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At Our Meetings :

April '82

30 members were present Shri V. N. S. Rau presided. After the introduction of the new members Shri G. Madan Mohan Das narrated the proceedings of Philatelic Congress of India General Body Meeting held at Calcutta. He informed that there were several foreign delegates and the delegates were given a red-carpet welcome. The members from Calcutta like Shri D. N. Jatia hosted fabulous dinners. Shri V. N. S. Rau was elected as President-elect and Shri Madan Mohan Das as Assistant Treasurer of the Philatelic Congress of India.

Then Shri G. Madan Mohan Das made announcements about new issues. Shri K. Prasad read out the details of booklets received from the American Topical Association for the benefit of the members. Afterwards Shri G. Madan Mohan Das gave a display talk on the bazaar cards of India and exhorted the members to take up such new and exciting variety of studies on Indian Philately which give wealth of information. He also requested members to bring him any bazaar cards or even photo copies of such cards for the purpose of preparing a comprehensive study on them.

May 1982: Twenty eight members were present. Sri V. N. S. Rau, our President occupied the chair. He welcomed the new members who were just then introduced and wished them well.

Then Shri Ramaswamy, Philatelic Officer, PMG. Office, Madras who was present, was requested to inform the members about the action taken by the P & T. Department in

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Editorial :

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Incidentally 'SIPA Bulletin' is in the third year of its running. With in its scope of 4 to 8 pages it has covered a number of subjects specially suited to the beginners in this hobby. As stated in one of the earlier issues ... "The aim of this bulletin is to keep the members of the South India Philatelists Association who could not attend the regular, ordinary monthly meetings; the philatelic news and events regularly: to promote interest among the junior philatelists by furnishing useful informations; to bring out the hidden talents of the young members by publishing their contributions and to learn from the studies of the seniors by publishing their articles" ... it has maintained its aim.

Useful articles like 'Preparation of a thematic exhibit', 'Mobile Post Office in Madras'; 'United Nations-35th Annv.'; 1980 Christmas Commemoration'; 'From mere Accumulation to educative thematic collection'; 'Meter Franking'; 'Rocket Mail'; 'Philately and Junior collection growth and pit falls'; 'Introduction to thematic philately'; Educational value of stamps. written by Local, National and International Philatelists were published and in addition under various subjects like Tit Bits: News; Letter to Editor; At our monthly meetings (activities of SIPA); SIPA Library; TANAPEX-81; workshop on philately; For Juniors of all ages; Crow's nest by lookout (on cultural heritage of India); Silver Jubilee Celebrations of SIPA, quite a good amount of interesting informations were provided to the members. These have indeed been welcomed and acknowledged by the members.

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encouraging the growth of philately among the juniors, especially the students.

Shri Ramaswamy explained that Madras was selected as a pilot centre to encourage philately among the students. A philatelic workshop was first conducted at Madras which had a very good response. Similar workshops were subsequently conducted at Coimbatore and Trichinopoly with equal response from students. He also informed that it had been proposed to hold similar workshops at Madurai and Tanjore.

Shri G. Madan Mohan Das informed the members, the proposal of PCI to hold one of its quarterly meetings in Madras.

A paper on 'Educational value of stamps' written by Shri AAZER A. Medhora was read by one of the members present and some of the members wanted it printed in the SIPA Bulletin (Pl. See SIPA Bulletin. May - June 1982).

June 1982: 23 Members were present. Shri K. Muthuswamy one of the senior members was elected to occupy the chair. After thanking the members for the honour done to him Shri K. Muthuswamy narrated his experience at Asiana-77 at Bangalore where he saw with a dealer sheets and sheets of beautifully printed thematic stamps in low denominations from half cent to five cents of some less populated British Commonwealth Countries like Antigua, Seychelles available at low prices. He pointed out and felt unhappy that philatelists are being fleeced by such stamps. He also suggested that when some Arab countries' stamps were discredited in exhibitions these other such issues should also be treated in the same manner.

Shri G. Madan Mohan Das announced new issues. He then requested members to give some thought and attention to their investment and accumulation to pursue their hobby in the right direction.

