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## SIX ANNAS PROVISIONAL STAMPS OF 1866



### FIRST GROUP.

SG 66. The height of the letters of the overprint measure 3 mm.



### SECOND GROUP.

SG 67. A variety of the first group - Overprint inverted.



### THIRD GROUP.

SG 68. The height of the letters of the overprint measure 2 mm.

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### OVERPRINT.

- a) Suggested position in row 1.
- b) Suggested position in sheet
- c) Length of overprint
  - i) From top of 'P' to 'E' 17 mm.
  - ii) From base of 'P' to 'E' 14 mm.
- d) Position of overprint on stamp
  - i) From frame to top of 'P' 2 mm.
  - ii) From top of 'E' to frame 3 mm.
  - iii) From base of stamp to base of 'P' 27 mm.
- e) Height of letters 3 mm.

### CHARACTERISTICS:—

- i) The green horizontal line used to indicate the portion to be cut off can be seen faintly at the top of the stamp.

### PERFORATION. 14.

POSTMARK Jal Cooper Type 8c - The Punjab & N.W.F. Province - 55 - Simla.

### WMK.

### SIZE OF STAMP (L BY B)

34 mm. x 22 mm.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES:—



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### OVERPRINT.

- a) Suggested position in row 2.
- b) Suggested position in sheet
- c) Length of overprint
  - i) From top of 'P' to 'E' 17 mm.
  - ii) From base of 'P' to 'E' 14 mm.
- d) Position of overprint on stamp
  - i) From frame to top of 'P' 2 mm.
  - ii) From top of 'E' to frame 3 mm.
  - iii) From base of stamp to base of 'P' 27 mm.
- e) Height of letters 3.5 mm.

### CHARACTERISTICS:—

- i) The green horizontal lines used to indicate the portions to be cut off are clearly visible, especially at the base of the stamp.

PERFORATION. 14.

POSTMARK Jal Cooper Type 7 - 1 - Calcutta.

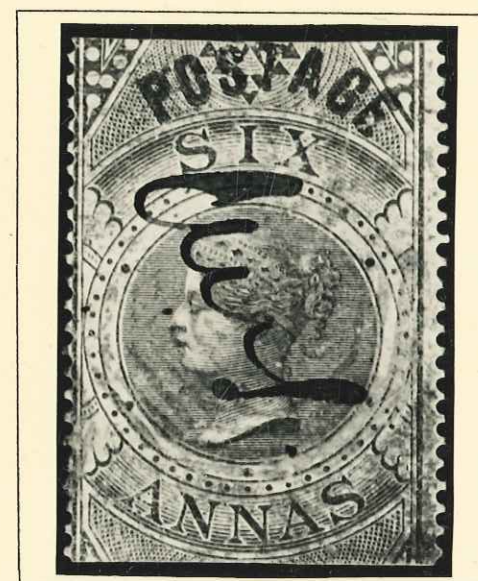
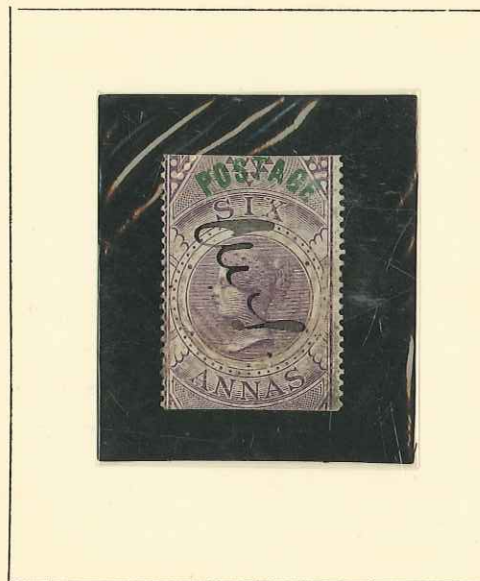
WMK.

SIZE OF STAMP (L BY B)  
35 mm. x 22 mm.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:—

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### OVERPRINT.

- a) Suggested position in row 5.
- b) Suggested position in sheet
- c) Length of overprint
  - i) From top of 'P' to 'E' 17 mm.
  - ii) From base of 'P' to 'E' 13 mm.
- d) Position of overprint on stamp
  - i) From frame to top of 'P' 4 mm.
  - ii) From top of 'E' to frame 1 mm.
  - iii) From base of stamp to base of 'P' 28 mm.
- e) Height of letters 3 mm.

