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EDITORIAL

Editor, SIPA Bulletin wishes its members and readers a Happy Prosperous New Year 1995. During the Year 1994 many state level Exhibitions were held and new collectors had an opportunity to enter Exhibitions: Especially Juniors took to this hobby in great numbers at Kamapex '94 compelling the Allotment committee to give one frame only instead of the maximum of three. Many of their entries were of a good standard. All credit goes to chapter for Youth Philately at Bangalore. On the International Sphere, at the 63rd FIP Congress at Seoul Shri D.N.Jatia had the unique distinction of being re-elected as President of the Federation of International Philately for another term of four years. Shri Dilip Shah, Vice-President & Secretary General of the Philatelic Congress of India won the highest AWARD - GRAND PRIX D'HONNEUR at the recently concluded Philakorea '94 World Stamp Exhibition. He is also life member of our Association. He has brought honour to the country and Indian Philately as this is the first time an Indian has won this Grand Award for "INDIA" Collection at an F.I.P. World Exhibition, Earlier Shri P. Gupta, Past President of Philatelic Congress of India had become the first Indian to win the Grand prix for his "NEPAL" collection. Shri Dilip Shah, an industrialist and philatelist of repute had earlier won grand prix national at India '89 India's World Stamp Exhibition held at New Delhi in 1989.

Many of the House Journals have changed the format of their journals, especially the printing and contents of "TOP PHIL" a Quarterly Journal, "BHIPHILL" from Bhilai, Two New Journals - "PHILA", the Bimonthly Journal of Jal Cooper Philatelic Society from Varansi, containing articles both in Hindi and English edited by Shri K.K. Rastogi, "STAMP NEWS-LETTER", a monthly Journal edited by Kabitha Roy

contains good articles of foreign postal administrations new issues besides giving a glimpse of India new issues, deserves encouragement from all stamp collectors. Some Journals have increased their subscriptions, all the other journals have kept up their usual trend of printing, good articles. "SIPA" Bimonthly Bulletin has completed 15 years of its useful existence and is entering its 16th year of publication with this issue. The Editor would like to have good articles from senior philatelists on various aspects of philately for publication.

We are thankful to the various philatelic dealer advertisers for their patronage and look forward to their continued patronage in future.

We have little to talk about since our performance speaks volumes.

We are thankful to MITTAL STAMP COMPANY, Jaipur and to STAMPEX, Meerut for having mailed their two price lists to all the members of our Association.



CAPEX '96 marks the fourth time Toronto and Canada will play host to a world philatelic exhibition sponsored by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, under the patronage of la Federation Internationale de Philatelie.

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Dear Members

Wish you a

Happy and Prosperous

New Year 1995 & Sweet Pongal

SIPA MEETINGS

Second sunday of every month - Regular meeting at the Philatelic Bureau, Anna Road Post Office, Madras - 600 002 (10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.) first and third sunday of every month - Auction meeting at our Library Hall at 6 Nannian Street, Madras - 3 (Timing 10.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

SIPA Library Open Tuesday & Sunday, 6 Nannian Street, Madras 3. (7 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

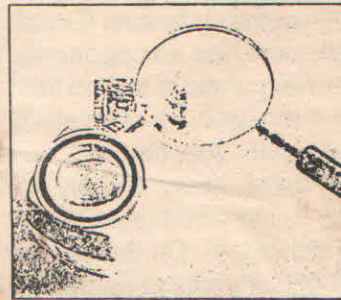
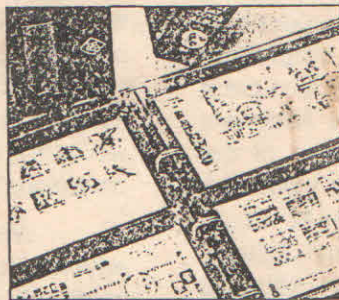
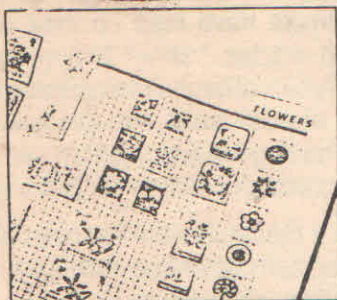
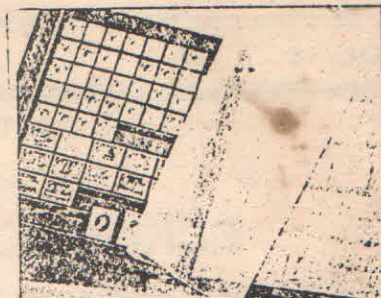
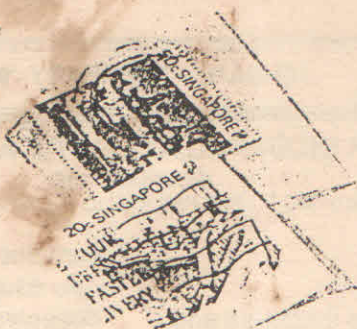
THE COLLECTOR'S KIT

