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Biennial General Body Meeting:

The Biennial General Body Meeting of the South India Philatelists' Association was held at 6, Nannian Street, Madras, on 2nd September, 1984.

Before the actual start of the meeting, Mr. Madan Mohan Das, kept the members engaged by narrating the important events and stamp issues that took place during the last term.

When the meeting was called to order Mr. K. Prasad read out the agenda of the meeting and then read the minutes of the previous General Body Meeting. The General Body accepted and passed the same.

Then Mr. G. M. Das provided the respite by informing the members about the deteriorating sales turnout at the Philatelic counters and about the efforts taken by the P & T Department and the members of the association to enthuse interest in the hobby among the youngsters. Then Mr. V. N. S. Rau was requested to say a few words and who in response wished the meeting success. He discouraged speculation and wanted everyone

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SIPA MEETINGS

- SECOND SUNDAY of every month - Regular meeting at the Philately Bureau, Anna Road, Post Office
THIRD SUNDAY at every month - Auction meeting at 41, Perumal Mudali Street, Madras-1.

Forest Science and Timber Industry on Stamps

By K. D. DINSHAW

This very interesting and educative theme is divided into 7 sections, as under:—

- 1) Forest Conservation.
- 2) Types of Trees.
- 3) Varied "logging" methods.
- 4) The Enemy of Forests.
- 5) Forestry Congresses.
- 6) Versatile Wood awaits on Man.
- 7) Trees that bear Fruit.

Forest Conservation :

The preservation of forests, and the stoppage of indiscriminate cutting down of trees, has been the theme of many stamp issuing countries, which have adopted Re-forestation Campaigns. Countries like—Brazil, China Peoples Republic, Dominican Republic, France, Iceland, Israel, Iraq, Iran, Japan, Ryukyu Islands and others have brought through stamps, into the public eye, the importance of preservation of forests.

Forests have a dual role—productive and protective. The productive role you have just read about earlier, but the more important of the two is the protective role that forests play in the economy of a country. Forests help to conserve the fertility of the land, by enriching the soil with the rich vegetable moulds. Forests even have a beneficial influence on the climate. The trees act as pumps, sucking up the sub-soil water, and transmitting it as moisture to the air, resulting in increased humidity. Indiscriminate cutting down of forests in countries, has resulted in sudden change of climate therein.

Like rivers, the forests too play an important role in the economy of a country. Valuable as a source of fuel, the forests produce many a different kind of timber, which has a variety of uses, to name a few, house building, ship building, furniture making, for communications, and for the national defence systems. Wood is the principal raw material in a number of industries. Bamboo, Lac Gum, Raisin, Tanning material and Medicinal herbs

are some of the produce that can be harvested from Forests.

Modern civilization places a great demand on manufactured goods, chemicals and increased foods supplies, which in turn is an increasing drain on our natural resources like oil, minerals and the soil itself. Natural resources, when used up or destroyed, cannot be replaced by man. It is quite the reverse with forests, which will once again thrive and grow strong with proper care and attention. Wood has taken an important place in the life of man.

Wood has played a very vital role since the very beginning of civilization. Many are the countries, that have thrived and become rich, because of their natural wealth — wood. And once their forests have been wiped out, they have fallen into decline and their once rich land, eaten up by erosion.

Present day science had developed many a new method of turning barren land into rich forests and at the same time, evolved new uses of this wealth. Forests have assumed a great importance. Our late Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had this to say — "To the people of the East, as indeed the people of the whole world, the numerous problems of Forestry, hold a challenge. It must be met if the World is to be made a better place to live in."

It is but nature, that land devoid of forests will become desert, arid and dry. This fate befell Mesopotamia, Syria and Palestine — once rich and fertile, now dry and arid.

It is regrettable, that India, when she observes "Vana Mahotsava", during the month of July each year, has not so far thought of issuing a stamp depicting 'planting of trees.'

Types of Trees :—

It has been estimated that more than 150 species of trees, can be identified on stamps. Many an unknown variety has also appeared.

