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At Our Monthly Meetings :

November :

23 members were present Shri G. Madan Mohan Das who presided gave full details of the PCI meeting which was held at Madras. He then read an article 'The Treasure' from the Karapex-82—Souvenir. The Souvenir which carried one of his articles also, was donated by him to the Association's Library.

Later Shri Maheswari one of our members from Gwalior gave a talk in Hindi on 'Fiscals of India' and 'Indian States'. He also explained the purpose of the formation of the state level philatelic federation in Madhya Pradesh. Shri A. C. Thirlognath gave an account of the exhibition held for the benefit of the members of the 'young club' at its premises at Royapettah.

Dear Members,

The continuation of the article, 'Aviation History on Stamps' will find place in the subsequent issues.

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SIPA MEETINGS

SECOND SUNDAY of every month - Regular meeting at the Philately Bureau, Anna Road, Post Office.

THIRD SUNDAY of every month - Auction meeting at 41, Perumal Mudali Street, Madras-1.

For the New Year

Wishing all Members and their families A Happy and Prosperous New Year-1983. During the year 1982, there were two international Exhibitions-**Philexfrance**, the largest ever held Exhibition under one roof in Philatelic History with 1200 exhibits in 2000 Frames inclusive of 22 Distinguished Collections in Court of Honour Class. We are really proud to say that the PCI Founder President, Shri D. N. Jatia's Collection was one among them. Shri P. Gupta, Indian Commissioner was awarded a Grand Prix Honneur and large Gold Medals were badged by Shri G. C. Jain, Mr. S. S. Kothari and Shri P. Gupta. Shri P. Gupta's Postal Stationery Collection is the only collection today eligible to participate in the **F.I.P. Class of Honour** from India.

The Second International Exhibition, a milestone in Indo-Soviet Friendship, is the First Indo-Soviet Bi-lateral Exhibition held in August 15th to 23rd 1982. From India 20 selected Exhibits were displayed by the Apex-body - Philatelic Congress of India and all the entries won high Awards.

The culmination of the year 1982 saw the **IVth Inpex - National Exhibition** at Indraprastha Stadium, New Delhi from 31st December, '82 to 5th January, 1983. Shri G. Madan Mohan Das, SIPA President had the good fortune to be there from 2-1-1983. It was a grand Show wherein 409 Exhibitors had put in their collections in 1500 Frames. Big money did play in getting the top awards. Time did not permit the study of all the entries nor space will permit adequate coverage to be given to all the fine displays. From South nearly 10 entries were exhibited and everyone of them got Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze, Bronze, Diploma. **Congratulations** to our budding Junior, Chi. Eric Ramanujam for getting the top-most award for his **Thematic** display entry in Juniors Section for his Exhibit "**Mammali**" in 3 Frames. Even seniors were asked to study his exhibit and how they should do their Thematic Exhibits. Our Past President, Dr. C. A. Rajagopalachari had 5 entries and got a Vermeil for his studied Research collection

"**Refugee Relief Stamps**" with felicitations of the Jury. His Indian Cancellations entry did get a Vermeil.

It was good to see so many names which are new to National competing and interesting to see many familiar ones back again; in some instances with their usual high standard in others with a lesser award; one supposes that they have started on some new collection which they are working to build up. Many of the experienced philatelists who come back year after year yet remain only in lower grouping of awards. Presumably they just enjoy showing people their stamps. My experience shows that the most frequent cause of failure to improve one's exhibit is failure to take advice given by Judges. The whole point of competitive philately and having one's collection "**Judged**" is to provide pointers as to how to improve and thereby to derive added pleasure and satisfaction from the hobby.