Stamps are like antiques - their value will diminish if not properly cared for. To preserve the value of your stamps, you will need to keep them in good condition. There is a wide range of accessories in the market to help protect your stamps from damage or deterioration. Some basic accessories are listed here.

STAMP ALBUMS can help you to organise your collection. The album pages may be printed with illustrations

mounting stamps to album pages have gained popularity. For collectors of first day covers, first day cover albums with transparent polythelene pockets are useful. They help keep the covers from soiling through frequent handling.

Tweezers allow you to handle stamps without dirtying or damaging them. Choose those made of good quality stainless steel with flat rounded ends as those with sharp ends may damage the stamps. The tweezers you should

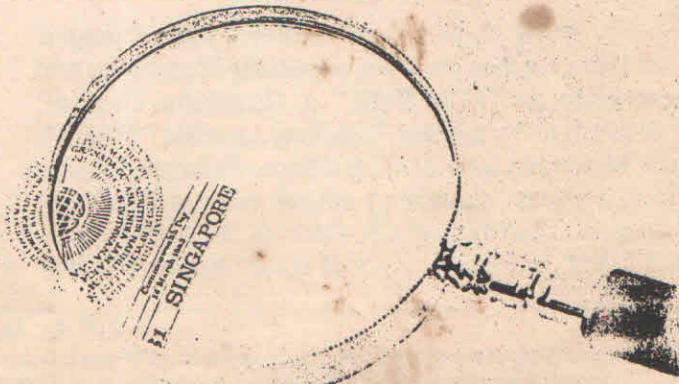
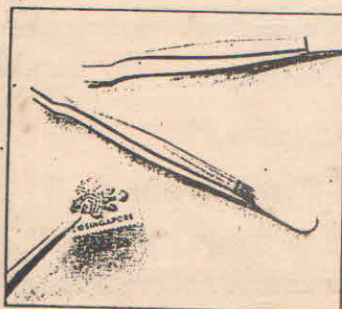
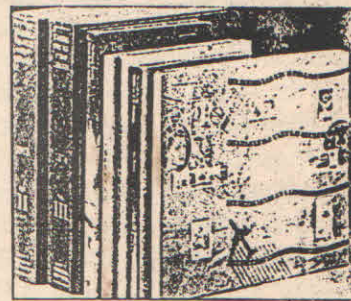
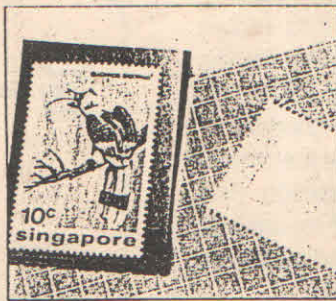
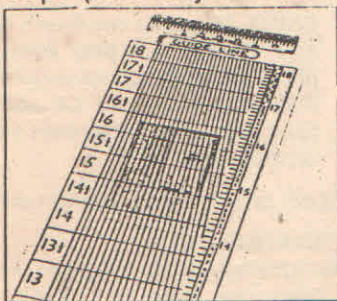


of the stamps of a particular country or may be plain with only the country name or the name of a theme (such as birds, transportation, etc.) printed on them.

The use of gummed paper hinges to mount stamps to album pages are less popular these days as hinges disturb the gum of unused stamps. Instead, the use of transparent strips (commonly called Hawid strips) for

buy are stamp tweezers which have flat ends and not cosmetic tweezers which have ridges for better grip.

STOCK BOOKS with transparent strips for holding stamps are useful for beginners. They keep your stamps in one place. When you decide later on organising your collection, you can transfer the stamps from the stock book to your stamp album.



