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## SOUTH INDIA PHILATELISTS' ASSOCIATION

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### ECOPEX - 95

In 1995 we are proud to organise a Philatelic Exhibition ECOPEX '95 Madras for five days from 5 to 9 October 1995. This will be our 11th exhibition with entries from all over India.

The aim and objective of this exhibition is to promote Philately and in particular Thematic Philately a major area covering the topic Ecology. There will be 300 to 350 frames on display. Where one will be able to see the MAGNIFICENT WILD LIFE and NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT as a whole.

Five attractively designed Special Cover are being brought out by the organisers and the Department of Posts will provide Special Cancellations on all the five days of the exhibition. Both the covers and cancellations are designed to suit the subject Ecology and will be a cherished collectors item.

The beautiful souvenir has been brought out to mark this wonderful occasion. It contains articles from leading Philatelists and Naturalists from all over the country besides other useful information for all.

We are thankful to Indian Bank, Citi Bank, Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board and NEPC - Micon Limited in sponsoring some of the promotional activities of ECOPEX - '95.

Under the agile, active guidance of the young leading business magnates of the Madras city who spared no pains in the very many promotional activities of the Exhibition, we owe a debt of gratitude to Shri. AJIT CHORDIA and Shri G. AMARCHAND for the success of the Ecopex - 95.

**G. MADAN MOHAN DAS**  
**M.T. KARUNAKARAN**  
Secretaries  
Ecopex - 95

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Dear Mr. Madan Mohan Das,

Thank you so much for sending me by registered post a copy of the handsome Souvenir issued for Ecopex - 95.

The publication is indeed a credit to the organisers with its beautiful illustrations, and the valuable articles contained in it, valuable not only for ecologist & environmentalist but also for philatelists in general.

The souvenir is better than many other souvenirs that I have seen issued in connection with official State Level Philatelic Exhibitions. My congratulations. They always do things well in Madras.

I am glad to know that the exhibition was such a grant success.

With kind regards, your sincerely,

Sd/-.....

President, Philatelist Society of India

### INDIAN PHILATELISTS HONOURED AT SINGAPORE'S 95

1. Sri Dilip Shah (Jabalpur - Court of Honour, 2. Dr. (Mrs) Sita Bhateja (Bangalore) FIP Championship - Large Gold
3. Sri M.C. Sukhani (Calcutta) FIP Championship Large Gold, 4. Sri Pradip Jain (Patna) - Aero Philately - Gold with Spl. Prize 94,
5. Sri Anil Suri (Delhi) Fiscal Revenue Class - Gold 90, 6. Sri Rajesh Kr. Bagri (Calcutta) Thematic Philately - Large Vermeil 85,
7. Dr. R.S. Gandhi (Patna) Postal History - Large Vermeil - 895,
8. Dr. Surendra Pd. Gupta (Meerut) India Post Independence - Large Vermeil - 89, 9. Sri. A.R. Singhee (Hyderabad) Postal Stationary - Large Vermeil - 89, 10. Sri. R.D. Binani (Calcutta) Thematic Philately - Vermeil - 83, 11. Sri Kishore Chandak (Solapur) Postal History Large Silver 12 Sri E.P. James - Postal History (Cochin Anchal) Large Silver - 75, 13. Mr. A.M. Mollah (Bombay) Revenue Class - Vermeil - 80, 14. Mr. E.S. Srikanth (Bangalore) Your Philately Bronze - 60, 15. Sri M.R. Rarabhakara (Bangalore) Literature Bronze 60

### SIPA MEETINGS

Second Sunday of every month - Regular meeting at the Philatelic Bureau, Anna Road Post office, Madras - 600 002 (10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.) first and third Sunday of every month - Auction meeting at our Library Hallat 6 Nannian Street, Madras - 3 (Timing 10.45 am. to 1 p.m.)  
SIPA Library Open Tuesday & Sunday, 6 Nannian Street, Madras - 3. (7 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

# Ecology, the need of the hour

R. Vaidyanathan

The role of postal department all over the world has assumed significance not because of its general service of national and international messages which are of concern to the entire humanity.

Postage stamps which carry the messages of a particular campaign becomes part of the history. The medium of philately is in fact more powerful than audio, visual, and print media.

Now philatelists all over the world have began to chose subjects dear to them. Their efforts culminate in a fascinating collection and subjects like medicine, Red Cross, Scouts, Rotary, Wildlife, forestry, pollution, population, education etc. get more prominence than general collections.

Of all the subjects, currently ecology demands more attention.

To high light the dangers posed by ecological imbalances, environmental pollution caused by the growing industrialisation, and indiscriminate felling of trees on one pretext or the other, everyone concerned with the welfare of the mankind has been doing his best at national and international level.

Ecological imbalances come through deforestation and poaching. Animal skins, particularly of the Bengal tiger and leopard, and reptile skins, snake and alligator, are being exported to foreign countries. Though the Forest Department swoops down on poachers there has been no end to illegal poaching.

