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Workshop on Philately :

A workshop on Philately was conducted by the Posts and Telegraph Dept. Tamil Nadu Circle on 14-11-81.

Dr. K. Venkatasubramanian, Director, School Education, Tamil Nadu was the chief guest and inaugurated the workshop. The starting of such a workshop was mainly due to the efforts taken by Shri P. S. Raghavachari, Post master General, Tamil Nadu Circle, whose interest in promoting this hobby is well known among the philatelic circle.

The inaugural session was well attended by students from a number of city schools, in addition to philatelists and other distinguished ladies and gentlemen.



Shri S. D. Kulkarni, Post master, Anna Road H.Q. and Convenor of workshop on philately with students.

An exhibit of stamps relating to children in ten frames was put up in the hall by the members of SIPA during the occasion.

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Editorial :

While wishing everyone a happy new year, we also reminisce over the previous year 1981; the most active and important year so far, in the history of the South India Philatelist's Association.

The Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Association, the 'TANAPEX-81' — State level exhibition. Monthly meetings of our members at the Philatelic Bureau and at the Association premises, opening of Philatelic Bureaux, starting of philately workshops and various other philatelic functions are all still lingering in everyone's memory

These chain of activities remind us of a member's words, published in an earlier issue of SIPA under the title 'Letter to the Editor' as follows: 'I must say that Madras is the real paradise for philatelists'. In fact it has been such all over India and as well could be found in the part played by India in the International philatelic field,

We are sure that this year 1982 would also excel in activities. Already SIPA has programmed to conduct from this January onwards monthly classes for juniors with the able assistance of Smt. Ramanujam, a senior philatelist member. At the national level the National Philatelic Exhibition awaits us in December, as the climax of the year 1982.

We earnestly appeal to all our members to offer their active support and co-operation to see this year as the most successful philatelic year

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At our monthly meetings :

December '81, 41 Members were present. After the swapping session amongst the members the meeting was called to order. Shri V. N. S. Rau, who presided the meeting informed the members about the death of Shri Coil Pillai, one of the senior life members of South India Philatelists' Association and a minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

He then greeted Shri T. C. N. Lingam, an associate member of SIPA who had completed 80 years; expressed that it was a milestone in one's life to celebrate Sathabishekam and wished him many more happy returns. He also spoke about the selfless service rendered by Shri & Smt. Ramanujam for the promotion of Philately; particularly amongst the juniors. Smt. Ramanujam's activities at Coimbatore for the spread of Philately; he said, was too well known. He felt glad that she had come to settle down in Madras and hoped that it would now be the turn of Madras to utilise her services for improving the philatelic interests of juniors.

Then at the request of Shri V. N. S. Rau, Smt. Ramanujam gave a brief talk on how she was instrumental in popularising this hobby in Coimbatore. She offered her services for the SIPA in its efforts to propagate and spread the hobby among the youngsters.

Then Shri G. Madanmohan Das, Vice President of our Association, gave his impressions about the workshop on Philately conducted by the Posts & Telegraphs Department and how he was impressed by the enthusiasm and keen interest shown by the students. He was hopeful that South India Philatelists' Association also would take steps to conduct classes to juniors with the help of the Senior Philatelists like Smt Ramanujam.

Your membership and address

Members are requested to renew their membership for the year 1982 and also intimate any change in their address immediately.

Tamil Nadu Philatelic Exhibition TANAPEX - 81

Tamil Nadu Philatelic Exhibition — 'TANAPEX-81' was inaugurated by Shri C. M. Stephen, Minister for communications, Government of India on 24th Dec. 1981, at Dharmaparakash, Madras. The exhibition was kept open to the public from 24 Dec. to 27 Dec. 1981. There were 231 participants in the competitive groups in addition to the special invitees. under non-competitive section. Totally 500 number of frames were under display.

For each of the first three days of the four day TANAPEX-81, special first day covers were issued and special cancellations were provided.

The first day was observed as communications day. Shri C. M. Stephen released the special cover which was on the theme of communications, and with the illustration of Bhaskara II Satellite. The cancellation showed a telephone. The cover also carried one couplet from Bharati's song (in Tamil and English) appropriate to the theme. Shri K. C. Ramadass, General Manager, Madras Telephones received the first cover.



Dr. K. S. Rao of SIPA, winner of the Governor of Tamil Nadu Trophy for the best senior entry.

A beautiful Souvenir with a blow-up of Bharati Stamp (issued in 1960) printed on its cover page, containing many interesting articles was also released during the occasion.