GLASSINE ENVELOPES are made of special thin paper to keep grease and dampness from damaging stamps. You can store your stamps in these envelopes until you put them into your stamp albums. These envelopes are available in packs.

Whether you collect stamps for fun or for financial returns, you will find a **STAMP CATALOGUE** an important reference book. stamp catalogues give complete listings of all the stamps issued by country. Generally, catalogue listings provide details on the types of stamps issued, from the earliest to current, the dates of issue, face values and market values (both mint and fine-used), colours and descriptions of designs, perforation details, printing processes and varieties, names of designers and printers. The information in such catalogues can help you estimate the value of your collection, alert you to the printing varieties that exist so that you can look out for them, let you know the number of stamps to make up a complete set and educate you on the various details to look for in stamp. To help you identify your stamps, some basic accessories are required and these are as follows:

A **COLOUR GUIDE** will help both beginners and specialists in identifying the colours of early issues which tend to be printed in single colour or at most two colours. Modern stamps are printed in four or more colours making colour identification difficult.

A **MAGNIFYING GLASS** is another important tool. Available in the form of table top, hand held or pocket size, a magnifying glass enables you to study details of the design and printing in the stamp.

Those interested in ascertaining the size of perforations of their stamps will find a **PERFORATION GAUGE**, you can measure the number of complete perforations within the length of 20 mm of a stamp easily.

CAPEX '96

A world Philatelic Exhibition, designated as CAPEX '96 sponsored by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. With the participation of the Canada post corporation and under the patronage of FIP, will be held in Toronto, Canada from 8th to 16th June 1996. The exhibition will feature display of more than 4,000 exhibit frames, each holding 16 standard size album pages.

Philatelic Materials

For Stock Books, Albums, Graph Sheets,

Hawid Mount Butter Paper Covers, Country Stamp Pockets, Thematic stamp packets, Indian commemoratives in Bundles, Indian Definitives in Bundles, Errors Etc.,

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INDIA POST

New Issues :

- 5 January. 200p commemorative stamp on the occasion of 8th International Conference and Seminar of Tamil Studies held at Thanjavur. Tamil Nadu from 1-5 January. The theme of the conference was Contribution of Tamil Culture to the 21st Century. More than 800 scholars from all over the world participated in the conference.
- 7 January. 600p to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Indian National Science Academy. The design symbolises the global dimension of INSA and the many areas of its scientific and technological achievements.
- 9 January. 100p commemorative stamp on the 50th death anniversary of Sri Chhotu Ram, whose life was a saga of sincerity and ceaseless striving to improve the lot of peasants in India.
- 11 January. A set of 2 stamps of 1100p and 600p to commemorate 100 years of Cinema. The set has been designed by Suresh Kumar.
- 12 January. 200p stamp to commemorate 1994 SARRC Youth Year.
- 15 January. 200p multicolour stamp on Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa.
- 15 January. 200p stamp to commemorate 50 years of Prithvi Theatres.
- 18 January. 200p stamp on the occasion of Tex-Styles India-95, the biggest textile fair in India, held in Bombay, from 18th January.
- 18 February. 100p commemorative stamp on Rafi Ahmed Kidwai on the occasion of his birth centenary. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai had made lasting contributions in whatever field he took up. As a Minister for food and agriculture, he successfully controlled prices of essential commodities besides contributing to the nation's self-sufficiency in food grain production. As a Minister of communications, he introduced the revolutionary concept in mail transmission namely the night air mail services which significantly speeded up the mail transmission between major cities. The weekly holiday facility for Postal Staff was another major decision taken by him. In order to mobilise resources for the expansion of telephone facilities, he introduced the Own Your Telephone scheme. Top priority was given to redressal of public grievances in the communication Ministry during his tenure.
- 17 February. Definitive stamp in the denomination of 100p on the theme of Oil Conservation.

Postal stationery:-

- Postcards with the advertisement of Food and Nutrition in Manipuri "Consume leaf vegetables for minerals and Vitamins" released with effect from 5.12.94.
- Postcards with the advertisement of Food and Nutrition Board in Kannada "consume leaf vegetables for minerals and Vitamins" released with effect from 5.12.94.
- Inland Letter Cards with advertisement of Directorate of Publications, Customs & Central Excise in bilingual.

