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SIPA CELEBRATES SILVER JUBILEE

SIPEX-80 STAMP EXHIBITION :

An Excellent Example of

Fine Team Work :

All set for the great event of the Association we had to console ourselves that Hon'ble Minister of communication who was invited to come to inaugurate the Silver Jubilee Celebrations expressed his inability owing to unavoidable engagement that we had the privilege of seeking the assistance of our popular Post-master General Shri P. S. Raghavachari to inaugurate the celebrations, release the Souvenir, open the Exhibition exclusively put up by the members of the Association both young and old in the invitee and competitive class.

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Shri. P. S. RAGHAVACHARI,
Post-master General, Tamil Nadu
Inaugural Speech at 'SIPEX-81'

Editorial :

'SIPEX 81' Stamp exhibition was a climax of the activities for the members of the South India Philatelist's Association, Madras. The Exhibition organised by SIPA as part of its Silver Jubilee celebrations was surely one of its major efforts to propagate philately as an useful hobby within its limits.

With the dynamic personality of Shri V. N. S. Rau, President of SIPA at the helm to guide, Shri U. Mohan Rao, Chairman, Souvenir Committee, Shri D. H. Rao, Chairman, Exhibition Committee, Shri M. T. Karunakaran, Chairman Souvenir Editorial Committee, Shri G. Balakrishna Das and Shri K. Prasad, our hard working but soft spoken Secretaries and very many other enthusiastic members have done their best for the success of the 'SIPEX 81'.

The exhibition was indeed very successful and served as an eye opener. It proved the interest and resourcefulness of our members.

The South India Philatelists' Association is very proud in having conducted such an exhibition with more than 200 frames of exhibits, solely from its members alone. Had there been more frames available the request for the allotment of frames could have been complied with fully.

The standard of the exhibits being for an Association level exhibition could in general be considered as satisfactory. But from the report of the jury and the general observation it should be said that the standard of more than 50% of the exhibits needs improvement for participation at a higher level exhibition.

It is hoped that all those who have participated in SIPEX 81 would participate with their improved exhibits in the forthcoming TANAPEX' in December this year and bring laurels to the Association.

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Mr. V. N. S. Rau, President spoke briefly introducing the chief guest who was no stranger to them and an ardent lover of philately. After reading of the messages received, Shri G. Madhanmohan Das, the Vice President read the welcome address. Thereafter the chief guest was requested first to inaugurate the celebrations of the 25th Anniversary: the Silver Jubilee of the founding of our Association. Then he released the souvenir got up in connection. Then Shri P. S. Raghavachari gave a speech touching upon various aspects of philately and paid tribute to the work of the Association and wished them many years of useful service. Besides he stressed the need for the introduction of the subject philately in the curriculum of teaching in schools, with the active help and participation by the Director of Education.

He also dwelt upon the introduction of a School of philately which was so successfully functioning at Hyderabad while he was the Post-master General of that circle in Andhra Pradesh and promised to render all help in that direction. He also stressed the need of the opening of a philatelic museum to cater to the needs of philatelists in their pursuit of the hobby. After the release of the souvenir a vote of thanks was proposed by Shri K. Prasad, Secretary of our Association and after the singing of National Anthem the chief guest proceeded to open the Stamp Exhibition and cut the tape in the presence of a large gathering. He spent nearly an hour viewing the invitees exhibits of 45 frames as also that of the competitors and the Junior section in all 216 frames. He was very much impressed. The competitive section being among the members of the Association only, was highlighted by exceedingly interesting exhibits in Traditional Philately, Indian classics, Postal history, Pre and Post-Independence, British Commonwealth & other countries besides India were represented by exhibits of Australia, West Germany, France and Thematics had a varied face, mostly based on themes and the junior section was well patronized in all making a total of 216 frames. The awards besides Gilt gold medals and Silver medals for first and second places, six special prizes were offered to the junior item; Three by the Post-master General Madras, the rest by Shri G. Amarchand, the Elite Philatelic club and others. The show achieved the success it deserved, by the excellent example of fine team work put up by one and all of the members.

