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### EDITORIAL

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It is time again to reiterate the importance of *catching them young* for stamp collecting. The new millennium is coming. The vision for 21st century must encompass a picture to captivate the young of your country. The way to catch them is not through stamps which throw light on different aspects of learning and as adjunct to their courses of study. Of necessity they have to be thematic. A captivating colour combination and theme on a discipline of knowledge, not necessarily academic, but sure to contribute to the sum-total of knowledge of the collector would allure the boys and girls of our country. They have to be of lower denominations and should not exceed half the pocket money a student/child gets (the other half is left for food or play things). The new stamps are not only be made available in the all delivery post offices but adequate publicity made in all newspapers at least a month in advance if not through an annual calendar of stamp issues. In fact a regular contract could be signed with newspapers having the largest circulation in every state to publish advertisements on stamps to be issued with details of them and denomination, in addition to technical data. That would perhaps eliminate the need for issuing a publicity folder the cost of which in addition to cost of postal delivery and delay in receipt at the addressee's end may be worth comparing. If a child is encouraged to purchase even Rs. 10 worth of stamps a year that would mean Rs. 10 crores for the postal Department. And think of the advantage of converting otherwise idle (and devil's) time of the child into a profitable pursuit, pursuit in knowledge and diversion. A happy child and constructive mind which stamp collecting engenders makes a peaceful and happy nation.

"SIPA" Bimonthly Bulletin has completed 19 years of its useful existence and is entering its 20th year of publication with this issue. The Editor would like to have good articles from senior philatelists on various aspects of philately for publication.

We are thankful to the various philatelic dealers advertisers for their patronage and look forward to their continued patronage in future.

We have little to talk about since our performance speaks volumes.

We are thankful to MITTAL STAMP COMPANY, Jaipur and to STAMPEX, Meerut for having mailed their two price lists to all the members of our Association.

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# PHILA SPEAK: THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE PHILATELISTS' FORUM

Now, before I begin, it is my duty to introduce you with the Founding Members of PHILATELISTS' FORUM. While doing so, I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to Shri Madan Middha and Lt. Col. R.K. Saxena, who having felt the need for bringing up a new forum, took initiatives in this direction. Both of them are eminent philatelists of national fame. The presence of Shri Rajkamal Saxena in philately is well known. He has contributed a number of articles in various magazines/newspapers for the benefit of youth philatelists. Upholding the wishes of my fellow members, I now owe a responsibility to table before you the bulletin of the forum on a regular basis and try to stand up to your expectations in giving the shape to this bulletin. The bulletin shall have information suggestions, articles and other general matters of philatelic interest from time to time.

The meeting of the forum took place on the last day of February and the following points were considered therein:

## Hike in the rates of foreign mails:

The Government has hiked the rates of foreign letters, post cards and postal items with effect from 01.02.1999. The revised tariff is given hereunder:

## FOREIGN SURFACE POSTAL RATES:

	FOR		
	Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh Bhutan	A.P.P.U. Countries (except P, N, B/D & B)	(In Rupees) All other Countries
<b>1. LETTERS:</b>			
Upto 20 grms.	7.00	9.00	11.00
20 to 50 grms.	10.00	14.00	16.00
50 to 100 grms.	16.00	21.00	25.00
100 to 250 grms.	40.00	54.00	63.00
250 to 500 grms.	180.00	08.00	127.00
500 to 1000 grms.	160.00	216.00	254.00
1000 to 2000 grms.	320.00	432.00	508.00
<b>2. POST CARDS:</b>			
Single	4.00	6.00	7.00
<b>3. SMALL PACKETS:</b>			
Upto 100 grms.	13.00	17.00	20.00
100 to 250 grms.	23.00	31.00	37.00
250 to 500 grms.	42.00	56.00	66.00
500 to 1000 grms.	69.00	93.00	110.00
1000 to 2000 grms.	98.00	132.00	155.00

## 4. BLIND LITERATURE PACKETS

Free of cost for All Countries.