K. PRASAD,
Hony. Secretary.

Achievements of Indian Participants in International Exhibitions (AWARDS OBTAINED DURING 1980 & 1981)

Awards	India 80	London 80	Norwex 80	Jupos- lex 80 (Youth)	Bunes Aiers 80	Luraba 81	WIPA 81 **	Phila Tokyo 81	Rocpex Taipe 81
Class of honour	1	1	1					1	
Grand Prix (Nationale)	1								
Large Gold	5	2	1					5	
Gold	7	4	5					1	
Vermiel	19	3	1			1		7	
Large Silver									1
Silver	22	5			1*	2		3	5
Silver Bronze	28	2	2	1				3	
Bronze	46			2		2		1	12
Diploma	2	3	1	1		1		2	3
Diploma (Youth class)	10								

Name of the National Commissioner

Mr. S. P. Chatterjee	} London 80
Mr. G. B. Pai	
Mr. P. Gupta	Norwex 80
Col L. G. Shenoi	Juposlex 80
Dr. D. J. Banerjee	Luraba 81
Mr. M. G. Pittie	Phila Tokyo 81
Mr. Y. Kumar	Rocpex Taipe 81

* only one entry was sent

** due to technical difficulties
exhibits of participants could
not be sent.

NEWS :

Posts & Telegraphs Department will provide a special post mark on 26th July 1982, to commemorate the event "Thiruchi District 3rd women's chess championship" at Tiruchirapalli. A well designed special cover is also to be released at a cost of Re. 1/- each (Blank). For your requirements please contact Shri P. Suryanarayan (Philatelist) A-1, Lala Stores, Teppakulam Post, Tiruchirapalli-620 002.

Vijayawada Philatelic Circle, 11-44-15, Kumari Street, Vijayawada, 520 001 has sponsored a special cover when a special cancellation was provided by the P & T Dept. on 26-6-82 on the occasion of Rotary 315 District Assembly at Visakhapatnam.

Exhibition Madhya Pradesh Philatelic Exhibition, MAPPEX 82 has been decided to be held at Bhilai on 2nd - 5th Oct. 1982.

Definitive Series : The following stamps in the Definitive Series with new perforations will be released on 5-7-82.

1. 5 p Fish
2. 10 p Minor Irrigation
3. 15 p Transfer of Technology
4. 20 p Child and Nutrition
5. 25 p Poultry
6. 35 p Nehru
7. 35 p Gandhi
8. 35 p Family Welfare
9. 50 p Dairying

First day of issue cancellation will be provided at all philatelic Bureaux/counters

Special Cancellation : A special cancellation will be provided at philatelic Bureau Luknow on 1-7-82 to mark the International year of the Aged by Lions Club Luknow Central, Mail Orders may be addressed to Post-masters, Philatelic Bureau Luknow.

Commemoration Stamp : A commemoration of 50 p. will be issued on 1-7-82 on the occasion of the birth centenary of Dr. B C Roy. A special cancellation will also be provided at R. G. Kar Medical College Hospital Post Office, Calcutta.

Australia : Stamp issue Programmes- Jan, June 1983.

- Jan. Historic Fire Engines. Four special issue stamps Australia Day 1983 Commemorative issue.
- Feb. Australian Animals. Four definitive stamps.
- Mar. Common Wealth Day 1983. Commemorative issues.
- Apl. Queens Birthday 1983. Commemorative issue.
- Jun. 50th Annv. of Australian Jaycees Commemorative issue.
- Centenary of St. John Ambulance Commemorative issues.
- Australian Animals Five definitive stamps.

Australian Antarctic Territory : Stamps.

- Apl. Antarctic wildlife on Macquarie Island. Se-tenant strip of five special issue stamps.

Pre Stamped Envelopes :

- Jan. 175th Annv. of the Rum Rebellion.
- May 150th Annv. of the Birth of Adam-Lindsay gordon
- Centenary of the Days' Brigade.
- Jun. Centenary of the first sydney Melbourne Rail Link.

Australian Historic Post Offices : On 4 August 1982 Australia Post will issue a set of seven 27-C stamps 'Mustrating some of Australia's historic post offices the featured post offices were all erected before the turn of the century and were chosen for their architectural or historical significance

The offices Mustrated are Forbes, New South Wales; Flemington, Victoria; Rockhampton, Queensland, Kingston SE, South Australia; York, Western Australia; Launceston Tasmania; and the old Post and Telegraph Station at Alice Springs, Northern Territory. All seven post offices are still in existence.