On the 16th July the exhibition was open to the public and the President released the special attractive cover brought out in connection with the 25th Anniversary and the Posts and Telegraphs Department provided special cancellation for the exhibition covers to the public. In addition, the P & T Department also provided the exhibition covers with the special cancellation being issued at the Philatelic Bureau, Anna Road, Post Office. Madras-600002.



Shri P. S. RAGHAVACHARI, PMG. TN,
Views the Exhibits

Mr. V. N. S. RAO, President SIPA

The exhibition was highlighted in the participation of six dealers booths to cater to the needs of the visitors young and old. The tempo of the exhibition was not to its fullest extent at the opening day but gained momentum gradually with large attendance during the following days with the visit of many children from various schools. The dealers had their due share in the matter of brisk business on the concluding two days. The second day saw the release of the cover by Shri. Kulkarni Post master, Anna Road P.O., a member of the Jury. Many prominent philatelists in the city visited the Exhibition. Special cancellation was also provided by the P & T Department. On the third day, Mr. A. Ravooof President of the Elite Philatelic club of Madras released the cover and cancellation was given by the P & T Department at the venue of the Exhibition.

On the concluding day we had the privilege in Rear Admiral T. G. Nadkarni of the Indian Navy releasing the special cover along with Captain. T. N. Krishnaswamy. It was also highlighted by the distinguished presence of Capt. Ramakrishna, Officer commanding, Army Postal Unit, Fort St. George, Madras.

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The guests were taken round the Exhibition they evinced keen interest and though Rear Admiral was scheduled to spend only a short time: spent almost an hour to view the exhibition showed keen interest in the exhibits put up especially of stamps relating to ships and voyages put up by our member Shri D. H. Rao.

Later in the evening we were honoured by the presence of the Hon'ble Minister of Electricity Thiru S. Ramachandran of the Government of Tamil Nadu, who so kindly consented to



Audience of the prize distributing function.

preside over the prize distribution function and gave away the prizes to respective winners in the different classes of the exhibits. The Hon'ble minister was welcomed by the President, Shri V. N. S. Rau,

Shri V. N. S. Rau, in his welcome speech appealed to the Government of Tamil Nadu, for the help in securing a plot of land in the city, for putting up a building to house the Association and also in the matter of including philately in school curriculum as suggested by the Post-master General in his address on the inauguration day.

The Jury's report on the exhibition was then read out by Mr. F. P. Seervai, a member of the Jury.

The Hon'ble minister in his speech narrated the many things that could be learnt through the hobby of philately viz., Geography, history etc. He applauded the wonderful work being carried on by the association. He said that during his visits abroad, his son used to squeeze a little time out of his busy schedule to purchase stamps for his collection. He assured that he would do his best in getting allotment of land for the association. He then distributed the prizes. He also picked up the



Hon'ble Minister of Electricity

Thiru S. Ramachandran issuing awards.

Thiru G. Amarchand is the receiver.

lucky dip number for the SIPEX-81 Souvenir purchasers during the exhibition. Shri G. Madan Mohan Das, our Vice-President proposed vote of thanks after which the Hon'ble minister was taken round the exhibits. He evinced keen interest and spent more than half an hour in seeing the exhibits. Thus the curtain was drawn on SIPEX 81.

V. N. S. RAU,
President, SIPA





President Thiru V. N. S. Rau releasing the special cover, on the First day.



Thiru Kulkarni, Post master, Anna Road, Post Office, releasing the special cover on the Second day.



Thiru A. Ravooof President, Elite Philatelic Club, releasing the special cover on the Third day.



Rear Admiral J. G. Nadkarni, Flag Officer Commanding, Western Fleet, Bombay, releasing special cover, on the concluding day.



Rear Admiral J. G. Nadkarni, Capt. T. N. Krishnaswamy and Capt. C. Ramakrishna along with the members of SIPA



School Children at the SIPA Philatelic counter,

SIPEX-81 STAMP EXHIBITION

The exhibition was conducted by South India Philatelists' Association as part of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations during July '81.

The participation was restricted to the members of the Association.