The doyen from the South, Shri V. N. S. Rau, stole the entire show. In the absence of Philatelic Congress of India, President, the President - Elect of the PCI Shri V. N. S. Rau was there in all the committees - Organising, Jury, Reception etc.,. He on behalf of the Philatelic Congress of India welcomed the Communications Minister Hon'ble Shri A. P. Sharma on the Opening Day of the National and also welcomed the **President of India** Shri Zail Singh on the Prize Distribution Day. He presided over the Governing Council Meeting of the PCI and his studied measured advice was received by one and all. We should really feel proud that he was at the helm of all the functions, meetings, committees and his valuable advice was sought and readily given. Once again let me congratulate all the Prize Winners at **Inpex 82 (National)** and assure all the members that the services of senior philatelists are always there to give them guidance and advise as to how to arrange and exhibit one's collection and even get awards at Local, National Exhibitions. Please

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The Third Regional Meeting of the Philatelic Congress of India was held at Madras on Sunday the 7th November 1982

Mr. V. N. S. Rau, President Elect, P. C. I. presided over the session. He welcomed the members and explained the objectives of Regional Meetings.

Mr. P. S. Raghavachari, Post master General, Tamilnadu addressed the meeting and explained the several steps taken by his Postal Circle for the promotion of Philately. He also suggested that P C I and other local Philatelic societies should involve voluntary agencies in the promotion of Philately. In this connection he expressed his happiness for the co-operation extended by the local association members to display their exhibits at various new stamp release functions, which drew attention of the public. We also assured all help for any such projects Taken up in Tamilnadu.

Later during the formal discussion when Mr. D. B. Khona, Cochin suggested that P. C. I. should take up with the government to ban the import and sale of labels and other undesirable 'Philatelic' material. Mr. D. N. Jatia, former

President P.C.I. explained that U.P.U. had no power to regulate the issue of stamps and that the matter is being taken up at the international level. At present such stamps are discouraged at good exhibitions and are not being catalogued as a punishment.

To another suggestion by the Devanagree Philatelic club that P.C.I. should prepare colour slides on different aspects of philately and offer at a reasonable price to Member societies, Mr. D. N. Jatia replied that thematic slides workshop was being developed, that a set of 300 slides would be screened at INPEX and that programmes on various subjects would also be developed eventually made available to the member societies

Mr. C. A. Rajaopaiachari wanted the P & T to help in research on different aspects of Indian philately.

Mr. Surana, Madras suggested that the sale of undesirable stamps should be discouraged and banned atleast in the exhibitions sponsored by P & T or P.C.I.

Mr. S. D. Kulkarni, P.P.M. Madras explained the experience of workshop on philately organised in Madras.

List of Indian Postage Stamps issued since 1947

Name of the Issue	Date of Issue	Denomination	No. of issue
Commemoratives			
Attainment of Independence	21-11-47	3½ As.	1
do	15-12-47	1½ and 12 As.	2
Inauguration of India U. K. Air Service	8-6-48	12 As.	1
First Anniversary of India's Independence			
Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Stamps	15-8-48	1½, 3½, 12 As and Rs. 10 -	4
75th Anniversary of Universal Postal Union	Oct. '49	9 pies, 2, 3½ and 12 As.	4
Inauguration of Republic of India	26-1-50	2, 3½, and 12 As.	4
Centenary of the Geological Survey of India	13-1-51	2 As.	1
1st Asian Games	4-3-51	2 and 12 As.	2
Indian Saints and Saint Poets	1-10-52	9 pies, 1, 1.2, 4, 4½ and 12 As	1
Centenary of Indian Railways	16-4-53	2 As.	1
Conquest of Mt. Everest	2-10-53	2 and 14 As.	1
Centenary of Indian Telegraphs	1-11-53	2 and 12 As.	2
Centenary of 1st Indian Postage Stamps	1-10-54	1, 2, 4 and 14 As.	4
United Nations Day	24-10-54	2 As.	1
4th World Forestry Congress	11-12-54	2 As.	1

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Standardization of the Symbols to be used in Stamp Catalogues.

On the occasion of 'Philexfrance 82' Ascot (International Association of the Publishers of Stamp Catalogues) held a congress, where an important decision was taken. Its main purpose is to eliminate the confusion prevailing in the application of symbol in stamp catalogues.

The congress agreed to standardize definitely and internationally the symbols used in stamps catalogues. The standardized symbols will be used in all editions and in all offers of purchase and sale.