This group starts with "Planting of Tree," and stamps from the following countries depict this theme such as Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Roumania, U. S. A., Cambodia, Malagasy, Iran, China etc.

Belgaria issued a set in 1964 which shows some of the ancient trees including Eir tree-1200 year old. Other known varieties are Pine, Cedar, Mahagony, Redwood, Baobab, Junifer, Hectaris, Larch, Red Lauan, Spruce, Birch, Oak and Balsalm have been depicted on stamps of many countries.

Tropical countries feature the Palm tree, such as Nauru, Mozambique, North Borneo, Ceylon, Algeria, Cambodia, Belgian, Gongo, Chile etc. The leaf of the Palm Tree, used in a variety of ways, and the finished product turned out like Baskets, Mats, Straw Hats have been depicted on stamps issued by Aden, Switzerland, Sarawak, Ecuador, Togo, Guinea Republic, Zambia etc.

Botanical gardens, which serve as a teaching ground for horticulture, are maintained by many countries.

The famous "Travellers' Tree," so named because a traveller may quench his thirst from the water in the hollow at the base of the leaf stalk, is depicted on stamps of Madagascar and North Borneo.

Bamboo, though not in the strictest sense a tree, appears on stamps of a few countries like Jamaica and Viet Nam.

Cactus, has also made an appearance on stamps of Argentina, Madagascar, Monaco etc. A prickly plant, native of tropical America, it is a known land mark in the desert wastes of the United States.

Varied "Logging" Methods :—

This brings to mind lumber jacks at work. Stamps issued in this classification show what happens, after the trees are cut down. The transportation of these logs of trees, from the forests, the route taken to the ultimate destination, which is the mill. Burma and Laos show Elephants at work in timber forests hauling logs.

The Enemy of Forests :—

The Forest Fire and the Beaver, are the two worst enemies of the Forest. Germany

has issued a stamp with the theme "Prevent Forest Fire, and the U. S. A. an interesting slogan cancellation "Remember — only you can prevent Forest Fire. The Beaver, a quadruped rodent, has been featured, on stamps of East Germany and Russia.

Forestry Congress : —

Forestry Congress, which is held every seven years, has as its main theme, the conservation of forests. The first Congress was held at Bogota, Colombia, followed by at Helsinki, Finland at Dehra Dun in India, at Seattle, Washington and at Spain. Forest Research Institute was depicted on the stamp when the Congress was held at Dehra Dun.

Versatile Wood waits on Man : —

This sub-section is further divided in to 12 groups showing the various uses of wood as depicted on stamps. Early Road Transportation, Rail Transportation, Telecommunications Service, Bridges, Musical instruments, in Industry, such as Textile, Paper and Rubber. In the field of sport, wood is used in one form or other for Track and Field events, Ball-Games, Archery, Gymnastics, Winter Games.

Trees that bear Fruit :—

A very interesting slogan was used by Phillipines when a set of two stamps was issued in 1952 to publicise "Fruit Tree Memorial Fund." It reads: "Health and wealth from our Fruit Trees." There are many stamps showing a great variety of Fruit Trees such as: Grape-Fruit, Oranges, Peaches, Citrus, Paw-paw, Apples, Cherries, Plumps, Olives, Limes, Grapes, Cocoder Mer, Coco-nuts, Dates, Bananas, Cinamon etc. This group also shows stamps showing "Palm Wine Tapping" commonly known to us as "Toddy."

Concluding, I may add that this theme, is one of the most educative among the Topical Groupings and one can go on adding to one's collection, because stamps on this theme are being regularly issued by many countries and are easily obtainable.

Courtesy : Mahapex 75 Souvenir.

Felicitations to Sarvashri V. N. S. Rau and G. Madan Mohan Das.

A get-together of the members of the South India Philatelists' Association was arranged at the residence of Shri G. Amarchand at Madras, to honour the past President Shri V. N. S. Rau and our President, Shri G. Madan Mohan Das, who have been elected to Philatelic Congresses of India as President and Secretary respectively.

