

INDIAN NATIVE STATES
Revenue Stamps
SECUNDE RAJAD

Andhra Pradesh

1890-95

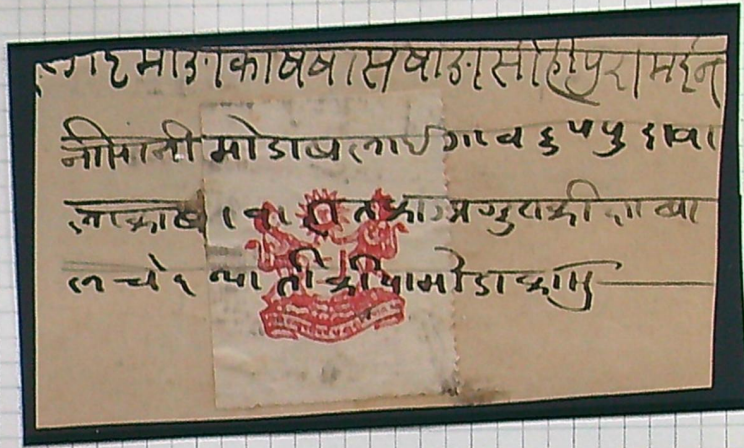
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SHAH PURA

Formerly Rajputana;
now Rajasthan



1898-1149

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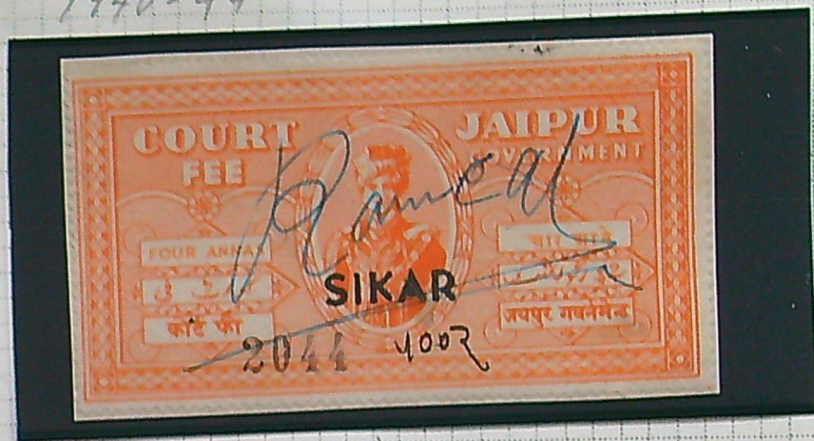
Formerly in Jaipur

SIKAR

Now Rajasthan

1940-49

Type 10



Jaipur
w/overprint
SIKAR

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Sirmoor: A Country Collection

M. G. P.
A. P. S.
61661

by Curtis E. Gidding

Each collector from the start has some sort of basic goal regarding his collection. Commonly, most of us have aspirations to collect either a specific country or group of countries. These plans may lead either to our being able to exhibit a collection, or our merely being content with developing the "complete" country. In this article, I would like to relate my experiences in starting a country collection, as illustration that the process can be exciting, intellectually stimulating, and very rewarding. Primarily, I want to show that country collections can develop into an activity that involves more than just filling spaces in a commercial album.

My interest in India and the Indian Feudatory States began when I purchased a small and inexpensive



Figure 1. The overprinted issues of 1859-99.

more extensive than I had seen elsewhere before. Gibbons listed thirty-three issues of regular stamps, and fifty-seven issues of official stamps. Thus, a potential Sirmoor collection had expanded abruptly in the number of stamps needed for completion.

pies stamp was printed in two different colors: brown and orange. Gibbons states that there were seven printings of the 3- and 6-pies; six of the 1-anna; and four of the 2-anna. Gibbons also states that all of the values were printed in sheets of seventy, made up of groups of transfers showing two or more varieties. The numerical listing of the stamps shows the various printings, and also uses the different color shades to further separate the catalogue numbers. Since color shades did not seem to me to be conclusive methods for identification, I tried to find how a collector could determine to which printing a stamp belonged, without using color. After some inquiries, I was directed by fellow collectors and members of the India Study Circle to some research articles on the subject.

Three journal articles later, I found that it was indeed possible to determine the exact printing of each value of the 1859-99 issues, but that is not to say the task would be an easy one. The article that answered my basic questions was one written by Sir David Masson and appearing in the *The Philatelic Journal of India* in 1906. Using the information

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Source of Varieties Catalogued or Identified

Denomination	Scott	Gibbons	Literature
3-pies (brown)	1	2	16
3-pies (orange)	1	2	15
6-pies	1	5	27
1-anna	1	5	23
2-anna	1	3	13
	5	17	94

This number does not include sheet varieties, retouches, etc., as does the total of 124 shown in the text.

collection from a mail auction. Upon examining the group of stamps, I was intrigued by those of the feudatory state of Sirmoor. Referring to *Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue, 1979*, I found that the state of Sirmoor had issued twenty-two regular stamps and sixteen official ones between 1879 and 1899. This volume appeared ideal, because my interest was in small countries that I could hope to complete.

