

## Commemorative Issue



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## **150th ANNIVERSARY ST. THOMAS' COLLEGE MATARA**

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The Philatelic Bureau of the Department of Posts will issue a new postage stamp in the denomination of Rs. 1.00 on 10th March, 1994 to mark the 150th Anniversary of St. Thomas' College, Matara.

The main concern of the various missionary bodies in Sri Lanka during the early period of British rule was their determination to give their students a sound English education.

St. Thomas' School, later to become St. Thomas' College was founded in a bungalow at Wellamadama by the first Anglican missionary in the country, the Rev. N. J. Ondaatji, whose untiring efforts made the school very popular and attracted students from all over the country. He has been succeeded by a long line of distinguished principals who have all continued his good work, producing many talented scholars over the years.

St Thomas' can be justifiably proud of her achievements, not only in studies, but also in extra-curricular activities. It is one of the oldest cricket playing schools on the island and will be playing the 94th "Big Match" against St. Servatius this year. It was also St. Thomas' College that introduced scouting and cadeting to Matara.

It is an accepted fact among the old boys and well-wishers that the golden era of St. Thomas' dawned with the assumption of the duties as principal by Mr. E. A. de L. W. Samarasingha, whose untiring efforts resuscitated the defunct Old Boys' Association, with whose help and that of the college's many well-wishers and the unstinting support of the Honourable Members of Parliament for Matara, managed to transform the college and bring it in line with the best in the South. The vast strides taken to improve the quality of education created an unprecedented demand for admission, with the result that the college not only had to expand its boundaries, but also expands skywards.

Thomians, justly proud of their heritage, are looking forward to a still more glorious future.

The commemorative stamp, printed in the college colours of chocolate and light-blue depicts the college crest and motto 'Perseverando Vinces' (Perseverance leads to success).

### Technical Details

<i>Date of Issue</i>	: 10.03.1994.
<i>Denomination</i>	: Rs. 1.00.
<i>Designer</i>	: Sanath Rohana Wickramasinghe.
<i>Format</i>	: Horizontal.
<i>Stamp size</i>	: 40.80 x 29.85 mm
<i>Perforation</i>	: 13 1/2
<i>Printing process</i>	: Offset Lithography
<i>Sheet composition</i>	: 100 stamps per sheet.
<i>Printers</i>	: Secura Singapore Pte. Ltd.
<i>Colours (used)</i>	2 Colours
<i>Paper</i>	: 102 gsm
<i>Gum</i>	: PVA
<i>Quantity printed</i>	: 1,000,000

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342	Sri Lanka Girl Guiding 75th Anniversary.	Rs. 1/- Rs. 5/-	1993.05.10
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353	Trinity College O.B.A. Centenary.	Rs. 1/-	01	11.02.1994
354	150th Anniversary St. Thomas College, Matara.	Rs. 1/-	01	10.03.1994
355	125th Anniversary St. Joseph's College, Trincomalee.	Rs. 1/-	01	19.03.1994
356	Ven. Siyabalangamuwa Sri Gunaratana Thero.	Rs. 1/-	01	02.04.1994
357	International Labour Organization.	Rs. 1/-	01	08.04.1994
358	Vesak Festival-1994.	Rs. 1/-, Rs. 2/-, Rs. 5/-, & Rs. 17/-	04	29.04.1994
359	Personalities:-1994 — (a) His Excellency the Late President R. Premadasa. (b) Ven. Mihiripenna Dharmaratne Thero. (c) Dr. Colvin R. de Silva. (d) Periyathambipillai.	Rs. 1/-	04	22.05.1994
360	Gam Udawa-1994.	Rs. 1/-	01	23.06.1994
361	Social Workers World Conference	Rs. 1/-	01	09.07.1994
362	Ven. Bellanwila Sri Somaratana Thero.	Rs. 1/-	01	02.08.1994
363	World Indigenous People.	Rs. 1/- & Rs. 17/-	02	15.08.1994
364	Orchid Circle of Ceylon	Rs. 1/-, Rs. 5/-, Rs. 8/- & Rs. 17/-	04	09.09.1994
365	500th Anniversary of Accountancy.	Rs. 1/-	01	11.10.1994
366	Nil Manel (Definitive).	Rs. 1/-	01	31.10.1994
367	Armed Service	Rs. 1/-	01	02.11.1994
368	Christmas-1994	Rs. 1/- Rs. 20/-	02	22.11.1994
369	Wild Life.	-/50, Rs. 2/- Rs. 8/-, Rs. 17/-	04	15.12.1994
370	Golden Jubilee of Sri Lanka Associate to the Advancement of Science	Rs. 1/-	01	05.12.1994