### CHARACTERISTICS:—

PERFORATION. 14.

POSTMARK Jal Cooper Type 7 very light and indistinct, with a pen cancellation.

WMK.

SIZE OF STAMP (L BY B)  
34 mm. x 22 mm.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:—



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### OVERPRINT.

- a) Suggested position in row 9
- b) Suggested position in sheet
- c) Length of overprint
  - i) From top of 'P' to 'E' 17 mm.
  - ii) From base of 'P' to 'E' 13.5 mm.
- d) Position of overprint on stamp
  - i) From frame to top of 'P' 3 mm.
  - ii) From top of 'E' to frame 2 mm.
  - iii) From base of stamp to base of 'P' 27.5 mm.
- e) Height of letters 3 mm.

### CHARACTERISTICS:—

### PERFORATION. 14.

POSTMARK Jal Cooper Type 7 - 1-  
Calcutta.

### WMK.

SIZE OF STAMP (L BY B)  
34 mm. x 22 mm.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES:—

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### OVERPRINT.

- a) Suggested position in row 9.
- b) Suggested position in sheet
- c) Length of overprint
  - i) From top of 'P' to 'E' 17 mm.
  - ii) From base of 'P' to 'E' 13 mm.
- d) Position of overprint on stamp
  - i) From frame to top of 'P' 1.5 mm.
  - ii) From top of 'E' to frame 3.5 mm.
  - iii) From base of stamp to base of 'P' 29 mm.
- e) Height of letters 3.5 mm.

### CHARACTERISTICS:—

PERFORATION. 14.

POSTMARK Jal Cooper Type 7 - heavy and indistinct.

WMK.

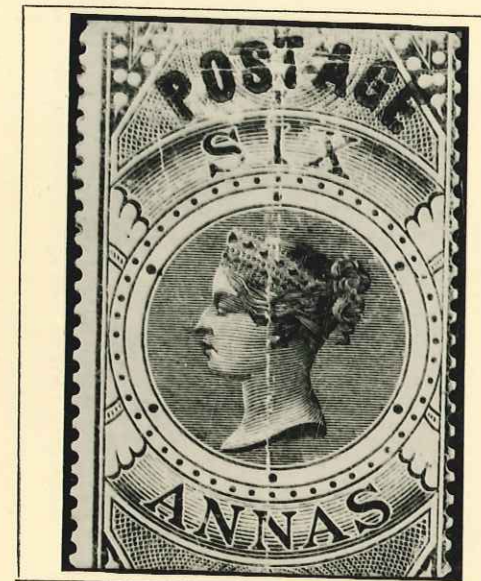
SIZE OF STAMP (L BY B)  
36/36 mm. x 22 mm.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:—



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### OVERPRINT.

- a) Suggested position in row 13
- b) Suggested position in sheet
- c) Length of overprint
  - i) From top of 'P' to 'E' 17.5 mm.
  - ii) From base of 'P' to 'E' 14 mm.
- d) Position of overprint on stamp
  - i) From frame to top of 'P' 3 mm.
  - ii) From top of 'E' to frame 1.5 mm.
  - iii) From base of stamp to base of 'P' 29 mm.
- e) Height of letters 3 mm.

### CHARACTERISTICS:—

PERFORATION. 14.

POSTMARK Unused

WMK.

SIZE OF STAMP (L BY B)  
35 mm. x 22 mm.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES:—

- i) An unused stamp badly creased.

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### OVERPRINT.

- a) Suggested position in row 13.
- b) Suggested position in sheet
- c) Length of overprint
  - i) From top of 'P' to 'E' 17.
  - ii) From base of 'P' to 'E' 14.
- d) Position of overprint on stamp
  - i) From frame to top of 'P' 3.5 mm.
  - ii) From top of 'E' to frame 1.5 mm.
  - iii) From base of stamp to base of 'P' 28 mm.
- e) Height of letters 3 mm.

### CHARACTERISTICS:—

### PERFORATION.

14.

POSTMARK Jal Cooper Type 9 - 131?  
used either from :—

- (a) U.P. - Meerut.
- (b) Madras - Alleppy (Travancore)
- (c) Bombay - Billimoria.

WMK.