The particulars of the Exhibits, the number of frames and the participant's name are as follows :

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INVITEES

Frame No.	Description	Participant's Name
5	Overprints	M. T. Karunakaran
7	U S A	V. N. S. Rau
5	Early Indian Canc.	G. Balakrishna Das
5	Lithographs	G. Madan Mohan Das
1	G. B. Monarchs	J. I. Coilpillai
3	Hyderabad	F. P. Seervoi
5	Explorers	D. H. Rao
3	Christmas	J. I. Coilpillai
5	Space	Dr. C. A. Rajagopalachari
5	Blank	Nil

COMPETITORS

5	Cancellation	P. R. Krishna
4	Pre-Independence	do.
5	do.	G. Amarchand
4	Post-Independence	do.
2	do.	P. Balasubramanian
5	Archaeology	R. Seshagiri Rao
2	Post-Independence	S. M. Doss
2	Gandhi	Madan Middha
1	Pictorial Cancels	B. Ramalingam
3	Army Covers	V. V. Subba Rao
2	Post-Independence	Smt. A. C. Sukanyanath
2	Personalities	G. S. Sakthi Bharathi
3	Butterflies etc.	T. C. N. Lingam
2	Speaking Philately	A. K. Lakshminarayanan
1	Stamptoon	R. Sheshagiri Rao
5	Cochin	Smt. Janaki Suresh
2	Portuguese India	Dilip Kumar Saboo
2	Queen Elizabeth II	S. Mahalingam
3	Errors (India)	V. Mukundha
1	do.	Dilip Kumar Saboo
4	Ghana etc.	U. H. Hotwani
3	Australia	G. Mangal Das
2	Papua & New Guinea	G. Ram Das
3	Vatican	K. Ramamurthy
2	Switzerland	D. Narayan Das
2	Siam & Laos	M. Tilak Raj
2	Hands	K. S. Maenakshisundaram
5	Ships	Mrs. Pushpa Rao
1	Flags	K. C. Veeraraghavan
5	Maps	do.

1	Traffic	M. S. Mohammed Noorullah
2	The Wheel	T. S. Sundaram
3	Maps	N. Sadasivan Nair
1	India	G. Kishore
2	Slogans	P. R. Nagaraju
2	Musical Instruments	T. Rajarajan
3	U S A	A. Ravoof
1	Flight Covers	K. Vijaysai
4	Australia	Abeerchand Bhandari
5	U N O	Hastimull Surana
5	W. Germany	Abeerchand Bhandari
2	Bhutan	A. Arvind Kumar
1	Germany	K. Parthiban
1	France	M. Ganeshkumar
1	Say it with Flowers	K. A. Kuriachan
1	Ships	V. I. Wilson
1	Dogs	K. Rajamannar
1	Games & Sports	M. Mohan Gandhi
1	Sports on stamps	A. V. Sathyanarayanan
1	Communications	D. Nandakumar
2	Victories of Peace	V. Ramu
2	Flowers	V. Mukundha
1	Aerophilately	R. Sampathkumar
2	Children's Land	G. S. Kalidasan
2	Olympic Games	S. R. Sivam
1	Story of India	G. Gayatri Devi
1	Olympics	P. R. Thyagaraju
1	Paintings	Dinesh K. Shah
2	Travancore/Cochin	R. Narayanan
2	India Used Abroad	R. Sudarsan
2	Tamilnad Tour	S. Suresh Rao
4	U S A	Abeerchand Bhandari
5	Errors (India)	S. M. K. Hameed Jalal
3	Ships	Cdr. U. N. Acharya
3	Flags	Cdr. A. K. Dhar
1	Children's Day	Rameshkumar D. Jain
1	India	Rameshkumar N. Jain
1	do.	A. Rajendrakumar
1	Personalities	M. Balasubramanian
2	Cancellations	G. T. S. Arunachalam
2	Photographs of previous exhibitions conducted by the Association	
1	Hands	M. K. Vivekanand
2	Air India flight covers	U. Gandhi Das
3	DDR Flight covers	do.