In his inaugural speech Shri C. M. Stephen said that a stamp on Bharati could not be released during the centenary celebrations as the Philatelic Advisory Committee had decided that no personality could be honoured a second time through a commemorative stamp and that P & T Dept. had to be content with

honouring the national poet by printing his famous couplets on special cover.

While complementing the Tamil Nadu Circle of the Posts & Telegraph Department, the Minister said that it was because Philately had taken deep roots in Tamil Nadu and boys and girls were keenly interested in this kind of hobbies that the State of Tamil Nadu was choosen for conducting philately workshops; a pilot scheme on experimental basis to develop the hobby among the youth.

The second day 25th Dec. 1981 saw the release of the special cover which was on the theme of India's Industrial development, with the illustration of the panoramic view of BHEL, Trichy. The cancellation provided on that day showed two teetted wheels. The special cover was released by Shri V. S. Chakrapani, General Manager (Admn.) BHEL, Trichirapalli and Shri C. Ramachandran, Commissioner and Secretary, Industries Department, Government of Tamil Nadu received the first cover.

At 11-00 a.m. a painting competition for school children in the age group of 7 and 12 years was held.

At 3-00 p.m. a Seminar on "Philately and Junior Collectors - growth and pitfalls" was held. Some of the leading philatelists took part with Shri N. K. Verma, Dy. Director General (Phil) P & T Directorate as Moderator. *(A note on the general points discussed: as observed by Shri C. S Sankaranarayanan, one of the life members of SIPA is published elsewhere in this issue)*

The theme on December 26 was 'Glory of womanhood' and the special cover was with the illustration of sculpture of Rati Devi at the Krishnapuram Temple in Tirunelveli District. the cancellation showed a bird feeding its young. The special cover was relesed by Smt. Santi Sadiq Ali and Smt. C. K. Gariyali, Collector of Madras received the first cover. Dr. Sathiavani Muthu, M.P. presided over the function.

At 3-00 p.m. a quiz programme was conducted among the students in the age group of 12 and 17 years.

Another important aspect of the day as for SIPA is concerned was the buffet hosted by its President Shri V N. S Rau for all the Philatelists, at the premisses of Shri K. Ramamoorthy.

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Workshop on Philately (Contd. Page 1)

Shri D. Parthasarathy, Director of Postal Services (Head Quarters) Tamil Nadu circle, delivered the welcome address. In his speech he pointed out that the inaugural function of the first ever workshop on philately coincided with the celebration of the children's day. He informed the gathering that the P & T Board had selected the Tamil Nadu circle for conducting philately workshop on an experimental basis, and that the first philatelic workshop in Madras city would be in three sessions (ie, on 14th, 21st and 28th of Nov.—Saturdays). He said that the P & T Dept. hoped to conduct similar workshops outside Madras in places like Trichy, Madurai and Coimbatore also in the near future.

Dr. K. Venkatasubramanian, Director of School Education, while inaugurating the Philatelic workshop appreciated the posts & Telegraphs Department for its efforts in promoting philately among the school children. He also dwelt on the usefulness of the hobby and sincerely expressed the need to introduce it in the school curriculum. He even suggested the necessity of a permanent place to conduct regular courses.

Shri S. D. Kulkarni, Post master, Anna Road H.Q. and convenor of 'workshop on philately', in his speech said that the hobby of philately holds universal appeal and it had always drawn towards it men of all ages from all walks

of life. He expressed his opinion that though there were very many stamp collectors, only a few know how to arrange and study them. He referred to the study of water marks, perforation, types of paper used for printing stamps, their essays, colour proofs etc., and the different branches of philately like postal history, classics and thematic collection. He hoped that the workshop on philately would help the beginners to learn the art of collecting and preserving stamps in a systematic and scientific way.

Then Shri V. N. S. Rau, President South India Philatelists Association, Madras thanked the P & T Department and those responsible for the starting of the philately workshop. He also offered the full co-operation and assistance of the members of the South India Philatelists Association to the Posts & Telegraph Department, in conducting the Philately workshop.

About 50 students including girls from various schools of Madras city attended the workshop. Some of the leading philatelists like Shri V. N. S. Rau, Shri G. Madan Mohan Das, President and Vice-President respectively & Smt. R. Ramanujam, of the South India Philatelists Association gave lectures and imparted practical training to the students.

At the end of the course the students were awarded certificates of participation by Shri D. Parthasarathy, Director of Postal Services (H.Q.) Madras.

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The party numbering more than a hundred included the members of SIPA, visiting philatelists and dealers, was a good get together. Everyone thanked Shri V. N. S. Rau for providing such an opportunity.

There was no special cover and cancellation provided on 27 December : the last day of the exhibition.