### SIZE OF STAMP (L BY B)

34 mm. x 22 mm.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES:—



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## SIX ANNAS PROVISIONAL STAMPS OF 1866



### OVERPRINT.

- a) Suggested position in row 16.
- b) Suggested position in sheet
- c) Length of overprint
  - i) From top of 'P' to 'E' 17 mm.
  - ii) From base of 'P' to 'E' 14 mm.
- d) Position of overprint on stamp
  - i) From frame to top of 'P' 4 mm.
  - ii) From top of 'E' to frame 1 mm.
  - iii) From base of stamp to base of 'P' 27.5 mm.
- e) Height of letters 3.5 mm.

### CHARACTERISTICS:—

- i) The green horizontal line used to indicate the portion to be cut off can be clearly seen at the top of the stamp.

PERFORATION. 14.

POSTMARK An indistinct town cancellation.

WMK.

SIZE OF STAMP (L BY B)  
35 mm. x 22 mm.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:—

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### OVERPRINT.

- a) Suggested position in row 17.
- b) Suggested position in sheet
- c) Length of overprint
  - i) From top of 'P' to 'E' 16.5 mm.
  - ii) From base of 'P' to 'E' 14 mm.
- d) Position of overprint on stamp
  - i) From frame to top of 'P' 2 mm.
  - ii) From top of 'E' to frame 3.5 mm.
  - iii) From base of stamp to base of 'P' 28 mm.
- e) Height of letters 3 mm.

### CHARACTERISTICS:—

- i) The green horizontal line used to indicate the portion to be cut off can be seen at the top left of the stamp.

### PERFORATION. 14.

POSTMARK Jal Cooper Type 9 - 180  
used either from :—  
(a) U.P. - Sitapore, or,  
(b) Punjab & N.W.F. Province - Bakloh

### WMK.

SIZE OF STAMP (L BY B)  
35 mm. x 22 mm.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES:—



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### OVERPRINT.

- a) Suggested position in row 18
- b) Suggested position in sheet
- c) Length of overprint
  - i) From top of 'P' to 'E' 17 mm.
  - ii) From base of 'P' to 'E' 14 mm.
- d) Position of overprint on stamp
  - i) From frame to top of 'P' 3 mm.
  - ii) From top of 'E' to frame 2 mm.
  - iii) From base of stamp to base of 'P' 19 mm.
- e) Height of letters 3.5 mm.

### CHARACTERISTICS:—

- i) Whilst this is undoubtedly position 13 - the position of the letter "E" should be noted.

### PERFORATION. 14.

POSTMARK Jal Cooper Type 7 - 1 -  
Calcutta applied twice, one on top  
of the other.

### WMK.

SIZE OF STAMP (L BY B)  
35 mm. x 22 mm.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES:—

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### OVERPRINT.

- a) Suggested position in row 19.
- b) Suggested position in sheet
- c) Length of overprint
  - i) From top of 'P' to 'E' 17.5 mm.
  - ii) From base of 'P' to 'E' 14 mm.
- d) Position of overprint on stamp
  - i) From frame to top of 'P' 2 mm.
  - ii) From top of 'E' to frame 2.5 mm.
  - iii) From base of stamp to base of 'P' 28 mm.
- e) Height of letters 3 mm.

### CHARACTERISTICS:—

PERFORATION. 14.

POSTMARK Jal Cooper Type 7 - 1 -  
Calcutta

WMK.

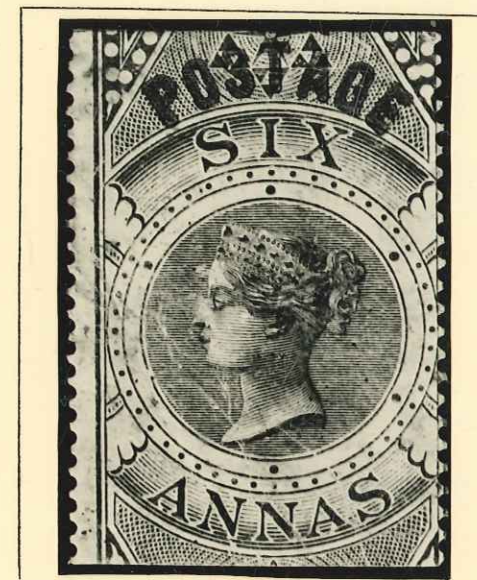
SIZE OF STAMP (L BY B)  
34 mm. x 22 mm.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:—



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### OVERPRINT.

- a) Suggested position in row 20.
- b) Suggested position in sheet
- c) Length of overprint
  - i) From top of 'P' to 'E' 17 mm.
  - ii) From base of 'P' to 'E' 13 mm.
- d) Position of overprint on stamp
  - i) From frame to top of 'P' 3 mm.
  - ii) From top of 'E' to frame
  - iii) From base of stamp to base of 'P' 28 mm.
- e) Height of letters 3.5 mm.