CENTRAL EXCISE DEPARTMENT GOLDEN JUBILEE

released with effect from 5.12.94

- Postcards with the advertisement of Food and Nutrition Board in Tamil "Consume leaf vegetables for minerals and Vitamines" released with effect from 5.12.94.
- Postcards with the advertisement of Ministry of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS IN English FOR HEALTHY LIVING KEEP YOUR ENVIRONMENT GREEN.
- 1 February. Postcards with the advertisement of Petroleum Conservation Research Association in Hindi. The advertisement reads "Thel Bahumulya Hei; Isko Bachat Karey".
- Inland Letter Cards with the advertisement of Petroleum Conservation Research Association in English reading as below "SAVE OIL FOR INDIA'S SELF-RELIANCE" released with effect from 1-2-1995.

Special Covers/ Cancellations:

- A special cancellation provided on 30.12.94, 1.1.95 and 4.1.95 at Calcutta on the occasion of 6th National Boscree.
- A special cancellation provided on the occasion of centenary celebration of Dr. S.K. Bhuyan at Guwahati on 26.1.95.
- A special cancellation on 4.2.95 on the occasion of Silver Jubilee of 90 years of service to mankind at Mysore -570 001.
- A special cancellations at Anna Road H.O. on 4 February (Madras- 2) on the occasion of the Rotary District Conference. A special cover also issued on this occasion.
- A special cancellation on 15.2.95 on the occasion of the golden Jubilee of INS-Shivaji at Lonavla - 410 402.

Post Independence India First day Covers/ Cancellations (Some Variations).

Compiled by : Dr. Pradeep K. Padhi

A. No first day cover on Special Cancellation :

1. 1947 - Jai Hind
2. 1951 - Geological Survey.
(Geological Survey of India provided a special rubber stamp impression)

3. 1954 - U.N. Day
4. 1954 - Forestry Congress.
5. 1958 - Map Series
6. 1963 - Kalidas Overprint
7. 1974 - Unicef
8. 1982 - Archery. Asian Games.

B. No. F.D.C., but Special post mark.

1. 1948 - Air India
2. 1953 - Railway Centenary
3. 1955 - Five year plan

C. Only Single Place Cancellation :

1. 1951 - Asian Games - Games venue P.O. - Delhi
2. 1962 - Rajendra Prasad - Rastrapati Bhavan
3. 1964 - Nehru - New Delhi

(These were sold throughout the country)

D. Special cancellation used for 2 days

1957 - Mutiny - on 15th and 16th August.

Rubber cachet with 3 types of ink.

E. More than one FDC : Different Sizes

1. 1954 - Stamp Centenary : 3 sizes
 - i) 22.8 x 10.2 cm
 - ii) 16.7 x 11.2 cm
 - iii) 15.8 x 12.8 cm
- 2) 1960 - Kalidas - 2 sizes
 - i) 22.8 x 10.2 cms.
 - ii) 15.3 x 9 cms.

F. More than one FDC : Different designs.

1. 1961 Aerial Post - 2 different designs one for use at Allahabad only and other throughout the country.
2. 1964 - Netaji Subash Ch. Bose.
3. 1969 - Mahatma Gandhi.

G. Cancellation separately in English & Hindi

1. 1950 - Inauguration of Republic
2. 1952 - Poets series.
3. 1954 - Stamp Centenary (6 different sizes)

H. First Machine Cancellation :

1974 - Kamala Nehru - New Delhi.
2 cancellations - thick & thin.