Shortly after deciding to form a collection of Sirmoor, I came across two copies of the 1859-99 issues overprinted "On.S.S.S.," but not listed in *Scott's* (Figure 1). Upon consulting Gibbons' *British Commonwealth Stamp Catalogue, 1979*, to my surprise I found a listing of Sirmoor issues far

The 1885-1896 issues were shown by Gibbons in greater depth than Scott indicated. Scott merely states that, "There are several printings, dies and minor variations of this issue." I began to gather all available information on these issues, and found the following.

The 1885-1896 issues consisted of four values (3-pies, 6-pies, 1-anna, and 2-anna), all bearing the portrait of Raja Sir Shamsher Prakash (Figure 2). The stamps were lithographed by Waterlow & Sons, and perforated 14-15. The 3-



Figure 2. The four issues of Sirmoor, 1885-96.

Curtis E. Gidding, an APS member since 1978, is an active collector of Indian material and a member of the India Study Circle.

SIRMOOR State 1879-1899

PANJAB - CAP-Natian (Scott lists 22 stamps + 16 SERVICE)
 (Stanley Gibbons lists 33 Regulars) All obsolete since 3/31/1901

1879



1885-1888

Raja Sir Shamsher Prakash



70

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1893



1895-1899



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SIRMOOR state

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1899

SIR Surendar Bikram Prakash



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completed

SIRMOOR STATE

Scott = 16
Service Gibbons = 57

1890-1891

1890-1892



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Little S

1892



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Gibbons notes that these were never (16) "officially" overprinted - nor videna gactevah



(A-4 not listed as a Sir Stamp)

Sirohi State

Not Listed
 / Scott
 / Gibbons

Formerly Rajputana State Agency

Revenue



1424-41

Type 27 # (274)

Type 10



1444-48

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Type 15



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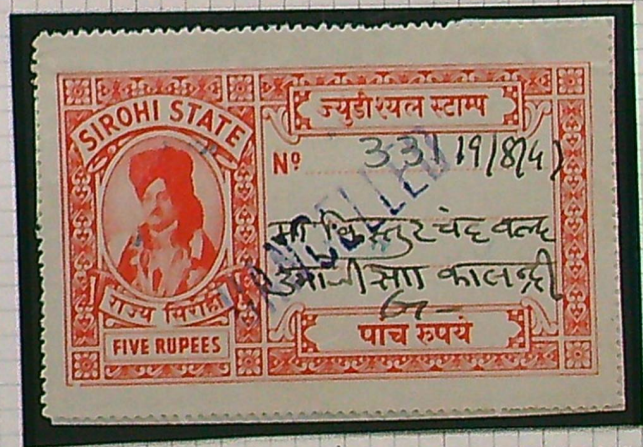
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Types



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TIBET

1934

Heavy Toned Native Paper



1/2t (14)

2/3t (15)

1t (16)

2t (17)

4t (18)

Excellent counterfeits exist!

J
V
V
YZ

Madras State Agency

7,662 sq. miles

M. G. P.
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44 stamps issued
Capital - TRIVANDRUM

TRAVENCORE-ANCHEL

(1888-1946) 1889-1899

1888



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1901-1932



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1908-1911



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Like (4) but
clearly perforated



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1916

1920-1933



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1921

1921-1932



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TRAVENCORE - Anchel

- 1931 -

SIR BALA RAMA VARMA - Full Ruling Power



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1937

No #
31



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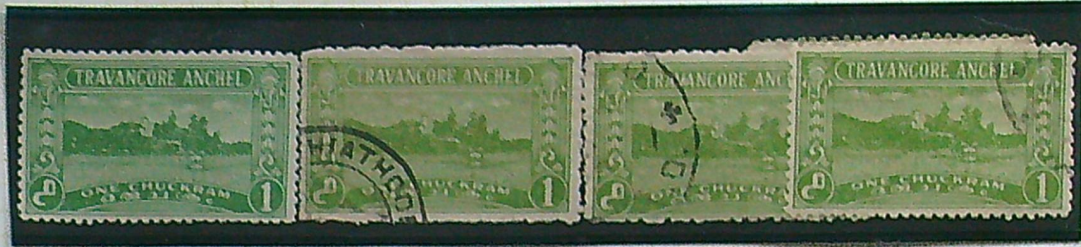
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1939