## Hike in Print quantity of New Stamp brochures:

The Department of Posts has enhanced the print quantity of Brochures of stamps on themes related to Nature & Heritage of India, to 15,000 copies per issue. Brochure on other subjects would continue to be printed in 9,000 copies as at present.

## Hike in the cost of brochures:

Keeping in view the hike in cost of printing of brochure, the Department of Posts has revised the sale price of brochures w.e.f. 01.01.1999 as under:-

Upto 3 colours	Rs. 1.50 each
More than 3 colours	Rs. 2.00 each

It will not be out of place to mention here that many countries distribute brochures free of cost as part of their strategy to give wide publicity to new releases. It is desirable that such brochures ought to be distributed without any charge in our country as well. If that is not possible, at least one brochure should be provided free of cost to all the Philatelic Account Holders all over the country so that they know about the objective of new releases. Pricing the brochures on the basis of colours used will create a lot of confusion every time.

## Restricted circulation of Postal Stationeries with Slogans / advertisements:

Collecting postal stationeries too is a branch of Philately. It is hardly understandable as to why the Department has restricted the circulation of new postal stationeries (particularly with Advertisements/Slogans) to only 7 centres in a huge country like ours. Many collectors are requesting since long to provide such stationeries at all Philatelic Bureau/Counters, but it seems that the Department wants to make it a Dealer's item instead of small collector's item. It is reiterated that such stationeries be

made available at all philatelic Bureau of the country (at least in some quantity or for some period). Let us raise our voice to impress upon our need effectively by writing to the Department from all parts of the country. Distribution should not be based on regional language basis too.

#### **Maintaining Stocks of Philatelic accessories/items:**

In order to promote philately more effectively, it would be better if the Department of Posts makes arrangement for keeping stocks of good quality philatelic items / accessories as well viz-Stocks books, Hawids, Hawid cutters, Hinges. Watermark trays & detectors, tweezers, magnifying glasses etc. at all philatelic bureau / counters. Presently, these items have to be procured from dealers. Are these such a unique item that the Department cannot provide for of its own at reasonable rates by either manufacturing or procuring them from abroad.

#### **Stamp issue Programme for the year 1999:**

The stamp issue programme for 1999 has been released by the Department of Posts. It is observed that this time again, many of the stamps mentioned therein do not have dates of their release. Further, their denomination too has not been indicated. It is interesting to note the decision of the Philatelic Advisory Committee (met on 22.09.1998) to issue stamps in the year 1999 on personalities under specific themes like : Tribute to Freedom Fighters, Modern masters of classical music, Social reformers, Stamps on distinguished Indian Litterateur. Yes, the decision of the committee deserves all praise because these personalities ought to be remembered for long for their contributions in giving the shape to this country. However, it is desired that the stamp of these personalities should carry the picture of the theme showing their recognition/specialisation in the related area on the background as well, so that they become more interesting and thematic.

#### **Revision of postal tariff proposed in the budget for 1999-2000:**

In the budget for 1999-2000, the Government has proposed to increase the rates of Printed postcards from Rs. 1.50 to Rs. 2.00, Competition postcards from Rs. 3.00 to Rs. 4.00, Inland letter from Rs. 1.50 to Rs. 2.00. It also proposed to increase parcel rates from Rs. 10.00 to Rs. 12.00 for a weight not exceeding 500 grams and from Rs. 10.00 to Rs. 15.00 for every additional 500 grams. Besides, the rate of book patterns and sample packets will increase from Rs.1.00 to Rs. 2.00 for the first 50 grams and from Rs. 2.00 to Rs. 3.00 for every additional 50 grams. Registration charges and Value Payable post rates too have been increased and Indian Postal Order charges doubled. However, the Government has not proposed any changes in the tariff of Postcard, Money Orders, Book Packets and Registered newspapers.

It is hoped that the Department will take necessary action to streamline the procedure of printing stationeries & remove the bottlenecks in the system.

