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India's First's in Philately (After Independence) continued....

First and Only Stamps Printed Outside India was the stamps which were issued to commemorate the first anniversary of Independence on 15th August 1948. It was also the **First Set of Stamps Issued for a Personality**. Four stamps with the profile of Mahatma Gandhi were issued in the denomination of 1½ Annas, 3½ Annas, 12 Annas and 10 Rs. These stamps were printed by **COURVOISIER S. A., LA CHAUX - DE - FONDS, SWITZERLAND**. The name of the printers is printed on the sheet margin.



The enlarged sheet margin printing



Mahatma Gandhi



A complete sheet of 1½ Annas Gandhi printed in Switzerland



Enlarged view of the printers name printed at the bottom of each stamp

Apart from the sheet margin printing, each stamp bears the name of the printer at the bottom of the stamp design. One of the stamps is enlarged for your easy view. These four stamps were the only stamps printed by an agency outside India. Only after eleven years India had an



First Stamp



Enlarged View

idea of printing the name of the printers at the bottom of the stamp. The first stamp issued with the printer name was on 30th December 1959 in the denomination of 15 nP to commemorate the First World Agriculture Fair, New Delhi. After this issue, 76 stamps till the issue on 5th November 1965 in the denomination 0.15 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Lawyer and Patriot Chittaranjan Das were printed with the name of the printer at the bottom of the stamp. Meanwhile the following 5 stamps issued before November 1965 did not have the name of the printer printed on the stamp. Raja Rammohan Roy (27-09-1964),

XX Congress of International Chamber of Commerce, New Delhi (08-02-1965), National Maritime Day (05-04-1965) Death Centenary of Abraham Lincoln (15-04-1965) and I.T.U. Centenary (17-05-1965).



Last Stamp



Enlarged view

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