

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The first presidential address of the Jaffna Science Association was delivered by Prof. A. Thurairajah at 3.30 p.m. on 21 June 1991 in Kaiyalasapathy Auditorium at the University of Jaffna. The topic of the presidential address was: "Tertiary Education in Development". The President-Elect Prof. N. Balakrishnan presided. The talk was well attended. A vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. V.K. Ganesalingam, the General Secretary. The presidential address will be published in the first annual proceedings of the JSA.

The presidential address was followed by tea for members of JSA in the Senior Common Room of the University.

Congratulations to the President on a job well done.

ACTIVITIES

Section A

The following talks were delivered:

"Uses of Herbs in Native Medicine" by Dr. B. Sivakadacham, Head/Agricultural Biology, University of Jaffna, on 17.05.91.

"The Scope of Marine Biology" by K.S. Kugadasan, former Principal, on 14.06.91.

Section B

An Exhibition and Seminar on Palmyrah Products were held on 29.06.91 and 30.06.91 at the University of Jaffna. The seminar dealt with products and byproducts of palmyrah - alcohol and syrup, as well as handicrafts etc.

Both the seminar and exhibition were well attended.

Section D

A seminar for School Teachers on "Methods of Popularizing History in Schools" was held, in collaboration with the Department of History and the Regional Department of Education on 21.04.91.

CALENDAR

Section C

The following lecture/discussion will be held on 19.07.91: "Some concerns about dental health with reference to Jaffna and Kilinochi districts" by Dr. K. Krishnarasa.

Section D

A seminar on "Sovereignty and Devolution" is planned to be held in August.

ANNUAL SESSIONS

The annual sessions of the JSA will be held in March 1992. Date to be announced later. Members are invited to submit papers for presentation at the annual sessions. Abstracts of papers to be delivered, not exceeding 250 words, in English, may be sent to Prof. V.K. Ganesalingam, the General Secretary, on or before 31 December 1991.

A REQUEST FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members are requested to recruit new members to the Association, especially in their respective Sections. Suggestions on effective methods of recruitment are welcome.

Ordinary members may convert to life membership by paying an additional Rs.900/- on or before 31 December 1991.

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