### CHARACTERISTICS:—

- i) The green horizontal line used to indicate the portion to be cut off can be seen at the top left of the stamp.

PERFORATION. 14.

POSTMARK - ~~Unused.~~

WMK.

SIZE OF STAMP (L BY B)

34 mm. x ?

ADDITIONAL NOTES:—

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### OVERPRINT.

- a) Suggested position in row
- b) Suggested position in sheet
- c) Length of overprint
  - i) From top of 'P' to 'E' 17 mm.
  - ii) From base of 'P' to 'E'
- d) Position of overprint on stamp
  - i) From frame to top of 'P' 2 mm.
  - ii) From top of 'E' to frame 3 mm.
  - iii) From base of stamp to base of 'P' 28 mm.
- e) Height of letters

### CHARACTERISTICS:—

- i) A variation.

PERFORATION. 14.

POSTMARK Jal Cooper Type 7 - 1 -  
Calcutta

WMK.

SIZE OF STAMP (L BY B)  
34 mm. x 22 mm.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES:—

- i) The base of the letter 'E' has broken away. It could possibly be that this is a variation of No.8.



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### APPENDICES.

The following appendices have been taken from the book "The Postage and Telegraph Stamps of British India" by L.L.R. Hausburg, published for the Philatelic Society of India by Stanley Gibbons Ltd in the year 1907.

A) Letter, No.1954, from the Secretary to the Government of India to the Director-General of the Post Office of India, dated Simla, the 16th June, 1866

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1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No.587, dated the 12th instant, submitting the report called for by my endorsement No. 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>a., dated the 31st ultimo, regarding the want of two annas postage stamps in the Calcutta stamp office.
2. In reply, I am directed to acquaint you that the following telegram was sent to the Board of Revenue at Calcutta on the 13th instant.  
"Please take immediate steps for printing the word 'postage' across six anna foreign bill stamps, so that they may pass as six anna postage stamps. Instructions as to disposal of stamps so prepared will be sent hereafter."
3. It is understood (from your demi-official communication of the 9th instant) that the foreign bill stamps when ready are to be issued only in the Presidency towns of Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay.
4. A copy of your report and of this letter will be sent to the Board direct, in continuation of the telegram of the 13th instant. Further details respecting the quantity of foreign bill stamps to be prepared for use as postage stamps, and their distribution, should be arranged by you with the Board.
5. The Secretary of State will be moved to cause early compliance with the indent of postage stamps forwarded with your letter of the 14th July, 1865, No.995.

B) Letter, No.681, from the Director-General of the Post Office of India to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, dated Simla, the 19th June, 1866.

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1. With reference to the telegram to your address dated 13th instant, from the Secretary to Government of India, Home Department, I have the honour to explain that the six anna foreign bill stamps when crossed with the word "postage" will be recognised as postage stamps of the value of six annas, and can be used in the payment of postage on overland or other letters and parcels.



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2. There is, it would appear, a sufficient supply of two and four annas stamps in provincial treasuries; the issue therefore of six annas stamps should be confined, for the present, to the Presidency towns. The number of labels mentioned in the margin will, I think, be a sufficient supply for three months, and the Superintendent of Stamps will, I presume, debit the Post Office Department with the number of six annas bill stamps converted into postage stamps.

Calcutta . 70,472  
Bombay . 65,204  
Madras . 30,784  
166,460

C) Letter, No.21, from the Director-General of the Post Office of India to the Superintendent of Stamps, dated Simla, the 23rd June, 1866.

Have any six annas Foreign Bill Stamps been yet issued for postal purposes? If possible have some ready for the next overland mail, and give notice to the press and public that six annas postage stamps will be for sale. Reply by telegraph.

D) Copy of telegram from Calcutta to Director-General of Post Office, Simla

Stamp Office.

The stamps will be sold in Calcutta on the twenty-eighth, and due notice given. @

@ The number of six annas stamps actually sold was 102,212, made up as follows :—

During the year 1866-67	.	.	.	94,808
67-68	.	.	.	5,244
68-69	.	.	.	845
69-70	.	.	.	88
70-71	.	.	.	511
71-72	.	.	.	440
72-73	.	.	.	117
73-74	.	.	.	14
74-75	.	.	.	145
75-76	.	.	.	nil.
				<u>102,212</u>

E) "The Calcutta Gazette" dated the 20th June 1863,

Contains a notice stating that from and after July 15th, 1863, the rate for half ounce letters to the United Kingdom, forwarded via Marseilles, would be six annas eight pies.