#### **Request for exploring new themes/subjects:**

Of late, It is observed that thematic philately has been gaining importance and people have been contributing their might in achieving their objective. However, it is noticed that the themes selected by various competitors are quite common in nature. It is requested that philatelists should come forward with new themes/subjects and the same may please be informed to the forum for wide circulation.

Introductory letters/Associate membership forms of our forum have been mailed to many Philatelic Authorities, Clubs/Associations, Dealers and also to some individual philatelists. For those who could not get them, apply for a copy of our membership form. The annual membership fee of the Forum in Rs. 100/-. The forms and the fee may be addressed to **The Secretary, Philatelists' Forum, 24, Morar Enclave, Opp. Milk Dairy, Gwalior - 474 005 (M.P.)**

Please do send us your comments/suggestions, which will help us like applying collyrium to the eyes, while preparing our next bulletin in future.

This is your complementary copy. For next bulletin, please apply for the membership of the forum.

**ALOK BIHANI,**

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## **Zonal / State-Level Philatelic Exhibitions**

1. Maharashtra Circle organised MAHAPEX'98 at Nashik from 21.12.1998 to 24.12.1998.
2. GUJPEX'98 was held at Vadodara from 17.12.1998 to 19.12.1998 by Gujarat Circle.
3. State Level Andhra Pradesh Philatelic Exhibition "APPEX'99" was held from 12th to 15th February 1999 at Hyderabad.
4. Rajasthan State Level Philatelic Exhibition "RAJPEX-'99" will be held from 25th to 28th February 1999 at Jaswant Hall, J.N.U. University, Jodhpur.
5. U.P. Postal Circle is organising the Eighth State Level Philatelic Exhibition UPHILEX'99 in Kaisarbagh Baradari, Lucknow on 8-11 March 1999.

A Philatelic Bureau will start functioning at Aizawl, Mizoram from 1st April, 1999.

## IMPORTANT EVENTS IN PHILATELIC SECTION for the year 1997-1998 in Tamilnadu Circle

### *Provision of Special Cancellation & special Cover: for the year 1997-'98*

1. On the occasion of 150th Aradhana Celebration of St. Thyagaraja on 28.1.1997.
2. On the occasion of 50th Death Anniversary of Shri. Paul P. Harris on 27.1.1997 at Anna Road Head Office.
3. On the occasion of 150th Anniversary of St. Paul's Church, Megnanapuram on 30.1.1997.
4. On the occasion of Phil exhibition at Lawrence School, Lovedale for two days on 16 and 17.5.1997.
5. On the occasion of Silver Jubilee of Lions club, Thiruvaiyaru on 14.6.1997
6. On the occasion of Golden Jubilee Celebration of Girls Higher Secondary School, Srirangam on 17.6.1997.
7. Special Cancellation to commemorate Tirupur Kumaran on 15.8.1997 at Tirupur Head Office.
8. On the occasion of Golden Jubilee of Stella Maris College, Chennai on 15.8.1997.
9. On the occasion of Centenary Celebration of Connemara Public Library on 12.9.1997.
10. On the occasion of Golden Jubilee celebration of Independence Day by Tiruchy Philatelist's Association at Tiruchy on 17.9.1997.
11. Provision of special cancellation at Lawrence school, Lovedale on 28.9.1997.
12. On the occasion of centenary of Akbarally's on 3.10.1997.
13. On Birth centenary of late Sri. Mudicondon Venkatrama Iyer on 15.10.1997.
14. On Birth Centenary of Late Pioneer Kumaraswamy @ Nagercoil on 21.12.1997.
15. On Golden Jubilee celebration of Canteen Stores Department at Chennai on 1.1.1998.
16. On 1000 Urs festival of Nazarath Thable Alam Badhysh Nathervali Dargah, Trichy on 12.1.1998.
17. On National Youth Day at Chennai on 12.1.1998.
18. On Platinum Jubilee Celebration of Carmel Higher Secondary School, Nagercoil on 30.1.1998.
19. On Silver Jubilee of Lions Club, Vridhachalam on 17.2.1998.
20. On Centenary of St. Joseph's Anglo Higher Secondary School, Vepery on 7.3.1998.
21. Platinum Jubilee celebration of St. Christopher's college, Vepery on 27.3.1998.
22. On the occasion of rededication of renovated Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Palayamkottai on 1.5.1998.
23. On Golden Jubilee year of Rotary Club of Thanjavur on 18.5.1998.
24. On the occasion of Centenary Celebration of Diamond Jubilee Higher Secondary School, Gobichettipalayam on 7.8.1998.
25. On the occasion of 50 Years of Tiruchy Seva Sangam, Tiruchy on 10.8.1998.
26. On the commemoration of 250 years of Establishment of Defence Accounts, Chennai - 600 018 on 17.8.1998.
27. On the Diamond Jubilee of Stenographer's Guild, Chennai 600 017 on 13.9.1998.
28. On the occasion of 'Jain Fair' on 25.12.1998 at Chennai.
29. On the occasion of 6th National Science Children's Congress on 27.12.1998 at Chennai.