I. Other Variations.

1. 1957 - Tilak - "Tilak Janm Sthan" was included in cancellation provided at Ratnagiri.
2. 1961 - Shivaji - Cancellation provided at "shivneri" is different.
3. 1964 - Purandar das - Rubber cachet with 2 different inks provided at Hampi.
4. 1969 - Mahatma Gandhi - Slogan cancellation by 56 A.P.O.
5. 1970 - Bethoven - National centre for Performing Arts cancellation in addition to Bombay G.P.O.'s
6. 1972 - Asia-72 - pictorial cancellation of Fair venue.
7. 1973 - Gandhi & Nehru - sloan cancellation provided at Parliament street HO.
8. 1975 - World Table Tennis - Pictorial Cancellation at Netaji Indoor Stadium the venue of the event.
9. 1975 - World Telugu Conf. - Pictorial cancellation at Hyderabad.
10. 1975 - Arya Bhataa - The stamp was released without prior information, simultaneously with launch of satellite (Released by Indra Gandhi at Aurobindo Ashram, Pondichery)
11. 1976 - Locomotives - Pictorial cancellation at Rail Nilayam.
12. 1978 - Kavi Nandalal - Special cancellation at Gujarat univeristy P.O.
13. 1978 - Museums - cancellation is different between Museums & Philatelic bureaus.
14. 1978 - Skinners Horse - A.P.O gave a spl. cancellation without name or A.P.O. No.
15. 1979 - Air Mail - A.P.O. provided different cancellation on 50p, stamp.

Courtesy : Stamps and Stamps.

PHILORAMA

23.9.94 : Institute of Mental Health, Madras : 200p

When it came into existence in 1794 under a private management, it was exclusively meant for the mentally ill and most of the inmates were Europeans. Over time, admission was extended to Indians and in 1922, the management was taken over by the Government. With advances in psychiatry and the growing significance of mental health promotion, the Government Mental Hospital was rechristened The Institute of Mental Health in the 1970s, opening a new chapter of modernisation in its history, giving primacy to a positive approach for the enhancement of mental health.

The institute has grown into one of the largest of its kind in India rendering mental health services to about 1800 inmates and 400 out patients every day. The psychiatric social workers, recreational therapists, clinical psychologists, occupational therapists, skilled training staff and other personnel apart from psychiatrists and psychiatric nurses, form an army of over 800 professionals, coordinating and contributing to provide optimum mental health facilities. The institute also offers special clinical services for child guidance and problems of old age, neuro-psychiatry and neurosis, etc. In response to the growing menace of drug abuse and alcoholism, a deaddiction clinic and a ward have been added recently. A family therapy unit is expected to come up shortly where the family members of a patient would be able to stay and participate in the process of treatment.

As an academic centre, the institute meets the training, teaching and research needs of the profession, adding to the body of knowledge in this field, and has come to be recognised for Ph.D. It is doing yeoman services in the areas of community health care and community based mental health programmes as well.

The stamp commemorates the bi-centenary of the Institute.

02.10.94 : 125th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi : setenant, 600 & 1100p.

While the smaller stamp of the setenant has a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi the large shows Mahatma in 3 different postures along with a few of his earthly possessions used in daily life. Both the stamps bear his famous quote "My life is my message".

The stamp is designed by Shr Sankha Samata and Shri Suresh Kumar, Delhi based artists from materials made available by Gandhi Smriti and National Gandhi Museum and Trust.

The Information Brochure with a cover design showing India's previous issues on Mahatma Gandhi and also other subjects featuring Mahatma is designed by Smt. Alka Sharma.

30.10.94 : XVI International Cancer Congress : 600 p

The XVI International Cancer Congress, held in New Delhi from 30th October to 5th November, 1994, is an important quadrennial event of the UICC, the International Union Against Cancer, the largest non-government organisation in the world for a concerted scientific effort for the control and cure of cancer and has 285 member - organisations in 83 countries. The organisational responsibility of the Congress in India was shouldered by the Tata Memorial Centre under the administrative control of the Department of Atomic Energy.

The Congress is a unique and historic event as it was held, for the first time, in a region of the world which centers between Eastern Europe, Middle East and South East Asia - an area which holds the majority of the world population where the incidence of cancer is rising.

As the attention of the world scientific community is focussed on the preponderance of cancer morbidity

