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BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING OF SIPA.

The Biennial General Meeting of the South India Philatelists' Association was held at No. 6, Nannian Street, Madras-600 003, on Sunday the 24th July 1988 at 10-30 a.m.

The following business were transacted.

1. The Biennial Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the Biennial period ended 31-12-87 was received and adopted.

2. Office Bearers and Members of the Executive Committee for 1988 and 1989 were elected.

8. Auditors for the period 1988-89 were appointed.

The Report of the biennial period ended 31st December 1987 and Audited Statement of Accounts of the Association, which were earlier circulated were accepted as read and unanimously adopted by the General body.

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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 our Library Hall at 6- Nannian Street, Madras-3

(Timings: 10-45 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

World of Music and Philately—Contd.

By A. N. RAJESHWAR RAO

[A. N. Rajeshwar Rao, B.Com., M.A., (Eco) is a member of the Helper Movement. He has to his credit a Silver Bronze Medal at a State travel Exhibition. He is a great lover of Indian Classical Carnatic Music]

THE DEVELOPMENT OF CARNATIC MUSIC :

Dikshitar : Born during 1775 was a versatile and masterly composer of Carnatic Music. The outstanding feature of Dikshitar's composition is that they present a vivid accurate and full picture of the raga employed and not merely some of his facts. He was a Veena player and the first person to bring violin into Carnatic Music, which has become a must for today's concert (1976 issue).

Shyama Shastri : Eldest of the 'Trinity' of Carnatic Music was born in Tiruvarur in 1762. His compositions are original and have a style of their own. They are in slow tempo and the Raga (Melody type) delineated in a few clear phrases full of Raga Bhava. He has composed both in well known and rare Ragas but he chose ragas whose form is depicted more by "Sancharas" (Movements) and "Gamas" (Graces) then by the bare notes. He was also a master of Laya (Rhythm) and we find that had won musical contests by his command over laya. "Swarajati" which was basically a dance form was developed by him into a beautiful musical form fit for concerts. His compositions are in praise of Goddess Kamakshi and Minakshi which are in Sanskrit Telugu and Tamil (1983 issue).

Music & Nationalism : I do not know how far I am right in bringing this sheet to my collection. I put forth to the readers for their views.

Bankim Chandra Chattarji & His "Vande Mataram" Stamp ; Any kind of introduction will be a waste on this Bengali Poet. He has a special place in our Indian Literature and for his work 'ANANDA MATH' published in 198 (1967 issue)

"Vande Matharam" our former National Anthem was not only a song but a sword to the British. Many many persons have given their lives only because of chanting the Vande Matharam. That word gave freedom fighters a new confidence and it became the war cry (The Stamp of 1976).

Then the Tagore the Noble Prize winner and the composer of our present National Anthem which stands a bridge for our unity and integration whatever may be the caste, or his mother tongue and birth place there is only one National Anthem, which every one has to know and sing.

Then the stamp of QUIT INDIA movement during 1942, showing Gandhi and Nehru. At that time song of Iqbal 'Sare Jaha Se' was the main spirit for the freedom fighters

Dandi March of Gandhi - 1980 issue - The Song "Kadam Bhadake Chalo" was sung in Chorus to attract people during the great Dandi March.

Like the music has its own part besides the screen for our freedom fight. Even today during the war days the army is encouraged by Patriotic Songs.

Like this almost all countries have issued on their National Anthems along with or without their writer. To provide its check list takes many pages & I do not feel it is necessary to go so deep in to the Subject matter.

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Special Covers on Indian Naval Theme