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Some of the extracts from the **Visitors' Book** :

- (1) *Thiru S. Ramachandran, Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Govt of Tamil Nadu :*
*I have had the pleasant opportunity of visiting the exhibition today. It is **excellently organised** and exhibited to bring out the best in the field of philately. My best wishes,*
- (2) *Shri M. Janakiraman, Ex-Postmaster-General, Tamil Nadu Circle:*
*" Congratulate the SIPA on this **fine exhibition** and its efforts to popularise the hobby"*
- (3) *Rear Admiral J. G. Nadkarni, Flag Officer Commanding, Western Fleet, Bombay :*
***A most fascinating exhibition** One could spend a whole day here, engrossed in the rare and priceless collections. My congratulations to the South India Philatelists' Association for organising such a fine exhibition*
- (4) *Captain T. N. Krishnaswamy, Naval Officer-in-charge, Fort St. George, Madras :*
Most educative visit
- (5) *Capt C. Ramakrishna, Officer-Commanding, 78, Postal Unit, Army Postal Service Corps, Madras :*
Beautiful and most interesting one.
- (6) *Thiru K. S. Narayanan, M/74, R. K Nagar, Madras-600 023:*
***Very much appreciable.** It's interesting to note that philately has gained and is gaining a marvellous momentum. The Sipex-81's efforts are appreciable. Congrats Sipex - 81.*
- (7) *Thiru S. V. Subbu, 63, II Avenue, Indiranagar, Madras-600 020 :*
*I wish we had more such exhibitions organised at periodic intervals as these exhibitions are **highly educative.***

'SIPEX-81' Awards

Competitors' Section :

Group (a) Pre-Independence period -(India)

First Prize : Shri P. R. Krishna : Cancellations
45 to 49

Second Prize : Shri G. Amarchand : Pre-Independence/54 to 58

(b) Post-Independence (India)

First Prize : Nil : No exhibit to that standard
as per the Jury.

Second Prize : Shri G. Amarchand : Post Independence/59 to 62

(c) Commonwealth Countries :

First Prize : Shri G. Mangal Das : Australia
105 to 107

Second Prize : Mrs. Janaki Suresh : Cochin
88 to 92

(d) Rest of World :

First Prize : Nil : No exhibit to that standard as
per the Jury.

Second Prize : Shri K. Ramamurthy : Vatican
110 to 112

Special Prize : Shri Abeerchand Bhandari : USA
187 to 190

(e) Thematics :

First Prize : Shri R. Sashagiri Rao : Archaeology

Second Prize : Shri K. C. Veeraraghavan :
Maps on stamps-125 to 129

Special Prize : Shri S. Sundaram : The wheel
131 to 132

do, Shri T. Rajarajan : Musical
instruments/139 to 140

do, Smt. Pushpa Rao : Ships-
119 to 123.

**Major Rajagopalan Memorial Prize for the best
exhibit amongst the seniors:** Shri A.
Abeerchand Bhandari : Germany 154 to 158.

Junior : (a) Country Collection :

First Prize : No exhibit to that standard as per
the Jury

Second Prize : Master A. Rajendra Kumar/India
204 to 205

(b) Thematic :

First Prize : Master R. Sudarsan : India used
Abroad/183 to 184

Second Prize : Master M. K. Vivekanand :
Hands 211

Prize donated by the Elite Philatelic club for
the best exhibit amongst the Juniors : Master
D. Nandakumar for the exhibit : Communi-
cations / 168

Prize donated by Shri G. Amarchand : Master
V. Mukundha : Flowers/171 to 172

Another Prize donated by Shri G. Amarchand :
Master G. S. Kalidasan/Children's land/174
to 175

Prize donated by the Post-master General,
Tamil Nadu Circle :

1. Master V. I. Wilson, Ships/164.
2. Master R. Sampathkumar: Aerophilately
173
3. Master K. Rajamannar: Dogs/165

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1. Lucky Dip Prize donated by Shri U. Mohan
Rao, Chairman of the Souvenir Committee.
 2. Special Mementos donated by Shri U.
Mohan Rao, Chairman of the Souvenir
Committee for the persons, who secured
the highest amounts towards the advertise-
ments in the Souvenir.