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F) "The Calcutta Gazette" dated the 27th June, 1866.  
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### NOTICE.

On and after the 28th instant six annas postage stamps will be obtainable at the office of the Collector of Calcutta, and at the General Post Office.

(Sgd) T. F. BIGNOLD,  
Officiating Superintendent of Stamps.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STAMPS OFFICE, 25th June, 1866.

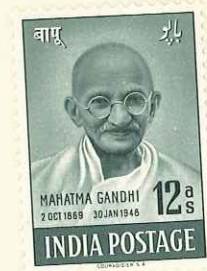
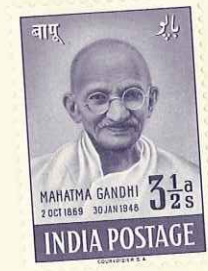
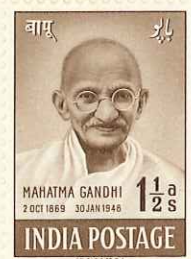
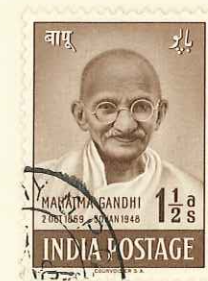
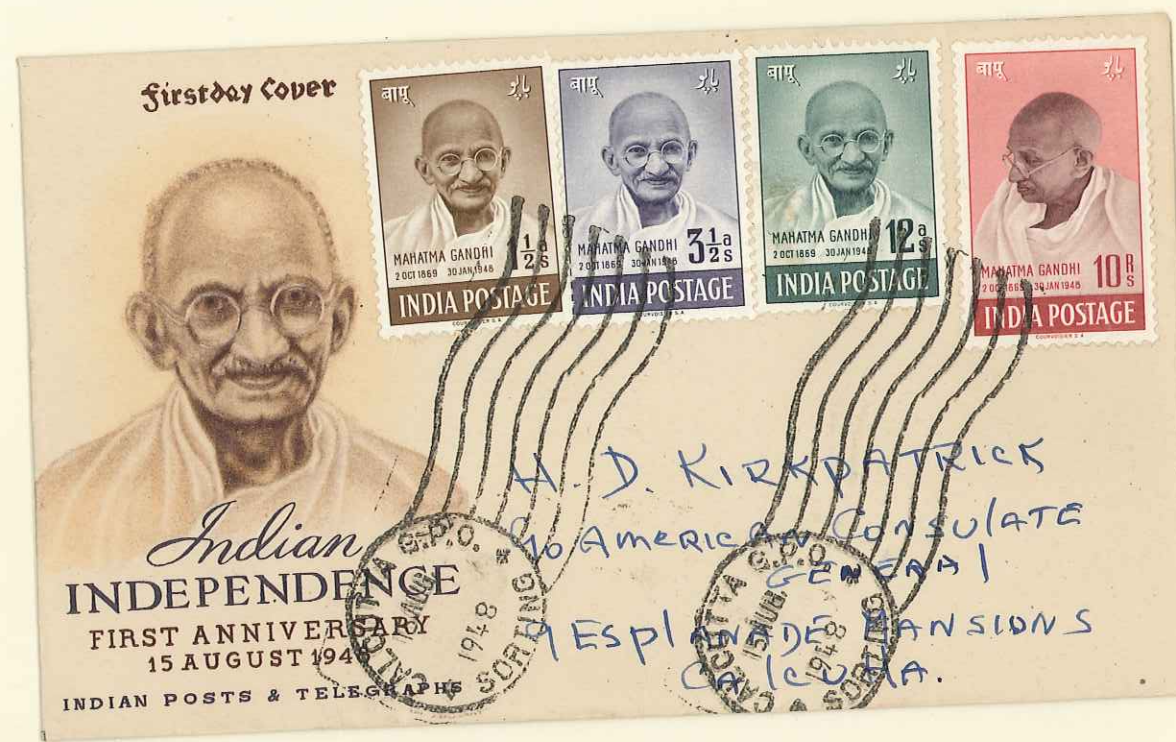
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1866 – 6a purple SG 66,  
3mm ovpt.  
POSTAGE TYPE 15  
Very fine Bombay steel cds cancel