SIPA - LIBRARY

We give below the latest additions to the library. Orders placed last year after the Sipex-81, have since been received from U.S.A. and U.K. Members are requested to take advantage and make use of these books. Books will be lent to members, when they deposit sufficient amount covering the cost of the book, which will be refunded, when the book is returned.

Received from the Topical Association of America;

- 1 Topical Time - From 1949 to 1980
- 2 " Issues - From 1962 to 1980
- 3 " Digest - No. 1 to 8
- 4 Space Covers
- 5 Watercraft on Stamps
- 6 Eleanor and Franklin D. Roosevelt
- 7 Philatelic Nudes
- 8 Private Dir Proprietary Medicine Stamps
- 9 Masonic Stamps of the World
- 10 Lions International Philately
- 11 John F. Kennedy
- 12 Horses on stamps
- 13 Old Glory around the world
- 14 Fairy tales and Folk tales on stamps
- 15 Europa stamps
- 16 Education on stamps
- 17 Stamps on stamps
- 18 Theatre philatelic
- 19 U.S. History as portrayed by U.S. Stamps
- 20 Women on stamps
- 21 Checklist of Sports & Recreation
- 22 Astronomy and Philately
- 23 The Bicentennial of American Independence commemorated on foreign stamps
- 24 Insects and other invertebrates of the world on stamps
- 25 Mammals of the world on stamps
- 26 Medical History in philately
- 27 Drugs & Pharmacy on stamps
- 28 Medical stamps
- 29 Medicine Tax stamps worldwide
- 30 Creators and Works
- 31 Plants on stamps
- 32 Railway stamps
- 33 A History of religion on postage stamps - 2 volumes
- 34 Science stamps
- 35 Women on stamps
- 36 Adventures in topical stamp collecting
- 37 The Holy family
- 38 Lower Vertebrates
- 39 American on foreign stamps - 2 volumes
- 40 Birds
- 41 United Nations
- 42 Cooking with stamps
- 43 World Jet Aircraft

Received from the India Study Circle, U.K.

A guide to the postal stationery of India
Volumes I to III.

K. PRASAD,

Librarian.

FOR JUNIOR OF ALL AGES

Condition of a stamp: 'Condition' is the physical state of a stamp resulting from the hazards of its life from the moment it was sold over the post office counter until the owner wishes to dispose of it.

The hazards are many. The stamp may; (1) be torn; (2) lose a tooth or teeth from the perforated edges (if issued in perforated form); (3) be creased; (4) fade or change colour by exposure to light or atmosphere; (5) get stained by ink, grease etc.; (6) become thinned; (7) lose part of its surface by rough contact; (8) pick up dust and dirt.

Mint: When a stamp is in perfect condition as it came from the post office it is described as *Mint*. Once a stamp has been hinged it will strictly no longer be *mint*.

Gum: The adhesive matter on the back of the postage stamp as issued. A postage stamp with its gum as issued is referred to some times as with original gum 'or' O.G.; if the stamp has lost its O.G. and has had other gum put on, the stamp is referred to as 'regummed'.

Unused and used stamps: A stamp which has not been post marked but shows signs of gum disturbance or a stamp whose gum had been removed but never received a cancellation is termed as *unused*. To describe a stamp as *used* implies that it has received a postal marking.

Mini - Philatelic Exhibition :

The Post and Telegraph Department is organising a Mini-Philatelic Exhibition at the Anna Salai Post Master General's Office on August 15, 1982.

The exhibition on the theme "India of my dreams" is open to bonafide students up to 'plus two' level from all schools in the city and up to Tambaram.

According to Mr. D. Parthasarathy, Director of Postal Services the entrants will be charged one rupee per frame and allowed a maximum of three frames.

The entry forms along with the entrance fee in the form of Postal Orders should reach the Chairman, Prospectus and allotment Committee, P.M.G.'s Office, Madras-2 by July 24. All entries must be sent through the Heads of institutions. Three prizes will be awarded.

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The difficulties experienced in printing, posting and the financial aspect of them only have restricted the speedy growth of the bulletin than its present level. However such abnormalities can surely be overcome in time with the continuous co-operation and encouragement extended by all the members.