### **Introduction of Permanent Pictorial Cancellations for the year 1997-'98**

1. Pictorial cancellation was introduced at Tiruvannamalai Head Office from 12.12.1997.
2. Pictorial cancellation was introduced at Anna Road Head Office from 31.3.1998.
3. Pictorial cancellation was introduced at Pondicherry (Aayi Mandapam) on 13.3.1998.
4. Revised Pictorial cancellation was introduced at Ettayapuram from 11.9.1997.

### **Important Events on Exhibition etc.**

1. Philatelic exhibition on freedom fighters and on struggle for freedom was inaugurated by Shri. R.R. Dalawai, President, Freedom Fighters' Association and kept open for public view from 1.8.1997 to 31.8.1997 at Anna Road Head Office by Mr. G. Balakrishnadas; Mr. G. Madan Mohandas; Mr. J. Rolands Nelson.
2. Philatelic Exhibition for Students 'JUNIPEX '97' was held from 13.10.1997 to 15.10.1997 at Anna Road Head Office.
3. Mini Philatelic Exhibition was held on 'Children' Day' from 14.11.1997 to 21.11.1997 at Anna Road Head Post Office PB by Mr. C.S. Sankaranarayanan.
4. Mini Philatelic Exhibition was held on 'CHRISTMAS' from 19.12.1997 to 31.12.1997 at Anna Road Head Post Office PB by Mr. J. Rolands Nelson.
5. Mini Exhibition on stamps on FREEDOM STRUGGLE from 30.1.1998 to 7.2.1998 at Anna Road Head Post Office PB by Mr. J. Rolands Nelson; Mr. G. Amarchand; Mr. G. Balakrishnadas.
6. Stamps issued by Great Britain were displayed from 4.3.1998 to 27.3.1998 at Anna Road Head Post Office PB by Mr. S.K. Lakshmanan.
7. Mini Philatelic Exhibition on stamps on Easter was displayed from 31.3.1998 at Anna Road Head Post Office PB by Mrs. P. Thomas.
8. Mini Philatelic Exhibition on Birds and Butterflies were exhibited from 26.4.1998 to 15.5.1998 by Mr. S. Satish Tawkar and Mr. S.K. Lakshmanan.
9. 'Environment Stamp' displayed from 9.6.1998 to 15.7.1998 @ Anna Road Head Post Office PB by Mr. J. Rolands Nelson.
10. Rare Postmark's of Pudukotah, the Madras Presidency District & Talook Tappal office Presidencies District Post offices Displayed @ Anna Road Head Post Office from 23.7.1998 by Mr. R. Vaidyanathan.
11. STAMPS ON FREEDOM FIGHTERS & on STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM were displayed @ Anna Road Head Post Office from 15.8.1998 to 3.9.1998. by Mr. G. Balakrishnadas; Mr. C.S. Sankaranarayanan; Mr. J. Rolands Nelson.
12. On the Teacher's Day - Stamps on Education displayed from 5.9.1998 to 20.9.1998 @ Anna Road Head Post Office by Mr. C. S. Sankaranarayanan.
13. Stamps on the theme 'Tamilnadu on stamps' was displayed from 13.10.1998 @ Anna Road Head Post Office by Mr. C.S. Sankaranarayanan.
14. Stamps on Christmas Displayed from 25.12.1998 @ Anna Road Head Post Office by Mrs. P. Thomas; Mr. R. Rolands Nelson.

