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THE Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications will issue today a stamp in the denomination of 50 cents to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the Sasana Sevaka Samithiya, Maharagama.

The aims and objects of the Sasana Sevaka Samithiya inaugurated on July 21, 1957 (B.E. 2501, 21st day in the month of Esala) are as follows :—

The establishment of a Bhikkhu Training Centre; imparting a Buddhist education and the propagation of the Buddha Dhamma, training the laity to live according to the teachings of the Buddha and working for the economic and social upliftment of the Buddhist youth and children.

The religious and social services rendered by the Sasana Sevaka Samithiya appear below :—

- (1) Management of the Sri Vajiragnana Dharmayathanaya which trains Bhikkus according to the Buddha Dhamma.
- (2) Training of lay-Buddhists.
- (3) *Rural Development*. These activities are being performed by the Dharma Vijaya Foundation.

- (4) *International Services.* Provision of facilities to foreign members of the Buddhist clergy and the laity as well for studying the Dhamma.
- (5) Establishing a Theravada Buddhist Vihare at Washington D. C. in America.
- (6) *Conducting Dhamma School.* The students exceed 3,000 in number.
- (7) *Health Service.* Checking the physical fitness of children attending Dhamma School by doctors and taking curative action.
- (8) *Observance of "Sil".* Those observing "Sil" (eight or ten precepts) on a normal Poya day exceed 3,000. This "Sil" observing congregation is divided into three categories, viz., adults, youth and children and accommodated in three halls where separate programmes are conducted in keeping with their age and mental development.
- (9) *The youth movement.* An indigenous scouting movement conducted for young boys and girls.
- (10) Sermons organised by the young men and women and held in villages.
- (11) Maintaining the Buddhist Information and Publication Centre at Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, Colombo 07.
- (12) Tripitaka Dhamma Lexicon and Pali Dictionary work compiled by the tutorial staff of the Sri Vajiragnana Dhamma Institute.

- (13) Society of Right Livelihood ; programme to wean away children and the youth from smoking, drinking and the use of narcotics.
- (14) Dharmavijaya Society. The programme of work started by King Dharmasoka to reform man and the project for saving over 1.8 million children suffering from malnutrition, with the assistance of the Ministries of Health and Social Services respectively.

Branches of the Sasana Sevaka Samithiya have been established in Colombo, Kurunegala, China Bay, Kalutara, Kandy and Matara.

Philatelic Details

<i>Date of Issue</i>	: 1982.08.04
<i>Value</i>	: 50 cents
<i>Colours</i>	: Multi-colour
<i>Designer</i>	: A. M. Ratnapala
<i>Printers</i>	: Toppan Printing Co., Ltd., Japan
<i>Format</i>	: Horizontal
<i>Size</i>	: 32 × 40 mm.
<i>Printing Process</i>	: Offset
<i>Sheet Composition</i>	: 100 Stamps per sheet
<i>Paper</i>	: 104.2 GSM One Side Coated Paper
<i>Gum</i>	: Tropical Gum
<i>Quantity Printed</i>	: 1,000,000 Stamps

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3.	50 Years—Department of Inland Revenue	.. 50 cents	.. 82.02.09
4.	Inauguration of National T. V.	.. Rs. 2.50	.. 82.02.15
5.	Sri Lanka First Test Cricket Match	.. Rs. 2.50	.. 82.02.17
6.	Flowers of Sri Lanka*	.. 35 cents .. Rs. 2.00 .. Rs. 7.00 .. Rs. 20.00	} 82.04.01

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11.	Dr. C. W. W. Kannangara	50 cents	
12.	125th Birth Anniversary of Lord Baden Powell	50 cents	
13.	Dr. Gunapala Malalasekara	50 cents	82.05.26
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21.	Sir John Kotelawala	50 cents	82.10.02
22.	Sir Oliver Goonatilake	50 cents	82.10.20
23.	World-wide Sight Conservation Project	—	82.10.
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