LIST OF STAMPS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR 1994

1.1.94	Satyendranth Bose	100 p	8.11.94	World Conference of Human Resource Development	600 p
10.1.94	Dr. Sampurnanand	100 p	14.11.94	Children's Day	100 p
11.1.94	Satyajit Ray (Setenant)	1100	20.11.94	International year of the Family	200 p
21.2.94	Dr. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar	100 p	21.11.94	Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library	600 p
7.3.94	Prajapita Brahma Kumari	100 p	23.11.94	Water Birds	1100, 800, 600
14.3.94	Eighth Triennale - India	600 p	29.11.94	J.R.D. Tata	200 p
26.3.94	United Planter's Assn. of Southern India (Centenary)	200 p	30.11.94	Centenary of Calcutta Blind School	200 p
9.4.94	Rani Rashmani	100 p	2.12.94	Begum Akbtar	200 p
13.4.94	75th Anniversary of the JALLIANWALA BAGH MARTYRDOM	100 p	4.12.94	125th Annsy. of St. Xavier's College	200 p
23.4.94	Chandra Singh Garhwali	100 p	14.12.94	215 Years of Remount Veterinary Corps	600 p
1.5.94	75th Anniversary of the International Labour Organisation (World of Work)	600 p	19.12.94	200 years of College of Engineering, Guindy	200 p
25.5.94	IPTA - Indian Peoples' Theatre Association	200 p	20.12.94	The Baroda Museum	600 p
12.8.94	4th Battalion Madras Wallajabad Light Infantry Bi-centenary	650 p	28.12.94	200 years of Bombay G.P.O.	600 p
23.9.94	Institute of Mental Health Madras	200 p			
2.10.94	125 Years of Mahatma Gandhi	1100			
30.10.94	XVI International Cancer Congress	600 p			

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and mortality in the developing countries of this area, it provided a major thrust to the anticancer activities in India and the surrounding regions and boosted the efforts of government and non-government organisations the high professional and monetary inputs associated with this event, as well as the technology transfer in the cancer field, is likely to update and spread the cancer facilities presently available and increase awareness all round.

The programme of this international medical scientific meeting, at which thousands of delegates including nobel laureates participated, encompasses the various disciplines in oncology with special emphasis on the merging area in prevention, treatment and research. Cancer nursing, public and professional education and human resources development for the global effort against cancer, have also been given due importance.

As the world strives to overcome the threat of cancer, there is hope in scientific progress and new discoveries. This stamp shows that health care has been an important theme in Indian philately. Nearly 5500 foreign delegates and 1500 industrial participated in the congress.

8.11.94 : World Conference on Human Resource Development : 600p

A World Conference on Human Resource Development, held in New Delhi from November 8-11, 1994, under the aegis of the International Federation of Training and Development Organisations whose major aim is to encourage education, cross-cultural exchange and co-operation in the field of HRD was hosted by the Indian Society for Training and Development, which is affiliated to IFTDO.

The Conference is the 23rd in the series of World Conference of IFTDO, with theme 'Global Changes and Stability in 2000 AD Strategic Issues' to reflect on major economic, social and political changes, to which we are witness, and attempt a delineation of the strategic role for the HRD profession at the international, national, organisational and individual levels.

Human Resource Development is, today, one of the most important issues, basic to the development of the country. The Conference brought together academics, managers, HRD practitioners and consultants worldwide to pool their experiences, insights and theoretical expositions in identifying and discussing global changes, challenges and strategies by the advent of the 21st century.

Children's Day - 1994 : 100p

The Universal Children's Day is observed on November 14 every year, the birthday of 'Chacha Nehru' our first Prime Minister whose love and affection for children was the delight of every parent, and an inspiration to all.

On this day, as we renew our social and moral commitment towards the needs and rights of children, we are reminded that children are our greatest source of future wealth and their well being and growth is of prime importance to the building of a strong nation.

Children need us as we need them. Every child is a distinct individual for whom guidance in childhood is

a preparation for life's career and citizenship and development of character leads to success and happiness in life. Keeping this in mind, children should remain the focus of all our activities and receive our undivided attention.

As a hobby which starts in childhood, stamp collecting has a world wide fascination. It is a hobby that makes children more aware about what is happening in the world around us, helps them to grow in life.

Paintings by children are a colourful expression of their creativity. Every year a special postage stamp is issued on children's Day carrying a design which is usually based on a painting done by a child. This stamp is based on a painting by Namrata Amit Shah and a First Day Cover depicts the painting of Apte Girish Jayant.

Courtesy : Shankar's International Competition for Children.

20.11.94 International Year of the Family Rs.2.00

The United Nations has declared 1994 as International year of the Family. This is to highlight the importance of family as a primary institution which takes care of several needs of the individual and its vital role in providing security to the individual and also cultivate in him several ethics and social norms. The stamp design shows the logo of the International year of the Family which is a heart enclosed in a roof alongwith a three generation Indian family. The design has been done by Suresh Kumar.