At 5-00 p.m. a function was arranged for the distribution of prizes. Shri Sadiq Ali, Governor of Tamil Nadu, while distributing the awards complimented the Posts and Telegraph Dept. for showing great imagination in organising the exhibition.

The Corporation Boys Higher Secondary School, Nungambakkam, Madras bagged the first prize for educational institutions and

the communications minister's trophy for the best exhibit from schools. Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan Senior Secondary School and Don Bosco Higher Secondary School (Both Madras) won the second and third prizes respectively.

The Governor of Tamil Nadu Trophy for the best senior entry and the vermeil for the senior category was awarded to Dr. K. S. Rao of Chingleput a life member of our Association for his collection on India cancellation. There were several other prizes given to individual participants in both categories. (TANAPEX-81 Awards list is published elsewhere in this issue).

Later Shri P. S. Raghavachari, Post-master General, Tamil Nadu circle distributed mementos to those who have worked for the success of the TANAPEX-81 Exhibition.

Philately and Junior Collection-growth and Pitfalls

(Shri C. S. Sankaranarayanan, a life member of South India Philatelists' Association furnishes here some of important points that were discussed during the Seminar on Philately and Junior collection-growth and pitfalls.)

Philately : Philately is a good hobby connected with all subjects. It gives an opportunity to the student to study in true perspective. It also persuades him to study philatelic literature and learn postal history etc. The stamp he collects will create inquisitiveness to know about the various currencies, the location of the country in the world map, the country's flora and fauna language and culture of the people, its greatmen and their services. In pursuit of such an interest of the student without any compulsion or pressure gains more knowledge than by mere travelling and reading.

Again collecting and arranging of stamps in an album to his utmost satisfaction helps the student in cultivating in himself the traits in neatness, patience and observation.

Junior Collection : The Junior should make a modest beginning by collecting all the stamps that come to his hands. After collecting a certain quantity he should first classify them countrywise. Then he should assess whether he can take up countrywise collection or select a particular theme or subject to concentrate and specialise in it. Here the stamp club may play the role of supplying such stamps to him either freely or at a nominal cost.

Growth : The schools can play prominent role in the development of philately among the students by including philately as one of the recognised hobbies. The teachers may be given training in philately workshop by the P & T Department so that they may in turn guide the students.

The parents also should encourage their children in cultivating this hobby. They should allow their children to purchase stamps from the pocket money they get, since the time spent on stamps will not go waste and would rather benefit the children by the knowledge they acquire through it.

Finally the P & T Department may also give a helping hand for the development of philately among the students by arranging to supply used stamps through the schools and by printing and supplying literature at a nominal cost and by conducting philately workshops to students at all centres.

Pitfalls : While making purchase of stamps the student should be very careful. He must first assess the genuineness of the stamps. The quality or condition of the stamps should be checked since damaged stamp will fetch no value and serve no purpose. The attractive and colourful stamps of the Gulf countries like Ajman, Mozambique may draw attention and fleece the student. When he at a later date comes to know that the stamps he purchased were nothing but mere labels, he would get disheartened and lament on his wasteful effort. Consequently he may leave the hobby. Some parents may not be allowing their children to purchase stamps as they may think that the time spent on this hobby would affect their studies, though actually it is the other way round.

Conclusion : The following steps would pave way for the progress of the hobby among the school children

1. By forming stamp clubs in schools.
2. By conducting philately workshops sponsored by the Posts & Telegraphs Department and local Philatelic Association.
3. By advising them to acquire and collect genuine stamps rather than the attractive labels.
4. By making available used stamps of all countries at a nominal cost.
5. By making available the literature at a nominal cost.

NEWS :

Stamp Issues :

Henry Heras : A commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of 35 paise was issued on 14-12-81 in honour of Henry Heras.

Incom : A commemorative stamp with denomination of 100 paise was issued on 24-12-81 to mark the inauguration of the Submarine Telephone cable between Madras and Penang (Malasia). **V. Word Cup Hockey Championship :** A commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of 100 paise was issued on 29-1-81 on the V, World Cup Hockey Championship held in Bombay.

IX Asian Games : The 4th stamp on IX Asian Games in the denomination of 100 paise was issued on 30-1-81. The stamp shows the athletic stadium at Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

India Service Postage Stamps : India Service Postage stamps without perforation in the New Ashoka Pillar Design in the denominations of 5 p. 10 p. 15 p. 25 p. 35 p. 50 p. 100 p. 200 p. 500 p. & 1000 p. were issued on 10 Dec. 81.

Special Cover and Cancellations :

National Day for mantally retarded : A special cancellation on the occasion of the National day for mentally Retarded was provided on 8 Dec. 1981.