Our other major hazard of urbanisation is pollution, which is generated by the hundreds and thousands of motor vehicles and the large and small scale industries. The release of carbon monoxide and other obnoxious gases is too

alarming a situation and has began to affect the normal health of a person. Industrial houses' indirect contribution to water pollution has reached an unbelievable level. The effluents released by the tannery industry has contaminated our water ways and eradicated many varieties of marine life.

Another major factor that has global effect is population explosion, which has been going on at an alarming speed at a time when medication, food production and primary education are moving at a snail's pace.

To arrest the present trend and to set right the Ecological imbalances everyone has do be something.

As a token contribution to this big cause, the South India Philatelists' Association, Madras is conducted this ECOPEX - 95 - stamps Exhibition.

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## ECOPEX-95,

### A GRAND SUCCESS

By R.Vaidyanathan

The five-day exhibition- Ecopex-95- featuring stamps on ecology, environment, pollution control and population growth held at the Lalit Kala Academy, Madras, during October 5 to 9 turned out to be a grand success. 8000 people saw the exhibiton. Nearly 350 frames of exhibits toproud up.

The exhibition had attracted 57 entries from seniors and 35 from juniors from all over India.

The efforts of the organizers, the south India philatelists association, in beating the deadline and beautifully displaying the exhibits for the inauguration was praiseworthy. Also the rain god, who was playing hide and seek in the city, blessed the occasion by taking a break.

Dr. M. GopalaKrishnan, Chairman and Managing Director of the Indian Bank, who was the chief guest, reached the venue on time and formally inaugurated the event open by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

The brief but colourful function started with the welcome address by Mr. U. Mohan Rao, chairman, Ecopex-95. In his address Mr. Rau had highlighted the features of the Ecopex-95.

The Chief Post Master General, Mr. S. Brahmandam, who was the patron, had assured that though new technolgies like E-Mail and Internet were becoming popular, postage stamps would always have a role to play.

Mr.Shankar, I,A,S. Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, released the splendid souvenir which contains the most important aspects of philately, viz. the FIP rules and regulations regarding thematic philately and postal history. It also has informative articles on environment.

Shri . G.M. Pujari and Shri. Mansingh Nahar, both of Indore, were the juries. Mr.G.MadanMohan Das, Jt. Secretary, Ecopex - 95 proposed a vote of thanks.

Later, the chief guest and other distinguished guests were led to the exhibition hall and shown the collections.

Mr. D.H. Rao, President, SIPA, and Vice - Chairman, Mr. G. Amarchand, Vice - Chairman

and Mr. Ajit Chordia, Vice Chairman and the Circle Philatelic Officer, were at hand to make the show a success.

The philatelic bureau had also opened a counter and issued special cancellation on all the five days.

On the final day the CPMG, Mr. S. Brahmanandam, said "Children should be keen participants in philatelic exhibitions to learn about various issues affecting them and the environment."

He said the postal circle planned to organise an exhibition in Pondicherry in January and similar exhibitions could be organised in Tiruchi and Coimbtore, if stamp clubs came forward to participate in a big way.

In his valedictory address, Rotarian and Past District Governor, Mr. B. Viswanatha Reddi, explained the need for special stamps to educate people on various crippling disorders such as polio. Mrs. Rani Viswantha Redddi, gave away prizes to the winners.

This writer got a vermeil for Kochi collection, which included letters from the Dutch era and the British era (1674 - 1865), besides colour trials, die proofs and regular issues.

Mr. Roland Nelson bagged the vermeil for his theme on bridges, while Mr. A. Arvind was honoured with vermeil for his pre - independence collection.

Among the juniors the highest award, silver, was given to Master S. Vijayaprakash, while a five - year - old from Shimla, Master Prakar Deep, claimed a special prize and diploma for his topic Animal.

St. Joseph'sAnglo Indian Boys Higher Secondary School, Vepery, won the first prize while Bakthavatsalam Vidyashram, Korattur, got the second prize.

Mr. D.H.Rao, in his address said the association conducted exhibitons with a view to educating the people on various issues.