TRAVANCORE - Anchel



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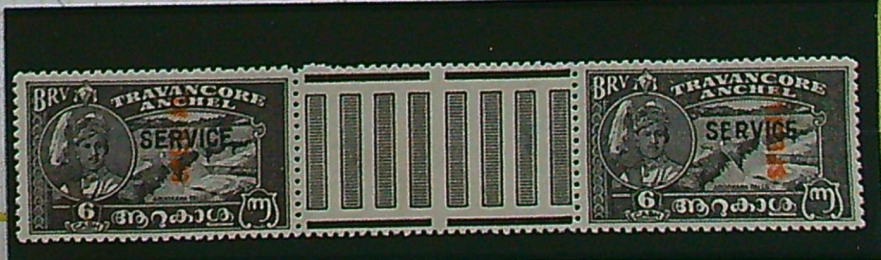
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#49 is
054 over-
printed "Special"
in orange



completed

60 stamps Issued
1911-1949

TRAVENCORE - Anchel - SERVICE

1911



(01) (01) (01) (01a) (02) (03)R (03)R
1918-20



(03)B (03)B (04) (05)
1921



(06) (07) 1922 Large (07) 1925 (08)



(09) (010) (011) (012) (013) (014)



(015) (016) (017) (018)

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TRAVENCORE-Anchor (SERVICE)

1930

1936-34



(019) (020) (021) (022) (023)



(024) (025) (026) (027)



(025) large



(027B) (028) (029)



(030) (031) (032) large(032)

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TRAVANCORE-ANCHEL (SERVICE)

1932



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(036A)

1133



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(038 Mint)

(No 043)



(044)

1939



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(046)

(047)

(048)

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XYZ

TRAVANCORE-ANCHAL (SERVICE)

1939



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(050)

(051)

(052)

1941



(053)

(054)

(055)

1945

1945-1949



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(058)

(059)



(060)



(B-1)



(B-4)



(B-2)

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TRAVANCORE Anchal

TRAVANCORE
ANCHAL CARD
 ഹൃദയനന്ദസമ്മലം

അഞ്ചൽ കാർഡ്
 മേൽവിമാസം



A reply-card is here-
 with enclosed.

To

The Public Service
 Commissioner,
 Trivandrum.

14708

28-7-44

*Reply card
 3
 9/7/44*

Job inquiry - 7-17-1944

Chem. + Phy.

TRAVANCORE
ANCHAL CARD
 ഹൃദയനന്ദസമ്മലം



അഞ്ചൽ കാർഡ്
 മേൽവിമാസം

*In the month of April
 1948, I requested you
 to be so good as to
 consider this matter
 as urgent because
 I have to inform this
 matter to certain
 colleges. where I seek
 admission. your friendly
 attention is highly
 appreciated.*

To



The Registrar
 University of Travancore
 University Buildings

TRIVANDRUM
 27/02/1948

Request for list of Marks For Trans fer. 4-23-49

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 XYZ

TRAVENCORE Anchel






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1911/9
 7.7.11
 To,
 V. Raghavan Nair,
 Velayudha -
 Maudiram,
 Thiruvattar (AD)

Rathi
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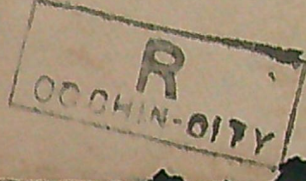
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திருச்சூர்

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சுந்தரஜம் யர்க்கு மாற்றி
வள்ளியூர்



அனுப்புகை
7)7-85



18/11/55

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TRAVANCORE - now in Kerala state

1887 Type 40



Type 42



Foreign Bill 1930-1950 Type 23

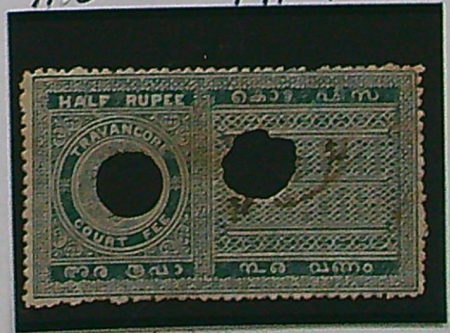


Court FEES Type 5 1907



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1906 Type 7



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hist: Last ruler was member of Kshatriya family from the Ancient Chera Kings of south India

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TRAVANCORE
Revenue Stamps

Type 42





TRAVANCORE - Cochin 1944-1950

M. G. P.
A. P. S.
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21 stamps issued



1944



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1944-1950



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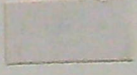


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TRAVENCORE - COCHIN

1950



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TRAVANCORE Cochin

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 A-18 A-19 A-20



Imp. 4 (01)

Imp. 4 (06)

Imp. 4 (07)

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TRAVANCORE-Cochin (SERVICE)

M. G. P.
A. P. S.
61661

1949



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1950

1944-1951

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TRAVANCORE - Cochin

1951



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The end

TRAVANCORE Anchal

On Service

Travancore Service Anchal Card.