1866 – 6a purple, SG 68,  
2mm ovpt.  
Lightly cancelled

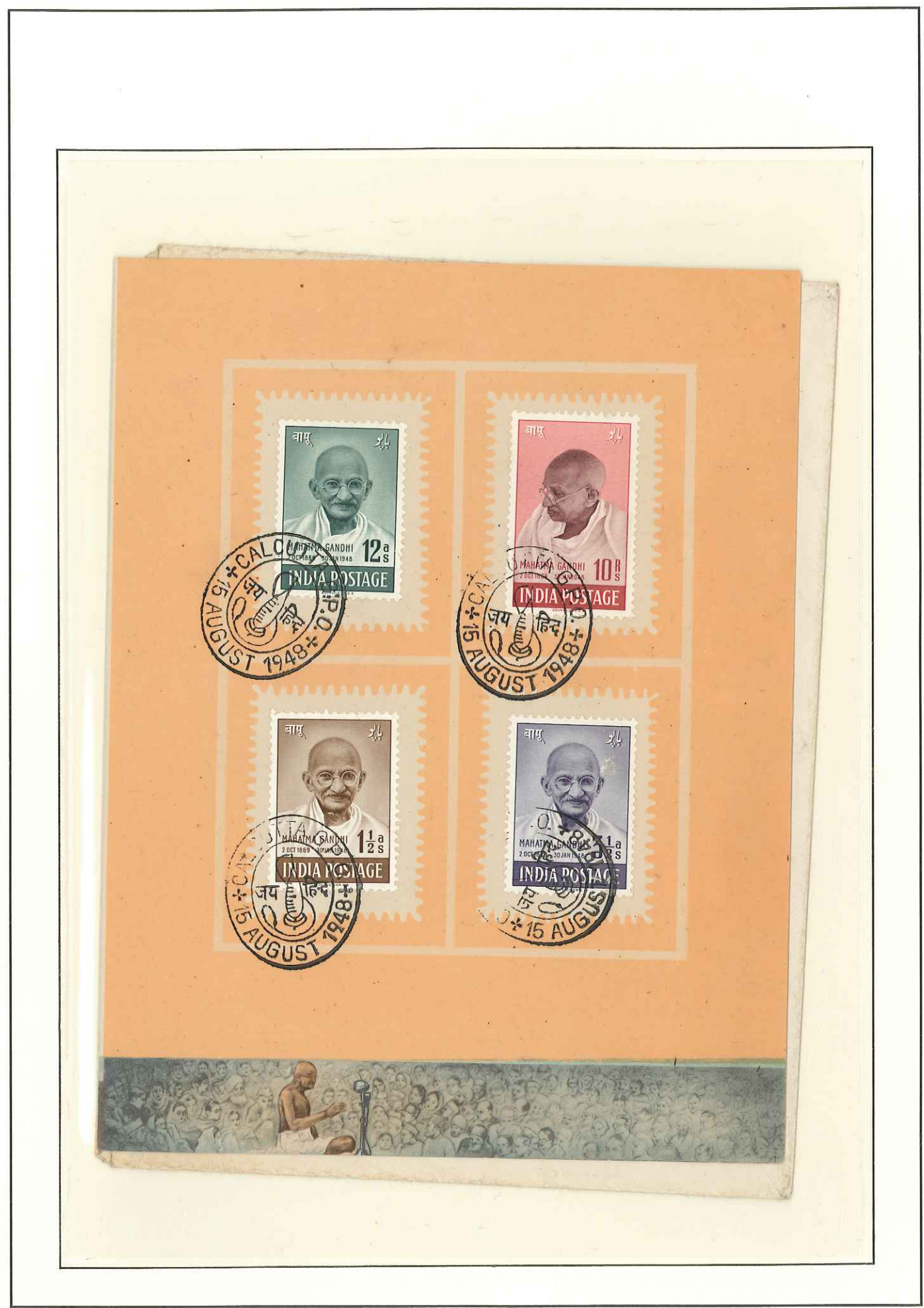
















**Kuwait**

SG-KU48-001 Kuwait 1939 2R King George VI  
India Postage

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**Kuwait**

SG-KU63-001 Kuwait 1945 14AS King George VI  
India Postage





**Bahrain**

SG-BH49-001 Bahrain 1942 8AS King George VI  
India Postage



**Bahrain**

SG-BH32-001 Bahrain 1940 1R King George VI  
India Postage





**Bahrain**

SG-BH34-001 Bahrain 1940 5R King George VI  
India Postage