The Association is thankful to the department of Tamilnadu Postal Circle for giving an opportunity to our members for Display of their Award Winning Collections in 10 frames for popularising territory to uninitiated and the youth of the city.

## STAMP NEWS

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### INDIAN POLICE SERVICE: GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Indian Police Service (IPS) was conceived by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as a cadre of professional and committed officers to lead the police, security and intelligence organisations in Independent India. In his words, the IPS was to be '... an efficient disciplined, contented Service assured of its prospects as a result of diligent and honest work...'. Having come into existence in 1948 to succeed its colonial predecessor, the IP, the IPS has successfully passed through manifold trials and tribulations.

In the task of building up of modern India, ensuring the rights of all its people and maintenance of law and order so essential for development, the IPS has played an effective role. The Indian Police Service has led the police, security and intelligence agencies from the front in holding the country together and making its democratic polity stronger and enduring. Be it the maintenance of law and order, detection of crime, controlling communal violence, disaster management, protection of dignitaries, holding public elections or maintaining the unity of the nation by standing up to the dangers of terrorism and insurgency, it has provided yeoman service to the country, thereby earning its place among the nation building forces of Modern India. The nation has recognised the contributions of IPS Officers through the Award of Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, Padmashri, Ashok Chakra and Kirti Chakra, besides various President's Police Medals and other awards and honours from Government and non-Government organisations, both nationally and internationally, including the Magasaysay Award and UN Awards.

The future of the Service calls for greater grit, determination and professional excellence as continuing new challenges are faced. The threats from white collar and electronic crimes loom large. The greatest challenge comes from the fissiparous tendencies raising their heads through terrorism and insurgency. As the IPS celebrates 50 years of its existence, it is conscious of the challenges and the imperative need for confronting the same with greater expertise and fortitude in the discharge of duty to the nation.

The stamp is dedicated to the memory of all police personnel, who have laid down their lives in the course of their duty.



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### DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), established in 1958, is devoted to the design, development and integration of state-of-the-art Defence systems. DRDO's chain of 51 laboratories covers a wide spectrum of disciplines like Aeronautics, Missiles, Armaments, Armoured Fighting Vehicles, Advanced Computing and Software, Electronics, Materials, Naval Systems and Life Sciences.

DRDO has developed a state-of-the art Main Battle Tank (ARJUN) with superior fire power, mobility, protection and very low silhouette. In addition, the development of mechanically launched Bridging System and Bridge Layer Tank (BLT), accepted by the Army for induction, has enhanced the mobility of troops in the battle field. Surface-to-surface missile, PRITHVI with a range of 150 kms for the Army is under production. PRITHVI for the Air Force, with a range of 250 kms, has been developed. The re-entry technology demonstrator system AGNI has also been successfully flight tested.

Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) incorporating state-of-the-art technologies is undergoing pre-flight testing and will be inducted into service by the year 2003. Remotely Piloted Vehicle is in the final phase of development and re-usable pilotless target aircraft (PTA) has been accepted for induction by all the three Services. The development of portable Satellite Communication Terminals, Very Low Frequency (VLF) receivers, Secure Telephone (SECTEL), Night Vision Devices etc. have provided valuable support to the capability of the Services. Indra Radar with pulse compression features for detecting low level aerial targets has been developed for the Air Force.