21.11.94 Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library 600p

Khuda Baksh Library established in 1891 by Khuda Bakh Khan, has emerged on exceptional centre for Oriental studies, Indian Art & Culture today. It is declared as an institution of national importance by an Act of Parliament in 1969. The Library has an invaluable collection of arabic, persian & Urdu manuscripts & original paintings of the Mughal, Iranian & Turkish Schools. The stamp design shows the paintings of the Taj Mahal selected from Badha Nama, which is the complete history of the times of Shahjahan from his birth to death. by two different authors. The First day cover shows the remarks recorded by Mahathma Gandhi during his visit to library in 1925.

23.11.94 Water Birds 100p, 600p, 800p, 1100p

The birds chosen for the stamps are as follows :

i. Pinkhead duck : This beautiful duck has not been reported since 1935 and is believed to be extinct in India.

ii. Blacknecked Crane : The most endangered of the world's 15 cranes. Within India, it is restricted to Ladakh and Arunachal. It inhabits and migrates to paddies at lower altitude in winter.

iii. Andaman Teal : This teal is totally restricted at Andaman group of Islands where it inhabits tidal creeks and inlets as well as fresh water pool and swamps of these Islands. Spends most of the day perched on mangrove trees or in shady spots.

iv. Eastern white stork : Quite similar to the white stork except that it has a larger and black bill. Its status is highly

endangered as the stork has not been reported from India for the last few decades.

The stamp and F.D.C. designs of these birds were made by Shri J.P. Irani, Bombay stamps. The stamps are being printed in the private sector and Madras Security Printers is undertaking this job. The four birds will be in a block of four stamps separated by perforation.

29.11.94 J.R.D. Tata 200 p

Of the first death anniversary of J.R.D. Tata a special commemorative stamp released. This multi-colour stamp shows a portrait of J.R.D. Tata along with pictorial depiction of his well known contributions in the fields of Civil Aviation, steel industry, automobile manufacturing etc.

30.11.94 Calcutta Blind School Centenary 200 p

The Calcutta Blind school has been doing yeoman service to the visually handicapped for the last 100 years. They have been updating their infrastructure in line with the latest developments in imparting education to the visually handicapped. The curriculum includes courses in computer using special aids.

2.12.94 Begum Akhtar Rs.2.00

A special commemorative stamp on Begum Akhtar, the legendary singer issued on 2.12.94 on the occasion of her 80th birthday. It is also a significant day as on this day in 1919 at the age of 5, she joined the local missionary school in Faizabad where the renowned singer Grohar Jan heard her sing and she predicted a bright future for the little Akhtari. Begum Akhtar who is called the Mother of Ghazals in the Indian Sub Continent, by her passion for ghazal singing brought it into the forefront as a musical expression.

The stamp and first day Cover designs have been prepared by Shri Yashwat Jamsandekar based on the photographs by Shri Avinash Pasricha.

4.12.94 St. Xavier's College, Bombay Rs.2.00

On 4.12.94 Department of Posts issue a special commemorative stamp on 125th anniversary of St. Xavier's College, Bombay. St. Xavier's college, Bombay one of the oldest colleges in the country has established a name for itself not only as a premier institution of higher learning and academic excellence but also for innovation and creativity in the field of curricular, co-curricular and extra curricular activities. The College has been the nursery of several post graduate courses which are now independent full fledged institutions. The college over the years has consistently striven to maintain high standards of education. The College provides regular seminars, work shops, field trips, students feedback and updated library services and other facilities. Many of the Alumni have distinguished themselves in diverse fields.

The stamp, FDC and cancellations have been prepared based on the materials supplied by the Principal, St. Xavier's College, Bombay.

4.12.94 Remount Veterinary Corps (RVC)

A special commemorative stamp on one of the important units of the Indian Army namely RVC issued on

14.12.94 on the occasion of its 215th anniversary. RVC meets one of the important logistic needs of the Indian Army, by providing expertise in breeding and rearing high quality horses and dogs which are very vital for conveyance and patrol in inhospitable terrains. The Corps has taken part in several operations in the pre and post independence era and is also a part of the Indian contingent in the present peace keeping force at Somalia.