Golden Jubilee of Indian Talkies : A special cover (75 p.) was issued by Indian Academy of motion Picture Art and Science, Bombay on the occasion of Golden Jubilee celebrations of Indian Talkies on 10th Dec. 1981. A special cancellation was also provided P & T Department.

101st Birth centenary of Dr. Cuttamanchi Ramalinga Reddy : A special cancellation on the occasion of 101st birth centenary of Dr. C. R. Reddy was provided on 10-12-81 by the P & T Department.

Rotary International Presidents Conference of good will : A special cancellation was provided on the occasion of the 'Good will' mission of Rotary International Presidents Conference on 12, 13 & 14 Dec. 1981 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

Bristow Birth Centenary : A special cover was issued by Cochin port trust on the occasion of Bristow Birth centenary on 13-12-81. A special cancellation was provided by the P & T Department.

The Sixth Light infantry : A special cover along with brochure was brought out by the Army Postal Services on the occasion of colour prosecution to the Sixth Light Infantry.

XXVI: National convention of Indian Jaycees : A special cancellation on the occasion of XXVI National convention of Indian Jaycees was provided on 17-12-81 at Ernakulam.

43rd National Table Tennis Championship : A special cancellation on the occasion of 43rd National Table Tennis Championship was provided from 17-12-81 to 26-12-81 (except 20-12-81 i.e. Sunday) at Palghat P.O.

Centenary of Forest Education in India : A special cover and a special cancellation were provided by the P & T Dept. on the occasion of centenary of Forest Education in India on 19-12-81.

Cricket Test Mach : A special cancellation is to be provided at Calcutta G P O on the occasion of 4th Cricket Test Match between India and M.C.C on 1-1-82 onwards. The West Bengal cricket association will provide the special cover.

Amri Bhirmingham Flight Covers : A limited number of special covers will be flown by P & T Dept. on 3-1-1982. The price of flight cover is Rs. 5/-

Silver Jubilee of National Projects convention co-operation : A special cover will be issued on 9-1-1982 on the occasion of Silver Jubilee of National Projects construction Corporation with a special cancellation to be provided by the P & T Dept.

Centenary of Rajkumar College Raipur : A special cover will be issued on the occasion of the centenary of Rajkumar College, Raipur (MP) on 18-1-82. A special cancellation will be provided at Raipur H.O.

Stationery with IX Asian Games : A set of 25 p inland Card and 270 paise Aerogramme with logo of IX Asian Games were issued on 30-12-81. First day cancellations were provided at the Philatelic Bureaux/counters

New Philatelic Bureaux : A philatelic Bureau was opened at Tiruchirapalli Head Post office on 19-12-81 and one more philatelic bureau is to be opened at Amristar on 6-1-81.

Tamil Nadu Philatelic Exhibition - 1981 (TANAPEX-81)

AWARD LIST

Vermeil :

Dr. K. S. Rao,
Indian Cancellations (with Spl. prize
Governor's Trophy)

Silver :

G Amarchand,
India Pre-Independence period
G. Amarchand,
India Post Independence period

Dr. K S Rao,
Postal Stationery,
A. S. Narayanaswamy,
Indian States (Feudatory)

G. Amarchand,
Commonwealth Countries

Silver Bronze :

Hameed Jalal,
India-Pre-Independence period
Dilip Kumar Saboo,
India-Post-Independence period.

U, H. Hotwani,
Commonwealth Countries

G Amarchand,
General Collections All World

P. K. Amarnath,
General Collections All World

S. Arumugam,
General Collections All World

M T. Karunakaran, Thematics

T. R. Ramnath, "

G. S. Sakthi Barathi, "

K. C. Veeraraghavan, "

Bronze :

S P. E. S. Md Abubakar,
India-Used abroad

S. B Selvaraj,
India-Used abroad

S. B Selvaraj,
India-Cancellations

L. Balakrishnan,
India-Post Independence period

V. Mukundha,
India-Post Independence period

K. Prasad,
India-Post Independence period

P. Panchapakesan,
Postal Stationery

S. P. E. S. Md. Abubakar,
Aerophilately

K. Prasad,
Aerophilately

S. B. Selvaraj,
Indian States Feudatory

Bronze :

Parai Amarchand,
Commonwealth Countries

Ameer Arif,
Commonwealth Countries

A. V. Radha Krishnan,
Commonwealth Countries

V, E, Annamalai Thematics

P. Jayaraj, "

M. S. Mohd. Noorullah, "

V. R. Padmanabhan, "

N. M. J. Rajarajan, "

A. Ravooof, "

C. S. Sankaranarayanan, "

Sr. Mary Sebba, "