DRDO has developed cost effective, high performance 1.7 GFLOPs capacity, parallel processing Super Computer 'Pace Plus' for solving critical computational fluid dynamics problem. Marine acoustic research ship SAGARDHWANI has been developed and is being used for collecting useful ocean data.

DRDO has also endeavoured to improve the food quality and living conditions of combat soldier, especially in high altitude, hot deserts and in tropical climates.

Extreme Cold Climate Clothing and NBC Protective Clothing have been developed and productionised. Institutionalised initiatives have been taken to ensure that the spin-off benefits of Defence technologies reach the

common citizens. DRDO technologies are now being used for biomedical devices such as eye lasers, early cancer detection system 'Cytoscan', cardiac catheter, coronary stent, cardiac pace maker, coronary stress test systems etc. and many other applications such as providing potable water in 25 villages in Barmer district of Rajasthan and greening of cold deserts of Leh.

The Departments of Posts is pleased to issue a stamp to commemorate the successful efforts made by Defence Research and Development Organisation to enhance self-reliance in the Defence systems.

The Stamp depicts LCA, PTA and PRITHVI in flight; ARJUN, in foreground with INDRA radar and the experimental ship in background.

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### 150 YEARS OF NEWSPAPERS IN ASSAM

"Orunodoi" (meaning sunrise), started in 1846 by an American missionary was the first newspaper in Assam. It was also the first newspaper in Assamese.

Though "Orunodoi" was launched primarily for the propagation of Christianity, its contribution towards advancement of Assamese literature, culture and society was immense. Along with concentration on news with international coverage, the newspaper regularly featured critiques on literature, science, etc. The publication initiated the Assamese middle class into a literary movement. In fact, Ananda Ram Dhekial Phukan described as the Raja Ram Mohan Roy of Assam, Hem Chandra Barua recognised as the Panini of Assamese language and Gunabhi Ram Barua eulogised as the Vidyasagar of Assam started their literary careers in the pages of "Orunodoi". It was the first journal to publish the ethnological studies of various tribes of the then Assam like the Aka, Adi and Khanti. The pages of "Orunodoi" also waged war against the social evils of opium, alcohol etc.

The role played by "Orunodoi" in the establishment of a separate identity for Assamese language is well recognised. Though this newspaper had to close down, the publication played a significant role in raising the levels of public awareness and its popular appeal led to other newspapers being launched. In later period other Assamese newspapers and journals continued the good work for the advancement

of Assamese language and literature. During the Independence movement, the pioneering newspapers were "Assamiya", "Assam Bilasini", "Assam Sevak" and "Advocate of Assam". The news papers published from Sylhet district, then a part of Assam also supported the non-cooperation movement. Among the prominent publications from that district were "Deshbrata", "Janashakti" and "Surma".

The journalists in Assam have always participated in the struggle to protect the freedom of the press whenever it was under threat. There have been instances of journalists who suffered death at the hands of extremists.

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### HINDU COLLEGE, DELHI

In Delhi, till about the end of the nineteenth century, higher education was the privilege of the elite. Some prominent citizens of Delhi decided to establish a college for the less privileged, and thus, Hindu College was founded in 1899 by the Rai Bahadur Dharam Sudhakar, Shri Krishan Dass Ji Gurwale. Founded in 1899, the opening ceremony of 'Hindu College' was performed by Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya.

The College had a humble beginning. It was first housed in a small building in Kinari Bazar, Chandni Chowk. In 1902, the College shifted to its own building at Kashmere Gate which was donated by Rai Bahadur Lala Sultan Singh. The College moved to its present campus in 1953.

Hindu College was a centre for intellectual debate during India's Freedom Struggle, especially during the Quit India Movement. In fact, the College remained closed for several months in 1942, responding to Gandhiji's call to students and teachers to join the Movement. During this period some teachers and students of the College, even went to prison. Its amphitheater at Kashmere Gate provided stage for scintillating speeches by famous leaders like Lokmanya Tilak, Annie Besant, Mahatma Gandhi, Pt. Madan Mohan Malviya, Sarojini Naidu, Mohamed Ali Jinnah, Motilal Nehru, Jawahar Lal Nehru and others on many occasions.