Shri U. Mohan Rao, Vice-President SIPA, presided over the meeting. Shri K. Prasad, Hon. Secretary read the Felicitations Address. He mentioned that they both need no introduction as they were part and parcel of our association since its inception and that it was almost impossible to think of any meetings of the association or get-togethers on special occasions without their presence and that had been so since 1956, when the association was established.

Shri F. P. Seervai and Shri U. Mohan also spoke in praise of the two stalwarts of the association.

Then the members of the association with great pleasure presented them 'mementos' as a token of their goodwill and affection.

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Elite Philatelic Club :

The Elite Philatelic Club, Madras, felicitated Mr. V. N. S. Rau, President-PCI and Mr. Madan Mohan Das, Secretary-PCI on July 1st 1984, at LLA Building, Mount Road, Madras. Mr. A. Ravoo, President of the club spoke in praise of the two Philatelic Elites.

Mr. Nishith Kar, as well known Philatelist who was present as a guest has written..... "Really it was my proud privilege to be amidst you in the evening of the 17th instant in connection with the party hosted by Shri G. Amarchand....in a befitting manner to honour two of our veteran philatelists like Sarvashri, V. N. S. Rau and G. Madan Mohan Das on their being elected President and Secretary respectively of PCI..... the assemblance and get-together of the venerable and knowledgeable persons like you, will remain in my memory for ever.

List of Indian Postage Stamps issued since 1947

Name of the Issue	Date of Issue	Denomination	No. of Issue
Commemoratives :			
Govind Ballabh Pant	10- 9-65	0-15	1
Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel	31-10-65	0-15	1
Chittaranjan Das	5-11-65	0-15	1
Vidyapati	17-11-65	0-15	1
Pacific Area Travel Association (PATA)	24- 1-66	0-15	1
Jai Jawan	26- 1-66	0-15	1
Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri	26- 1-66	0-15	1
Kambar	5- 4-66	0-15	1
Dr. B. R. Ambedkar	14- 4-66	0-15	1
Babu Kunwar Singh	23- 4-66	0-15	1
Gopal Krishna Gokhale	9- 5-66	0-15	1
Acharya Mahabir Prasad Dwivedi	15- 5-66	0-15	1
Maharaja Ranjit Singh	28- 6-66	0-15	1
Dr. H. J. Bhabha	4- 8-66	0-15	1
Abul Kalam Azad	11-11-66	0-15	1
Swami Rama Tirtha	11-11-66	0-15	1
Children's Day, 1966	14-11-66	0-15	1
Allahabad High Court Centenary	25-11-66	0-15	1

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The Posts and Telegraphs Department has brought out a quarterly news letter on Philately-the hobby of stamp collecting called the "Indian Philatelist." This newsletter shall cover all important philatelic activity in the country as well as abroad. The journal printed in two colours, features facsimiles of important stamps with background material as well as. First Day Covers and special cancellations. The Indian Philatelist is being mailed to all philatelists, philatelic clubs, editors and tourist offices and would soon be the official forum for exchange of information between philatelic clubs, philatelists and the Postal Department.

The magazine besides being of interest to serious philatelists shall be aiming for the popularisation of this hobby of stamp collecting amongst students and children. Through the magazine the Department also plans to conduct an annual popularity poll for Indian stamps.

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Biennial General Body Meeting.....

to become serious collector. He also stressed the importance of literature in obtaining guidance. He then informed the members about the forthcoming Indo-Soviet Bilateral Exhibition, and wanted bigger participation.

Then the Biennial report was discussed and was unanimously accepted by the General Body. Following it Office-bearers. for the year 1984-85 were elected.

Mr. Seervai, requested co-operation and suggestions from the members, to enable the committee to achieve something useful.

Mr. D. H. Rao, thanked the previous committee for its valuable service and all the members for making the meeting a great success. He also thanked the host Mr. G. Amarchand and his family members for giving their valuable space and for the lot of pains taken by them to arrange the meeting. Finally he compared the Association to a ship and its president to an explorer and requested the President to carry the ship to another land.

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