• •	(two asterisks)	—	unused, without hinge or trace of a hinge.
•	(one asterisks)	—	unused, with original gum
(*)	(one asterisk in parenthesis)	—	unused, without gum or regummed
○	(point inside a circle)	—	used
□	(symbol of a letter)	—	letter
▷	(symbol of half a letter)	—	on piece

FUTURE FIP EXHIBITIONS

Year	Name	City	Date	FIP Observer	Indian Commissioner
1983	Tembal (Thematic)	Basel	May 21-29	Demuth	S. Kiston
	Brasiliana 83	Rio de Janeiro	July 29-Aug. 7	Jatia	M. G. Pittie
	Bangkok 83	Bangkok	Aug. 4-13	Ichida	S.P. Chatterjee
1984	Espana 84	Madrid	May 20-30	Blecker	D. Mehta
	Auspiex 84	Melbourne	Sept. 21-30	Jotia	P. Gupta
	Midost 84 (Youth)	Pleven	Oct. 1-6	Wisberg	Lakshmi-narayanan
	Philakorea 84	Seoul	Oct. 21-30	Ichida	D. Mehta
1985	Temex 85 (Thematic)	Buenos Aires	May		
	Budapest 85	Bndapest	Sept.		
	Ficoms Modern Issues (Youth)	Hamberg Portugal	Sept. 6-17		
1986	Ameripex Stockholmia 86	Chigago Stockholm	May 21-Jun-1 Aug. 28-Sept.		
1987	Capex 87	Toronto	May or June		
	Hafnia 87	Copenhegan	Oct. 16-25		
1988	Finladia 88	Helsinki	May or June		
	Praga 88	Prague	Sept		
		(Portugal)			

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Crown Agents

The Crown Agents which is established in London is a public body. It coordinates production, philatelic distribution to dealers and publicity for the stamps of a number of British area entities.

By Oct. 1, 1977 a total of 44 postal authorities had appointed the Crown Agents to act for them or were in consultation with the organisation.

Antigua	Mauritius
Ascension Island	Nauru
Barbados	New Hebrides
Belize	Nigeria
Bermuda	Norfolk Island
Botswana	Papua New Guinea
British Antarctic Territory	Pitcairn Islands
British Indian Ocean Territory	St. Helena
British Virgin Island	St. Kitts
Brunei	Seychelles
Cayman Islands	Solomon Islands
Cook Islands	South Georgia
Falkland Islands	Swaziland
Fiji	Trinidad & Tobago
Gambia	Triston da Cunha
Gilbert Islands	Turks & Caicos
Great Britain	Islands
Guyana	United Arab
Hongkong	Emirates
Jamaica	Western Samoa
Lesotho	Yemen
Malawi	Zambia
Malaysia	

The organisation is involved in the printing field ever since 1948 when Mauritius contracted with Perkins Bacon. A group of "CA" water marks appearing over the years in the stamped paper of many participating entities

attests to the long term influence of the organisation

The present Crown Agents' Stamp Bureau was founded for British dealers in 1944 added North America in 1950, and went world wide in 1960.

Once the forthcoming release is announced, the Crown Agents distribute circulars describing new issues and printings to dealers and to the press. The "Crown Agents Gazette" appears as a supplement to the Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.

Other activities of the organisation include participation in major stamp exhibitions, and the maintenance of a film library.

Additional information on Crown Agencies may be obtained from the organisation at St. Nicholas Home, Sutton, Surrey, England.

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avail of the Library facilities where Magazines, Books and literature on philately are available and also make it a point to attend our popular Second Sunday Meetings of the Association where Senior and Junior Members give display and talks on interesting facts of Indian Philately are given by senior philatelists and new issue announcements are also made and new members get themselves introduced. Please Renew your Subscriptions; enrol new members and give our valuable suggestions for the improvement of the Association in furthering the cause of philately. Thanking you once again and wishing a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

G. Madhan Mohan Das,
President, SIPA, Madras.