The College has seen tremendous growth over the years. Today it is one of the most distinguished post-graduate co-educational institutions of the country. The College has produced generations of alumni who have distinguished themselves in various spheres of national life, particularly, education, politics, administration and technology.

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### NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY GOLDEN JUBILEE

The National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla is one of the first institutions in the world to impart combined training to officer cadets of the three Services. The concept and genesis of NDA dates back to the period before Independence when a Committee of eminent persons was entrusted with the evolution of a scheme to implement the intra-services training concept. The scheme took shape, and after a great deal of search and discussion the site of World War II Combined Warfare School in the vicinity of Khadakwasla lake near Pune was selected for the new Academy.

In pursuance of this Scheme in 1946, the Indian Military Academy was initially renamed the Armed Forces Academy and split into two wings, the "Inter Services Wing" and the "Military Wing". The first batch of 190 cadets of the Army, Navy and Air Force commenced combined training on 16 January 1949 at Dehradun, in the Inter Services Wing (later renamed the "Joint Services Wing" or JSW).

The foundation stone of the new institution at Khadakwasla was laid by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on 6 October 1949. The Joint Services Wing at Dehradun was subsequently relocated at Khadakwasla and came to be known as the "National Defence Academy"

The NDA has completed fifty years of eventful existence in January 1999 and the 101st Course has joined the Academy. Till date, close to 25000 alumni of the Academy have served or are serving in the Armed Forces of India as well as a number of friendly countries after having imbibed academic and military training of the highest standards in a unique Inter-Services environment. On the rolls of its alumni are the winners of India's highest awards for gallantry as well as distinguished services in peace and war.

The NDA has the distinction of producing ten alumni so far who have reached the pinnacle of Military achievement by becoming Chiefs of their respective service.

As we approach the threshold of the third millennium, the NDA continues in its march towards nation building, confident that in the years to come, it will draw the finest of India's youth who will pass through the portals of this "Cradle of Leadership", perpetuating through their gallantry, dedication and sacrifice, the Academy's motto "Seva Parmo Dharma".

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### SANSKRIT COLLEGE, CALCUTTA

The Sanskrit College, Calcutta, founded on 1st January, 1824, completes 175 years in 1999. It is one of the oldest educational institutions in the subcontinent and has maintained its reputation for scholarship and teaching upto this day.

The College was established to promote and disseminate Sanskrit learning in the country. The foundation of the Sanskrit College is a landmark in the history of education in Bengal, for through Sanskrit learning it was contemplated to impart 'useful learning' to all sections of Indians irrespective of their religious faith.

The Sanskrit College initially functioned in a rented house but later shifted to its own building, the foundation stone for which was laid on the 25th February, 1824. A great British Indologist, Dr. H.H. Wilson took a major role in establishing this College who retired in 1832 (at the time the post of Principal had not been created).

In the early period of the College, teachers like Pandit Joygopal Tarkalankar and Pandit Premchand Tarkavagish rose to eminence. Subjects such as Vyakarana (Mugdhabodha), Rhetorics (Alamkara), Kavya, Darsana (Nyaya), Vedanta, Samkhya, Mimamsa, Smriti, Jyotisha, Ayurveda and Puravritta (Purana or Mythology) were taught by renowned Sanskrit scholars. Subsequently in 1828 English was introduced as an additional subject.

Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar who entered this College as a student in 1829, completed his studies in 1841 and became the first Principal of this College in 1851. He made vigorous attempts to reorient the curricula of Sanskrit studies and made English a compulsory subject. A student of this College obtained B.A. degree for the first time in 1860. Pandit Mahesh Chandra Nyayaratra introduced the Public Sanskrit examination by conferring the 'TIRTHA' title to successful students in different branches of Sanskrit.