Sl. No.	Date	Occasion	Remarks
1	26-01-66	JAI JAWAN	Stamp/FDC issued by P & T. Stamp depicts INS Mysore.
2	15-12-69	INDIAN NAVY	Stamp/FDC issued by P & T.
3	04-12-72	INDIAN NAVY	Special cover issued by Army Postal Service.
4	30-06-78	INS DELHI	Special cover Issued by Army Postal Service.
5	30-06-78	INS DELHI	Special cover Issued by Mr. D.H. Rao, Life Member 010
6	30-11-79	NAVPHILEX 79	Issued by NPS
7	01-12-79	do	do
8	02-12-79	do	do
9	23-11-80	NAVPHILEX 83	do
10	29-11-80	do	do
11	30-11-80	do	do
12	04-12-81	Navy Day 81	Stamp/FDC issued by P & T Stamp depicts INS TARAGIRI.
13	18-05-82	11th Anniversary of INS VIRBAHU	Issued by INS VIRBAHU
14	08-12-82	15th Anniversary of Submarine Arm	1st underwater cancellation on Indian Submarine. Issued by NHQ. Cancellations at Visakhapatnam, Bombay, New Delhi.
15	16-08-83	Inauguration of PO in Chief Eng. Dry Dock Office Complex.	Special cover issued by CE DD(V). Cancellation depicts North Dry-Dock under construction.
16	04-12-83	30th Anniversary of Naval Aviation.	Special cover issued by NHQ. Cancellations at Visakhapatnam, Bombay, New Delhi, Goa & Cochin.
17	12-02-84	President's Review of the Fleet	Issued by P & T
18	26-11-84	Presentation of colours by President to Southern Naval Command.	Issued by NHQ, Cochin Naval Base PO cancellation.
19	01-02-85	8th Anniversary of Coast Guard.	Issued by Coast Guard. Cancellation at Madras, Port Blair, New Delhi, Bombay.
20	03-05-85	Dockyard Day	Issued by Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam.
21	07-07-85	25th Anniversary of Indian Naval Air Sqn. 300.	Issued by Naval HQrs at Dabolim PO, Goa.

Sl. No.	Date	Occasion	Remarks
22	29-08-85	Decommissioning of INS Mysore.	Issued by NHQ. Cancellation at Bombay.
23	25-10-85	PEONT 85	Issued by NPS
24	26-10-85	PEONT 85	do
25	11-01-86	250th Anniversary of Naval Dockyard Bombay.	Stamp/FDC issued by P & T.
26	11-01-86	MARIPEX 86	Issued by ND(B), Inaugural day Maximum Card.
27	14-01-86	do	Ship week
28	21-01-86	do	Flag week
29	28-01-86	do	Marine week
30	04-02-86	do	Armed Forces Week
31	11-02-86	do	Closing date
32	18-02-86	INS Vikrant	Stamp/FDC Issued by P & T
33	09-05-86	25th Anniversary of 310 Indian Naval Air Squadron.	Issued by NHQ. Cancellation at Bombay.
34	05-07-86	11th OK DINGHY and 1st LASER Class National Regatta 86	Issued by MCEME. Secunderabad.
35	17-09-86	INS " Sindhu Ghosh " Arrival at Vizag.	Special Cancellation issued by P & T.
36	23-09-86	INS " Shishumar " arrival in India.	Special Cancellation issued by P & T.
37	10-01-87	1st Indian Sailing Expedition round the world 1986-87.	Stamp/FDC issued by P & T.
38	05-04-87	Presentation of colours to Eastern Naval Command by President.	Issued by Eastern Naval Command.
39	18-05-87	25th Anniversary of Indian Naval Hospital Ship Kalyani.	Issued by INSH Kalyani.
40	31-07-87	Commissioning of INS ' Magar ' at GRSE Calcutta.	Issued by GRSE.
41	04-12-87	Navy Day 87	Slogan Cancellation issued at GPO Hyderabad and HPO Secunderabad.
42	21-12-87	20th Anniversary of Submarine Area.	Special cover issued by Flag Officer Submarines (FOSM) at Visakhapatnam. Special Cancellation issued at Cochin, Bombay, Madras, Visakhapatnam, Goa and New Delhi.

Courtesy : NAVAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

First Helicopter Mail Services

by S. P. OJHA

Inter-Islands Helicopter Mail Service was started in January 1988 by Pawan Hans Ltd., in the Andaman & Nicobar islands. The need has been felt to use this transport system for carrying of first class mails by replacing existing mail conveyance through boat/ship whose frequency was less as compared to operations by Pawan Hans Ltd. This has expedited the delivery of first class mail

The service was inaugurated on 27-1-88 by the Lt. Governor, and to mark this occasion a special cancellation was provided. This is an important event in aviation philately in India, because it is the first use of regular helicopter for conveyance of first class mails. The details of the schedules of service between inter-islands are given below :

Schedule of Helicopter Service between Inter-Islands Northern Routes :- (All Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays)

Arrival Time (Hrs.)	Place	Departure Time (Hrs.)
—	Port Blair	0730
0755	Rangat	0805
0820	Mayabunder	0830
0840	Diglipur	0850
0900	Mayabunder	0910
0925	Rangat	0935
1000	Port Blair	—

Southern Routes: (All Tuesdays and Saturdays)

