

●HYDERABAD

A Princely Indian State Postage Stamps, 1869 to 1950

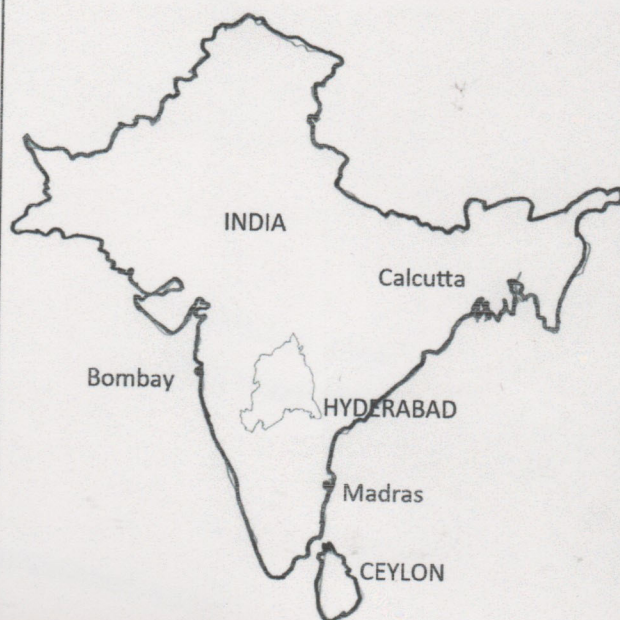
Purpose and Scope: This is a traditional exhibit showing the development of the princely Indian state of Hyderabad postage stamps from the first issue of 8 September 1869 to the last issue of 1949. The last postage stamp issues of Hyderabad were in use until 1950.

Background: Unlike 39 other Indian princely states that issued postage stamps, Hyderabad was a prosperous princely state. It had the largest population of any princely state, the second largest territory after Kashmir and was the third princely state to issue postage stamps after Soruth (1864) and Jammu & Kashmir (1866). For the first 67 years of its postage stamp issuing time period its postage stamps were engraved printed (recess) and except for two temporary issues the printing plates were produced by firms in London. During this 67 year period the stamps were printed and perforated in Hyderabad.

A distinguishing feature of Hyderabad's prosperity is the size of their sheets of stamps. The first issue of Hyderabad is a engraved sheet of 160 stamps while the largest known multiple of Soruth's first issue is a handstamped strip of three and Jammu & Kashmir is a handstamped single circular stamp. Hyderabad's second and third issues are also engraved plates but containing 240 stamps

Organization

- Issue 1— 8 September 1869 to the early 1870's the 1 anna issue.
- Issue 2 — 16 May 1870 to the early 1870's, the skeleton issue.
- Issue 3 — 1871 to 1909, the POST STAMP issue.
- Issue 4— 1898 to 6 August 1905 the first overprint issue a local quarter anna issues.
- Issue 5 — 7 August 1905 to 1915, the POSTAGE issues.
- Issue 6 — 1915 to 4 May 1930 the POSTAGE & RECEIPT and 1 rupee issues.
- Issue 7 — 5 May 1930 to February 11 November 1931 second overprint issue.
- Issue 8 — 12 February 1931 to 1950, the pictorial and last definitive issues.
- Issue 9— Epilog



Important Item

Unusual item



Exhibitor research



Expert certificate

Red and border, indicates a rare item.

First Hyderabad stamp, single copy imperforate horizontally, 15 December 1869 (3rd month of issue), first postmark bright red 12 bar rhombus plus ½ anna India. The exhibitor knows of only four combination covers, three in the exhibit.