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

Se-tenant stamps are now a big sub-family in philately. It is a special topic as a thematic collection. **Birth of se-tenant stamps:** Booklet is a small folder which can be accommodated in a shirt pocket, containing a few stamps with common denomination for local postage or air mail. Initially the booklet contained only stamps of same denomination. Mainly to round off the cost of booklet, it was necessary to have stamps of different denomination in the same booklet. So stamps of different denominations were printed next to next. These stamps of different denomination printed next to next are called as **se-tenant** stamps. We do not have any record for which country issued the first se-tenant stamps, but now it is common to see se-tenant stamps in normal issues, mainly as commemorative stamps. Almost all countries have se-tenant stamps in their issues.

A Booklet from Australia (Front)



Booklet centre spread with stamps (Note the various stamp denominations)



The various varieties of Se-tenant are identified as normal and composite, with respect to the denomination and the picture on stamps, and as uniform or non uniform with respect to the size of stamps. Normally the term uniform is not used; when only different sizes of stamps are present in a se-tenant, then it is mentioned as non-uniform. Now let us see the se-tenant stamps issued in India. When there are two stamps, then it is called as Se-tenant Horizontal or a vertical pair (SHP, SVP). When there are three stamps in a row, then it is called as Se-tenant Horizontal or a vertical triptych (SHT, SVT). When there are more than three stamps in a row then it is called as Se-tenant Horizontal or a vertical strip. (SHS, SVS) When there are three or more stamps to form a block then it is called as a Se-tenant block (SB-stamp). So far till 2008 India Post has issued 48 horizontal pair

First Horizontal Pair (SHP)



Mathura Museum-09.10.74

First Composite Horizontal Pair (SHP)



Police Centenary-21.10.86

First non uniform Composite Horizontal Pair (SHP)



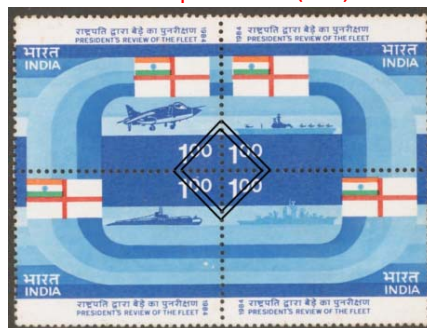
Film Director and Writer Sathyajit Ray-11.01.1994

First non uniform Composite Block (SB-4)



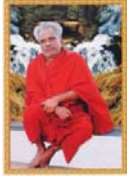
Birth Anniversary of Michelangelo Buonarroti-28-06-75

First Composite Block (SB-4)



President's Review of the fleet-12-02-84

stamps, 2 vertical pair stamps, 1 horizontal triptych, 1 vertical triptych, 2 horizontal strip of 5 stamps, 9 horizontal strip of 4 stamps, 1 vertical strip of 5 stamps, 2 vertical strip of 4 stamps, 19 block of 4 stamps, 1 block of 5 stamps and 1 block of 6 stamps.



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First Multiple Block – 3 or 4 or 6 stamps(SB-3,SB-4,SB-6)



Renewable Energy-02-11-2007

First Composite Vertical Pair (SVP)



Freedom forty – Swaraj – 16-08-1988



First Block – 5 stamps (SB-5) --- Himalayan Lakes-06-11-2006

First Vertical Strip (SVS)



Endangered Birds of India-05-10-2006

First Composite Vertical Triptych (SVT)



4th CISM Military World Games, Hyderabad 14-10-2007

Se-tenant stamps possible in miniature sheets and mixed block sheets have not been taken into account. (so far 4 mixed block sheets have been issued)

First Composite Horizontal Strip (SHP)



International Women's Day-08-03-2007

First Horizontal Triptych (SHT)



Jnanpith Award Winners-09-10-2003

First Horizontal Strip (SHS)



50th Anniversary of Republic (2nd issue), Gallantry Award Winners-28-01-2000

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