63	07 Dec 85	Army Service Corps
64	15 Feb 86	Signals Regiment
65	11 Mar 86	2/4 Gorkha Rifles
66	01 Aug 86	4 Parachute Regiment
67	14 Oct 86	Mahar Regiment
68	17 Oct 86	1st Parachute Regiment
69	05 Nov 86	Army Medical Corps
70	10 Nov 86	2/5 Gorkha Rifles
71	03 Dec 86	Army Ordnance Corps
72	09 Dec 86	Brigade of the Guards
73	10 Dec 86	Maratha LI
74	25 Mar 87	Dogra Regiment
75	23 Apr 87	4 Sick Regiment
76	30 May 87	150 years of Jack Rifles
77	08 Sep 87	6 Mech. Infantry
78	23 Oct 87	8 Light Cavalry
79	06 Nov 87	Rajput Regiment
80	15 Nov 87	17 Maratha LI
81	25 Nov 87	Grenadiers Regiment
82	12 Dec 87	4/9 Gorkha Rifles
83	15 Jan 88	18 Punjab Regiment
84	15 Apr 88	10 Madras Regiment-Colour presentation
85	10 Sep 88	5/9 Gorkha Regiment
86	01 Oct 88	8 Maratha LI
87	01 Oct 88	6 Sikh LI
88	01 Oct 88	101 Field Regiment (SP)
89	27 Oct 88	Kumaron Regiment
90	11 Nov 88	The Rajputana Rifles
91	01 Dec 88	The Punjab Regiment
92	12 Jan 89	Bengal Engineer Group
93	24 Jan 89	India-89 APO Day
94	25 Jan 89	Maharashtra and Gujarat Centenary Celebrations
95	01 Apr 89	Brigade of the Guards
96	01 Apr 89	Brigade Jat Regiment
97	01 May 89	Air Defence Regiment

*Courtesy:* Philatelic Bureau  
C/o 56 APO

*Combile by* P. RAMAKRISHNAN.

*Subject & Date of Release as follows:*

1	Harekrushna Mehtab	2-1-89	60p
2	Mannathu Padmanabhan	2-1-89	60p
3	Lok Sabha Secretariat	10-1-89	60p
4	State Museum, Lucknow	11-1-89	60p
5	Baldev Ramji Mirdha	17-1-89	60p
6-9	India-89 (World Philatelic Exhibition)	20-1-88	60p
		1 50, 5/-, 6/50.	
10	Don Bosco	31-1-89	60p
11	3rd Cavalry	8-2-89	60p
12	Dargah Sharif, Ajmir	13-2-89	1/-
13	President's Review of the Fleet	15-2-89	6/50
14	B. G. Kher	8-3-89	60p
15	Luxman Nayak	29-3-89	60p
16	Rao Gopal Singh of Kharwa	30-3-89	60p
17	Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur	13-4-89	60p
18	S. D. Kitehlew	13-4-89	60p
19	Allahabad Bank	(not issued)	
20	Bishnu Ram Medhi	20-4-89	60p
21	Punjab University, Chandigarh	19-5-89	1/-
22	Sydenham College, Bombay	19-4-89	60p
23	Sankaracharya	9-5-89	60p
24	Asaf Ali	11-5-89	60p
25	Military Farms	(not issued)	
26	D. A. V. Movement	1-6-89	60p
27	Kirloskar Centenary	20-6-89	1/-
28	Dakshin Gangotri	(not issued)	
29	Indian Cinema		
30	Savaji Rao Gaewak III		
31	C. R. P. F.	-7-89	
32	Mohun Bagan Athletic Club Football (18)	18-8-89	
33	Namakkal Kavingnar	24-8-89	
34	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan	5-9-89	
35	Shyamji Krishnan Verma	4-10-89	
36	Wild Life	6-10-89	
37	Acharya Narendra Devji	31-10-89	
38	Epilepsy Conference	-10-89	
39	Pandita Ramabai	-10-89	
40	Acharya Kripalani	11-11-89	
41	Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Birth Centenary	14-11-89	
42		20-11-89	
43	Sir Gurunath Beweer	23-11-89	
44	Walchand Hirachand	8-12-89	
45	Balakrishna Navin	20, 21-12-89	
46	Sundar Lal Sharma		
47	Folk/Tribal Dances/Arts of India		
48			
49	Kamal Atatürk		

## At our Monthly Meetings....

*April '89* 27 Members were present Sri U. Mahan Sao Presided. Sri Enic Ramanujam gave details about the Wild life and the subjects connected. He also displayed an exhibit on wild life and environments to supli-ment his views for the benefit of the members.

Sri Ramanujam informed the members about the details of the meetings held in connection with, 'BIOPEX-89' and about the various committees' formed for conducting the exhibition. He also invited other members to assist in making the exhibition a great success.

Sri Mohan Rao requested the members to putforth all their efforts, in all aspects, in conducting the BIOPEX-89 exhibition and making it a grand success.

*May '89* 30 Members were present. Sri D. H. Rao presided Sri S. Ramanujam informed the members about the progrsss made so far towards holding 'BIOPEX-89' exhibition Sri M. T. Karunakaran readout an article on W. W. F. (World wide Fund-for nature) from, 'BBC Wildlife', which gave details about the

origin and purpose of that organisation, with whose branch in Madras we are associating in conducting the forthcoming 'BIOPEX-89' Exhibition.

Sri D. H. Rao, whose pet theme for collec-tion is anything connected with ships-(ie, stamps, coins, notes etc.) has displayed for the benefit of the members present a few coins and notes of foreign countries on which 'ship' was potrayed or inscribed. He also explained the members about Dakshin Gangotri Expedition and as to how he got some of the cancelled covers.

Sri F.D. Seervai gave a detailed talk about to Registered Covers of India from the early period in Chronological order with particulars of registration charges and about the variations in sizes.

## REQUEST TO MEMBERS

Please obtain atleast one advertisement  
for the ~~SIPEX-89~~ SOUVENIR  
~~BIOPEX-89~~