—	Port Blair	0730
0800	Hut bay	0810
0850	Carnicobar	0920
1000	Hut bay	1010
1040	Port Blair	—

Arrival Time (Hrs.)	Place	Departure Time (Hrs.)
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Southern Routes (B) : (All Thursdays)

—	Port Blair	0730
0800	Hut bay	0810
0850	Carnicobar	0920
0955	Kamorla	1005
1040	Cambell bay	1050
1125	Kamorla	1135
1210	Carnicobar	1240
1320	Hut bay	1330
1400	Port Blair	—

Courtesy ; 'SIGNET'

Jan.-March '88

(Biennial General Meeting of SIPA

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The report mainly highlighted the activities of the Association, namely the Regular monthly meetings, talks given by members, Philatelic displays made, Committee Meetings, Exchange / Auction Meetings, SIPA Bulletin, Library and other activities.

Then the Election of Office Bearers took place and new Office Bearers and Committee Members were elected.

After the election was over our new President, Shri G. Madan Mohan Das thanked the members and also gave a gist of the programme of India-89 and wanted the members to utilize the opportunity to see an International Exhibition which is conducted once nearly in 10 years [According to the list of 'Future FIP World Exhibitions,' as published in SIGNET - Aug - June 1988, there is not going to be any FIP Sponsored World Exhibition in India upto year 2001]

The meeting came to a close with sweet, savoury, ice cream and tea served to all those present.

At our Monthly Meetings:

April 1988: 24 members were present. The meeting was presided by Sri F. P. Seervai, President.

Thiru S. Viswanathan, a life member displayed his collection of Cochin, Feudatory State stamps and narrated the difficulties he had experienced in collecting them. He informed the members that in spite of the fact that the number of stamps issued by the state was fewer, the collection of it couldn't be completed by him. He also narrated his bitter experiences with auctioneers who at times demanded very high price.

Thiru D. H. Rao, Vice-President showed a cover with special cancellation which was received from the Naval Philatelic Society, Bombay (Thiru D. H. Rao is a specialist who makes a scientific and thematic study of Philatelic items relating to 'Ship').

Thiru S. Ramanujam a Committee Member informed the members of a Junior Philatelic Exhibition proposed to be held at Coimbatore and requested the members to attend the same. He also wanted the juniors to participate.

May 1988: 20 members were present Sri F. P. Seervai presided.

Sri Mohd. Habeeb, a new member had brought a newspaper cutting regarding value on collection of stamps, in which it was stated that the Asian stamp collecting had become more lucrative than gold dealing. There was a mention of some costly Malaysian stamps and the stamps trade in Singapore, Hongkong etc.

Sri F. P. Seervai then gave a talk on 'Water Mark' on stamps. He informed about the different kinds of Water Marks on stamps and even in Post Covers. He told the members that at first water mark was introduced in currencies and later on that was adopted in stamps also. He has shown some of the Post covers in which water mark was found as in the case of stamps.

Sri G. Madan Mohan Das gave a talk on Perfin Stamps. He said Perfin stamps were used to avoid misuse of stamps by the staff. Then he showed a bunch of covers which were delivered from early in the morning till late in the evening accounting for nearly eighteen deliveries in a day and requested the members to study the cancellation for gathering interesting informations.

June-1988: 21 members were present.

Our President Sri F. P. Seervai displayed for the benefit of the members the new issues of commemoratives, FDACS, Stationery and Army Postal covers since last month. He gave a brief account of Junior Pex-'88 held at Coimbatore from 22nd to 25th May 88.

Sri Jamal A. Ravoof who had won a Silver Medal at Tanapex-88 for this collection of Refugee Relief stamps collection gave a display talk on the subject which was educative, instructive and illustrative of how postal history could be written about the short history of Refugee Relief. He also explained the difficulties experienced by him while doing research on the subject.

Sri G. Madan Mohan Das then read out the particulars of the forth-coming new issues, special / slogan cancellations, forth coming state level exhibitions. He also read out the latest bulletin of India-89 from New Delhi and wanted members to go over to New Delhi to see the International Exhibition as they are conducted once in 10 years.

Then Sri Dilip Saboo showed some unique items of white Sind Dawk and a Block of Imperf of 50 P Dairy Farming.

INDIA-89

INDIA-89 World Philatelic Exhibition: The last date for receipt of Application Forms has been extended from 30th April, 1988 to 30th June, 1988. The last date for notification of whether collections have been accepted or not will likewise be extended from 30th June to 31st July, 1988.