Under the principalship of Dr. Sadananda Bhaduri, the post Graduate Research Department was started in 1951 and eminent scholars were appointed Research Professors in different branches in Sanskrit. Another eminent personality who elevated the stature of the College by his untiring efforts was Dr. Gaurinath Sastri.

The College has a branch for graduate degree in arts, a Post Graduate Training and Research Department, an Oriental Tol or Chatuspati, a Research Publication Department, a Research Journal of international repute called 'Our Heritage', a foreign language department, a vast collection of invaluable Sanskrit and Pali manuscripts numbering approximately 25,000, a library with more than 1,00,000 invaluable printed volumes and two museums in the name of Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar and Mahamahopadhyay Haraprasad Sastri.

# ITALIA 98 - WORLD PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

Milan 23rd October to 1st November

Mr. Rameshwardas Binani, Indian National Commissioner, invited by the Organising Committee of the exhibition has also reported from London on his way from Milan to Calcutta, that this great event also witnessed the 65th Congress of Federation of Internationale De Philatelic (FIP), the World Body of Philately.

India has performed wonderfully in the recently concluded World Stamp Exhibition "Italia'98" held in Milan, Italy, and have won as many as fourteen Medals.

At the FIP Congress, Mr. D.N. Jatiá of Calcutta, India read his Presidential Address and was Awarded the prestigious "FIP Service Medal" for his completion of consecutive 2 terms as President of this august World Body. Mr. Knud Mohr of Denmark has been elected as the new President.

This grant Competition on a worldwide International scale was held at the spacious venue of Fiera Di Milano, the prime and historic Exhibition ground of Italy. There were a total of 460 participants from over 70 countries. The display area consisted of over 4000 frames. A list of Participants and respective awards won by them, is as follows.

## LIST OF AWARDS FOR INDIAN PARTICIPANTS AT ITALIA'98, — WORLD PHILATELIC EXHIBITION AT MILAN, ITALY.

Name	City	Title of Exhibits	Award
1. Pradip Jain	Patna	'Indian Air Mails 1911-1942	Large Gold Medal Best Entry Award of Aerophilately.
2. R.S. Gandhi	Patna	Meter Markings	Gold Medal
3. Sahadev Saho	Cuttack	Postal History of Orissa	Large Vermeil
4. R. Binani	Calcutta	Flag (Thematic)	Vermeil
5. R.K. Bagri	Calcutta	Maps (Thematic)	Vermeil
6. R.S. Rao	Bhilai	Non competitive class	Special Medal
7. Suresh Rao	Bhilai	Non competitive	Special Medal
8. Noor Ahmed	New Delhi	"India Post Through The Ages"	Silver Medal
9. D. Madho Rao	Bhopal	"TOP-PHIL" - Magazine	Bronze
10. Dinesh Mistry	Ahmedabad	Philatelic Articles	Bronze
11. M.R. Prabhakar	Bangalore	Rural Philately	Bronze
12. Sashikant Bhatt	Indore	Mahatma Gandhi	Bronze
13. United Philatelist	Kanpur	U-Phil Times	Bronze
14. R. Vaidyanadhan	Chennai	Communication History of Dutch India	Bronze

Last Seven entries were in literature class.

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Sri Aurobindo's 125th Birth Anniversary celebrations came to an end on 15th August 1998.

From the 2nd of August till 15th, number of special functions were organised by the Government of Pondicherry. Postal Department of Pondicherry was not lagging behind. They organised a special function on the 15th afternoon to honour Mr. N.S. Nahar, a senior and eminent philatelist of Pondicherry.

Mr. S. Santhanam, Senior Superintendent of Posts (S.S.P.) presided over the function before a distinguished gathering at Pondicherry Head Post Office. After the National anthem was sung, he outlined the purpose of this function and about the commendable work done to promote Philately in Pondicherry.

Mr. Nahar thanked the S.S.P. in particular and the Postal Department in general for their helpful and efficient functioning. At the same time he spoke briefly on different aspects of the hobby of philately.

With vote of thanks the function was wound up. SIPA wishes him many more years of health in the service of philately.