

Solar Prominences in 1970

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The following table gives the mean daily areas and numbers of Calcium prominences at the limb derived from spectroheliograms obtained at Kodaikanal during 1970.

1970	Area (sq. minutes)					Numbers				
	N	S	E	W	Total	N	S	E	W	Total
January–June	3.16	2.07	2.48	2.75	5.23	5.3	4.7	5.0	5.0	10.0
July–December	2.48	2.07	1.95	2.60	4.55	5.3	3.7	4.2	4.8	9.0
Whole year (weighted mean)	2.87	2.07	2.25	2.69	4.94	5.3	4.3	4.7	4.9	9.6

Compared with the previous year, there is decrease of activity, the decrease being 27 per cent in areas and 19.6 per cent in numbers. The distribution of areas in five-degree ranges of latitude shows a peak of activity in the belts 25° – 35° in the Northern Hemisphere, whereas the peak of activity is in the belt 25° – 30° in the Southern Hemisphere. In the case of numbers, there are two peaks of activity in the latitude belts 30° – 35° and 60° – 65° in the Northern Hemisphere.

The mean daily areas and numbers of hydrogen absorption markings as obtained from Kodaikanal records are as follows:

1970	H-alpha absorption marking area (in millionths of the Sun's visible hemisphere uncorrected for foreshortening)					Numbers				
	N	S	E	W	Total	N	S	E	W	Total
January–June	3558	2803	3323	3038	6361	24.0	20.8	23.5	21.3	44.8
July–December	3107	2360	2805	2662	5467	24.7	18.4	21.9	21.2	43.1
Whole year (weighted mean)	3351	2600	3086	2865	5951	24.3	19.7	22.8	21.2	44.0

Compared with the previous year, there is an increase of activity in areas, the increase being 12.5 per cent. In the case of numbers there is a slight decrease of activity, amounting to 4.2 per cent. The distribution of areas in five-degree ranges of latitude shows a peak of activity in the belts 20° – 30° in the Northern Hemisphere and 15° – 25° in the Southern Hemisphere.