P. N. Thirunavokkarasu, "

Abu Bucker Siddiq,
India Post Independence period

Juniors - Cup :

L. R. Narayanaswamy,
General Collections with spl. prize
from Mylapore Academy

S, M. K. Ibrahim,
General Collections with spl. prize
from Seva Chakra

N. Nagarajan,
General Collections

K. Harikrishnan,
Thematics with spl. prize from
Dr. Rajagopalachari

G. S. Sivaji,
Thematics

M. K. Vivekanand,
Thematics with spl. prize from
Dr. Rajagopalachari

G S. Kali Dasan,
Thematics, with spl. prize from
Dr. Rajagopalachari

K. Kalyankumar,
Thematics with spl. prize from
Arun Sevak

J R Madan Mohan Gupta,
Thematics

Mario Eric Ramanujam,
Thematics with spl. prize from
Arun Sevak

A Rajendra Kumar,
Thematics with spl. prize from
Elite Philatelic Club

Paul Jesudasan Joseph,
Thematics with spl. prize from Arun Sevak

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Juniors - Cup (contd.)

J. Kingsly,	General Collections
P. Samuel Paul,	"
M. Varadarajan,	"
V. Venkateswaran,	"
D. Vijayakumar,	"
N. S. Kanakalatha	"
V. Mukundha	"
N. Nagarajan	"
P. Velumani	"
R. Sampath Kumar	"
K. Sujatha	"
V. Balaji Venkatachalapathi	Thematics
J. Stanley Michael	"
B. Hariharan	"
T. Jaiganesh	"
Prem Anand	"
V. Sanjay	"
K. N. Sree Lekha	"
T. K. Thirunavukkarasu	"
A. Arwin	"
K. Balasubramaniam	"

V. Ramu	Thematics
P. Suresh Kumar	"
K. A. Kuriachan	"
V. Mukunda	"
K. Nagarajan	"
K. Shobana	"
John Robin Davis	"

Educational Institutions

FIRST PRIZE :

Corporation Boys Higher Secondary School
Madras with special prize from South India
Philatelic Association.

SECOND PRIZE :

Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan Senior
Secondary School (Junior College), Madras
with special prize from South India Philatelic
Association.

THIRD PRIZE :

Don Bosco Higher Secondary School,
Madras with special prize from South India
Philatelic Association.

United States 1982 Stamp Programmes.

Jan	8	Bighorn Sheep	20c	Definitive (Wild life)
"	12	Ralph Bunche	20c	" (Great American)
"	15	Crazy horse	13c	" (")
"	26	Robert Milikan	37c	" (")
"	30	Franklin Roosevelt	20c	Commemorative (Birth centenary)
Feb	7	Bicycle		Definitive
"	22	George Washington	20c	Commemorative
Mar	7	State Birds and Flowers	20c	Stamps (50 Setenant)
"	7	Francis Maria	13c	Postal Card (American revolution Series)
"	7	Soaring	28c	Airmail postal card
Apr	7	Jackie Robinson	20c	Commemorative (Black Hritage USA series)
"	7	Libraries	20c	" (National Library Week)
"	7	U.S./Netherlands	20c	" (Bicentierial of diplomatic relations)
"	7	Laselle Expedition	13c	Postal card (30 th anniv. of the Laselle explo- rations in the Louisiana territory)
May	1	World Fair	20c	Commemoratives (Block of four setenant stamps) noting energy resources)
"	7	Horatio Algor	20c	" (Popular Author)
"	7	Aging	20c	(issue on subject of Aging)
June	7	Barrymores	20c	Commemorative (Art series)
"	7	Mary Walker	20c	" (civil war surgeon and winner of Medal of Honour)
"	7	Peace Garden	20c	" (50th anniv. of the U. S. Canada border)
"	7	Great Seal	20c	Envelope (Noting the Great seal of the United States)
July	7	World Trade	30c	Aerogram with a world trade theme
"	7	Washigton Post Office	13c	Post card (In historic preservation series)
Aug	7	Purple Heart	20c	Envelope (Marking the 200th anniv. of Gen George Washington's Estab. of the purple heart)
"	7	Touro Synagogue	20c	Commemorative (Historic Touro Synagogue)
Sept	7	Architecture	20c	" (Block of 4 setenant) (four year architecture series)
Oct	7	St. Francis	20c	" (St Francis of Assisi)
"	7	Ponce de Leon	20c	" (Exploser Ponce de Leon)
"	7	Christmas		(Two seperate stamps) one contemporary & one Art Masterpiece for holiday mail