19.12.94 College of Engineering, Madras 200 p

The College of Engineering, Guindy, Madras, the principal seat of Anna University was established by the British East India Company as a SURVEY SCHOOL during 1794. It has become an important seat of learning with about 3200 students pursuing excellent engineering education and outstanding research in various disciplines. This institution has earned a high reputation for itself not just in Madras or in India but even abroad as a centre of excellence. It has established a strong industry, institute in link with prestigious Universities and organisations in USAID; UNCHS; FORD FOUNDATION, E E C etc.,. It has turned out over a period of 200 years many outstanding engineers who have significant contribution in nation building activities.

20.12.94 Baroda Museum, Baroda.

A set of special commemorative stamps on this famous Museum issued on 20.12.94. The Museum is unique in its collection of wide ranging subjects. Relics of pre-historic and post-historic times, archaeological remains of the pre-Muslim period, the period of British domination, the later Hindu, early Muslim, Mughal, Rajput and Sikh period with more recent re-productions of life in Gujarat under the Gaikwads can all be seen in one or the other of the galleries of the Museum. The Museum also has an exceptional collection of artefacts from the civilisation of Egypt, Babylonia, Nepal, Tibet, China, Japan and Indonesia.

The set of stamps shows a unique bronze collection of the Museum.

The FDC shows pale sketch of the Museum to the entire length of the cover.

28.12.94 Bombay GPO - Bicentenary

The Bombay GPO was established in 1794 under the Superintendence of Mr. Charles Elphinstone. It was first located in a building in the fort area called Apollo pier. In 1869 it was shifted to the present CTO building and the General Post Office finally moved to its existing accommodation in 1913. In the beginning the jurisdiction of the Presidency Postmaster covered the entire Bombay Island. The present GPO building was constructed at a cost of Rs.18,09,000/- and was built in Indo Saracenic style in imitation of the famous Golumbaz in Bijapur and was designed by Mr. John Begg. Govt. of Maharashtra has identified the GPO building as one of the heritage buildings in Bombay.

The multi-colour stamp design showing the GPO from its initial to the present day has been designed by the Dean, J.J. School of Arts, Bombay.

FIRST AUTOMATED MAIL PROCESSOR BY SEPT.

Tamil Nadu's first automated mail processor is to be introduced at the Meenambakkam sorting office here by September this year.

Equipped to handle 12 lakh letters a day, it is expected to arrive later this month from Belgium. The project cost for putting up the facility, including installation of 30 bar-coding machines for mail sorting, is estimated at Rs.20 crores and the civil works for installation, Rs.1 crore.

Every letter will be given a bar code manually by postal staff using a special machine, before being sorted with the processor, said Mr. C.J. Mathew, Member (Operations), Postal Service Board, here on Monday. Feb. 13, 1995.

Addressing presspersons, Mr. Mathew said the Postal Board was seeking to amend suitably the Postal Act to enable charging of different rates for post cards used for sending commercial messages or for sending replies to competitions held through the electronic media.

Explaining the long-term plans for the sector, Mr. Mathew said the department was aiming to set up 125 V.SAT stations for the Hybrid mail operations throughout the country. Right now six stations were being used to send "hard copy" of letters to different stations using satellite. From there the mail is taken in conventional manner to addressees. "We are planning to link up the entire Tamil Nadu by means of such a hybrid mail network," said the Chief Postmas-

ter General of the State Mr. S. Brahmandam.

In the Madras region, the Greames Road and Mylapore post offices would also be computerised by March end. Similar plans were afoot for Thallakulam (Madurai) Pollachi (Coimbatore) and Tiruchi post offices.

The Anna Road Post Office (with 15 counters) and five others in the region would also follow suit next year.

Following today's computerisation, the Nungambakkam High Road Post Office would handle 15,000 unregistered articles a day. Normally, the booking counters handled 500 registered letters, 150 money orders and a sizeable number of speed post articles.

Addressing a meeting held in connection with the inauguration, Mr. Mathew said the department authorities who met the Union Planning Commission recently, were assured that whatever be the resource crunch, the modernisation process would not be a casualty. The authorities were getting whole-hearted support for the computerisation, even from hitherto hostile sections, he added.

Mr. K. Subramaniam, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, said the department would be one of the biggest beneficiaries of the computer operations. Mr. P. Bhagwandas, PMG, Madras Metro Region, welcomed the gathering.