(a) Shri G. Amarchand (b) Shri D. H. Rao.

3. Memmentos from the Association in appre-
ciation of the services rendered for the
successful celebration of SIPEX-81.
(a) Shri U. Mohan Rao (b) Shri D. H. Rao
(c) Shri M. T. Karunakaran (d) Sri G.
Amarchand.

*The views contained in the articles publi-
shed are the author's own and not necessarily
those of the Association.*

May '81 : 27 members were present. Shri Meenakshisundaram gave a talk on the theme 'HANDS' with display of mounted album sheets. Shri G. Madan Mohan Das followed up with an elaborate speech on the same subject. Shri G. Madan Mohan Das gave another speech on 'SIRMOOR' Stamps. Shri V. N. S. Rau gave a talk on 'EXHIBITION OF STAMPS'. He suggested the members to study and build up a thematic collection on 'MINISTERS ON STAMPS'. He further gave hints for arranging mounting and exhibiting of stamps.

June '81 : 39 Members were present. Shri Kulkarni, new Post-master of Anna Road, HPQ, was the chief guest. Shri U. Mohan Rao, Chairman of the Souvenir Committee for SIPEX-81 apprised members of the latest position regarding the souvenir advertisements and requested members to put in little more efforts to get more advertisements.

Shri G. Madan Mohan Das exhorted members to prepare their exhibits and participate in large numbers in SIPEX-81. Shri V. N. S. Rau gave a talk on 'SLOGANS FROM WASTE PAPER'. He displayed dozens of cut to shape slogans mostly British. He said many themes could be formed from these slogans, and that they could be displayed either in full or in cut to shape size.

July '81 : 28 Members were present. Shri V. N. S. Rau gave up-to-date details of the SIPEX 81 preparation. The venue of SIPEX-81 was changed to Hamid Buildings, opp: Anand Theatre. The spacious hall in the first floor could accommodate more than 200 frames apart from leaving sufficient space for dealers etc. He sought the assistance and help from all the members in making it a grand success. Shri G. Madan Mohan Das narrated the various programmes during the SIPEX 81. He requested the members to come forward and assist the organising committee in conducting the exhibition in a smooth way.

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Proposed Indian Stamp issues for 1982

Special and commemorative stamps proposed for issue during 1982 will depict a wide range of themes from space research to oil exploration.

1. First anniversary of launching of APPLE (Ariane Passenger Payload experiment), the first indigenous Geo-stationary, Communications satellite
2. Oil exploration: The Nation's relentless endeavour to achieve self-reliance in its energy requirements will be highlighted on this stamp
3. 'Children's Day' (Jawaharlal Nehru's Birth Day on 14th November): a stamp designed by a child artist will be issued.
4. Dr. B. G. Roy a freedom fighter, medical practitioner, and a statesman of national eminence will be honoured by a stamp marking his birth centenary.
5. Durgabhai Deshmukh, renowned social worker, will be remembered on a stamp on her first death anniversary.
5. 9th Asian Games: in 1982 Six stamps including a set of 4 stamps to be released on the inauguration day will commemorate the great event.
7. Hockey, the popular game will be featured on another stamp synchronising with the world cup Hockey championship in Bombay.
8. Postage stamps to commemorate the following mile-stones in the Nations history will be issued in 1982.
 - (1) Golden Jubilee of the Indian Air Force
 - (2) Centenary of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway.
 - (3) Centenary of the Post Office Savings Bank of India.
 - Centenary of the Telephone Services.
9. National wild life week-the urgent need to conserve wild life will be highlighted by a stamp.
10. Festival of India in Britain: Synchronising this year long festival to highlight various aspects of Indian life, from art and crafts to science and technology. Two sets of 4 stamps each on relevant themes will be released.
11. Sir Jamshetjee Jeejeebhoy School of Art at Bombay will reach 125 years of its existence. A stamp will be released in appreciation of its contribution to Art.
12. The XXII International Conferences on Soil sciences will be held in India for the first time and this event will be marked by a stamp.
13. Indian Police force will also be the subject of a stamp during 1982.