Mr. M.T. Karunakaran, Joint Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

# SOUTH INDIA PHILATELISTS' ASSOCIATION

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## ECOPEX - 95

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### AWARDS LIST

#### INVITEES

1. Mr. G. Madan Mohan Das - Pre - Independence
2. Mr. G. Amarchand - Lithographes & Pre - Independence
3. Mr. G. Balakrishna Das - Convention States
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#### SENIORS

- VERMEIL & SPECIAL PRIZE = Mrs. R. Janani Rajakrishnamurthy, Mr. G. Sethuraman
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Mr. A Arvind
- SILVER = Dr. Dhanabackyam Santhanakrishnan, Ms. Subhadra Nahar  
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Mr. Dominic Gerard Hussey, Mr. M.K. Krishnaya  
Janab . A . Ravooft, Mr. C.S. Saravanan
- BRONZE = Mr. M. Lazar, Mrs. Rohini Andhare  
Mr. N. Naryanan, Mrs. Rita Sinha  
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Ms. B. Meena Kumari, Mr. Om Prakash Singhania  
Mr. S. Santhanakrishnan, Mr. A. Suriyanarayana

#### JUNIORS

- SILVER = S. Vijayaprakash
- SILVER BRONZE = R.H. Kartik, A. Laxmi Sireesha
- BRONZE = D. Rajarajan, M. Banu Priya, Subadarshani  
A. Priya Lavanya, M. Senthil Kumar, Deepa Balachandra
- DIPLOMA = Prakar Deep (5 Years) Diploma & Special Prize  
A. Akvl, Mohan Vamse Dunga, Pranav Andhare  
Prakash Sinha, Ankit Ahuja, B. Madini  
L. Sreeram, C. Aparna, M. Aishwarya  
J. Prasanna, N. Srinivasan, Vivek D. Shenoy  
V. Sreedhar, D. SriIaxmi

#### SCHOOLS

- I PRIZE = St. Joseph's A-1 Boys Higher Secondary School, Madras - 600007.
- II PRIZE = Bakthavatsamal Vidyashram, Madras - 600 080.

# Plants, Trees and Flowers on Indian Stamps

**S. Brahamanandam**

Chief Post Master General, Tamilnadu Circle, Madras -2

PATRON - ECOPEX - 1995

**E**cology is defined as a science of eco system studying the interaction between the living organism and their environment. Obviously the whole world can be considered as a giant eco system. Plants are part of life on our earth. India with a vast land mass and having different climatic conditions as a unique national with larger flora and fauna. It is considered as a land of contrasts in more ways than one. While Rajasthan in the West experiences a high temperature and very low rain fall, the North East receives the heaviest rainfall. There are swampy regions like Sunderbans with tidal water on the one hand high snow clad mountains on the other. Though geographically India is a vast country, the whole of Gangetic plains lie outside the tropics. The strong monsoonic climate differentiates India from other tropical regions of the world.

Vegetation in Indian Subcontinent is influenced by biotic factors as well as human culture for a long time. Several factors are responsible for the occurrence of a variety of vegetational types in this country. Few other countries of comparable size possess such a rich and variable vegetation as India. We have climatic

forests with lofty trees of more than 45 metres in height. The shrubs, woody climbers and epiphytes are in abundance. Important plants in the tropical forests are the species of Terminalia, Bambusa, Ixora, Calamus, Vitis, Bauhinia, Andina, etc. In the tropical grasslands the dominant species are Andropogan, Contortus, Saccharum, Munja, etc. The temperate forests commonly called "Sholas" contain the species of Eugenia, Orchidaceae, Piperaceae. The aquatic vegetation in India is affected by mineral salts, depth of water, temperature and light intensity. The aquatic plants are Hydrophytes including Utricularia, Pistia, Trapa, Eichhornia, Lemna, etc.

The Mangrove flora which occurs in our estuary are found near Calcutta in Hughly river and Sunderbans. The Eastern Himalayan vegetation is considered to be one of the richest vegetation unique in the world and consists of several species of plants which are native of foreign countries such as China, Japan, Burma, Malaysia and European Countries. The tropical forests contain some 5 to 10 million plants and animal species found nowhere in the world. There are numerous drug yielding plants available in these tropical forests.

The Department of Post has issued several stamps on the rich and varied flora of the country. The first to appear was the Lotus in 1954 by the side of the UN emblem. Brought out on turquoise blue, the stamp was priced at 2 annas and was released to commemorate United Nations Day. Two years after, the stamp depicting Bodhi Tree was released on the occasion of Buddha Jayanthi. In 1965 two stamps each on coffee berries and plucking tea were issued. A hybrid coconut palm tree appeared in the stamp in 1976 on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Coconut Research.

In 1977 a set of four multi - coloured stamps depicting Indian flowers, Lotus, Rhododendron, Kadamba and Gloriosa lily valued at 25 paise to one rupee were released. In the same year a symbolic representation of year of a corn was printed on the stamp during the Apriexop 77 held at New Delhi.

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STAMP SERVICE

School children viewing the Exhibits.



GANGASHAHAR PHILATELISTS' ASSOCIATION  
STAMPS EXHIBITION -  
26th TO 28th OCTOBER 1995

(L to R) Sri. Began, G. N. Chopra,  
C.L. Daga, V.Chorarda and Mr. Sethia  
seated closing day photo.

Shri Ajit Choradia, Vice - President in conversation with Shri S. Brabmanandam, Patron Ecopex - '95, Chief PostMaster General, Tamilnadu Circel.