(This side reserved for address with signature and official designation of sender.)



Mr W. O. Stevenson
to Mr Jacob Mathew
Clerk, Government Sec.
Trivandrum.
R. V. Mathew

Govt. Card Notifying applicant H.E. is on register for job.

This one shows unity bet Travancore & Cochin

UNITED STATE OF TRAVANCORE & COCHIN

ANCHAL

എറണാകുളം



ആഞ്ചൽ

കൊച്ചി



From
E. S. Benedict,
C/o C. George Peter,
ALLEPPEY.

To
The Secretary,
South India Philatelic Co.
Thuckalai A. O.
S. Travancore

Card of response to an ad for stamps. 7-3-56

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Type 6 #2 overprint T-C Court Fee 1946-50



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Type 6 #4 overprint



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Type 7 1948-52



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Type 10

Type 11

1948-52



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FT. MILL, SC 29715

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[Redacted]
Type 13 1949-52



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Not Listed



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NOVUS DEBUT, INC.,

Foreign Bill T.C.

Type 25

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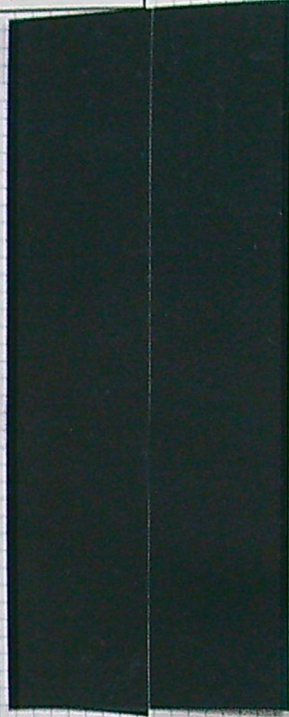
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Type 23



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Type 24



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Type 27 1949



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T.C.

Type 30 1935-45



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Type 45 1950



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Travencore Cochin Revenue

1949-1950

Type 45

overprint # 2



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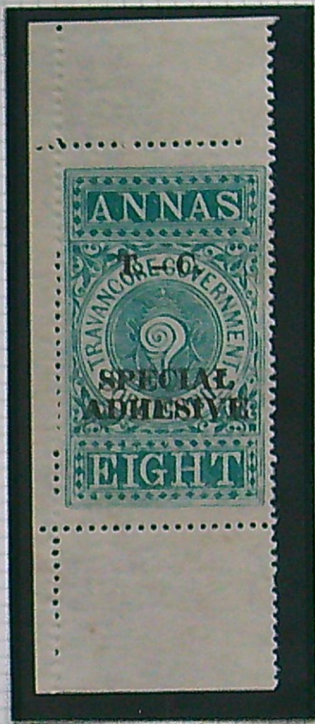


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Spec. Adhesive T-C

1949

Type 55



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Provisionals Type 60



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TRIPURA.

Eastern Bengal + Assam

LANGUAGE: Tippera - M'ring - Bengali

1935-40

Type 6



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VARSODA STATE

Now Gujerat

1438-45

Ty 12

Ty 15



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VITTHALGARH



(221)

M. G. P.
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1888-1889

3 stamps only

Wadhwan State

242 sq holes
Capt. Wadhwan

KATHIWAR Agency - 4th Ind.



(1) MINT



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Complete

WANKANER

Formerly West Ind. State Agency
Now in Gujarat State

1907-1919

Figure 17

Figure 17



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SA color ?

1935

Figure 20



(20a)

Pondicherry - French India



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Pondicherry - French India



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French India

Pondicherry - Chandernagore - MAhe - Karikal - YANAON
(All merged with India by 11-1-1954)



issued in 1942 by Vichy Govt.
but never placed on sale in
French India



SOLD at Paris 6/7-7/2/43
but not placed on sale in
the Colony

1942 Lotus Flower



(14)

- GOA -

1959



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Portugal continued to print special-issue stamps for its lost Colony after its annexation by India 12/13/61. Stamps of India were first issued Dec. 29. Stamps of Portuguese India remained valid until 1/5/62.

-GoA-

1959



(581)



(582)



(591)

-GOA-

1958



(567) (567) (567)

1959



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(572)



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(578)

1954

-GOA-



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1956



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1957



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(553)

- GOA -

1951



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1952



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1953



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GOA

1933



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1945-46



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- GOA -



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12/3/1931



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1933



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GOA - Portugese India

Capital - PANJIM (NOVA GOA)

1891 - 12/18/1961

5-1-1893

Vasco da Gama



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Voyage to India

1898-1903



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1913-1921



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Stamps Gift of
Alice D' Cruz - Xmas 1974

GOA - AIR MAIL



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Postage Due



(J-37)



(J-40)



(J-43)



(J-44)



(J-47)



(J-48)

Postal TAX



PA-17