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

First Lowest and Highest Denomination in Definitive Stamp



Highest
Denomination

As we already know that definitive stamps are used for regular postage and printed in large numbers in denominations to take care of all types of postal rates prevailing for inland mail as well as for overseas mail. The themes of the definitive stamps always exhibit the culture, heritage, prosperity, development, flora & fauna of our country. In India the lowest denomination issued is 1 NP and the highest denomination is Rs.50/-. Apart from these two denominations, there are 47 other denominations in which the definitive stamps have been issued. The first stamp issued in the respective denomination is listed below in the tabulation, which consists of the denomination, equivalent value in paise, date of issue,



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series to which it belongs to, the stamp design and the colours used for printing. The first stamp on Naye Paise was issued on 1st April 1957 with the currency value of 1 Rupee = 100 Naye Paise. Till then, the currency used was 12 pies = 1 Anna and 16 Annas = 1 Rupee. The Anna values and the then Rupee values have been converted into equivalent paise for easy reference.

Denomination in Definitive Stamp

Denom-ination	Equivalent in paise	Date of issue	Series	Stamp Design	Colour
1 NP	1	01-04-57	3 rd Definitive-Map series	Map of India	Blue Green
2 NP	2	01-04-57	3 rd Definitive-Map series	Map of India	Light Brown
3 ps	3	15-08-49	1 st Definitive-Archaeological series	Elephant Motif (Ajanta caves)	Slate Violet
4 p	4	15-05-68	4 th Definitive-Agriculture & Tourism series	Coffee Berries	Lake Brown
5 NP	5	01-04-57	3 rd Definitive-Map series	Map of India	Bright Green
6 ps	6	15-08-49	1 st Definitive-Archaeological series	Powerful Horse (Sun temple, Konark)	Purple Green
8 nP	8	07-05-58	3 rd Definitive-Map series	Map of India	Light Blue Green
9 ps	9	15-08-49	1 st Definitive-Archaeological series	Trimurti (Elephanta caves)	Yellow Green
10 NP	10	01-04-57	3 rd Definitive-Map series	Map of India	Deep Blue Green
1 a	12	15-08-49	1 st Definitive-Archaeological series	Bodhisattva	Turquoise
13 NP	13	01-04-57	3 rd Definitive-Map series	Map of India	Bright Carmine Red
15 nP	15	16-01-58	3 rd Definitive-Map series	Map of India	Violet
20 NP	20	01-04-57	3 rd Definitive-Map series	Map of India	Blue
2 as	24	15-08-49	1 st Definitive-Archaeological series	Nataraja, Thiruvelangadu	Carmine
25 NP	25	01-04-57	3 rd Definitive-Map series	Map of India	Ultramarine
2½ as	30	30-04-51	1 st Definitive-Archaeological series	Mahabodhi Temple (Bodh Gaya)	Lake
35	35	15-03-80	6 th Definitive-Rural prosperity series	Family Planning	Cerise
3 as	36	15-08-49	1 st Definitive-Archaeological series	Sanchi Stupa, East gate	Brown Orange
40 p	40	02-01-68	4 th Definitive-Agriculture & Tourism series	Calcutta G.P.O.	Maroon
3½ as	42	15-08-49	1 st Definitive-Archaeological series	Mahabodhi Temple (Bodh Gaya)	Bright Blue
4 as	48	15-08-49	1 st Definitive-Archaeological series	Lingaraj Temple	Lake
50 NP	50	01-04-57	3 rd Definitive-Map series	Map of India	Orange
60 p	60	16-01-67	4 th Definitive-Agriculture & Tourism series	Somanath Temple	Deep Grey
70 p	70	15-03-67	4 th Definitive-Agriculture & Tourism series	Hampi Chariot	Chalky Blue
6 as	72	15-08-49	1 st Definitive-Archaeological series	Tomb of Md. Adil Shah	Violet
75 NP	75	01-04-57	3 rd Definitive-Map series	Map of India	Reddish Purple
90 nP	90	16-01-58	3 rd Definitive-Map series	Map of India	Bright Purple
8 as	96	15-08-49	1 st Definitive-Archaeological series	Kandarya Mahadeva Temple	Turquoise Green
1 Re	100	1959	3 rd Definitive-Five year plan (asoka watermark)	Indian Telephone Industry	Deep Dull Green
10 as	120	26-01-55	2 nd Definitive-Five year plan (star watermark)	Marine Drive, Bombay	Turquoise Green
12 as	144	15-08-49	1 st Definitive-Archaeological series	Golden Temple	Dull Blue
14 as	168	26-01-55	2 nd Definitive-Five year plan (star watermark)	A Valley In Kashmir	Bright Green
1 Re	192	15-08-49	1 st Definitive-Archaeological series	Victory Tower	Dull Violet & Green
2 Rs	200	1959	3 rd Definitive-Five year plan (asoka watermark)	Rare Earth Factory	Cerise



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Denomination in Definitive Stamp (Continued.....)

Denom-ination	Equivalent in paise	Date of issue	Series	Stamp Design	Colour
1 Re 2 as	216	26-01-55	2 nd Definitive-Five year plan (star watermark)	Cape Comorin	Grey
225	225	25-03-81	6 th Definitive-Rural prosperity series	Cashew nut	Red & blue green
280	280	25-03-81	6 th Definitive-Rural prosperity series	Apples	Red & blue green
1 Re 8 as	288	26-01-55	2 nd Definitive-Five year plan (star watermark)	Kanchenjunga	Reddish Purple
300	300	29-01-98	8 th Definitive-Family planning & Child health series	Oral Polio	Deep claret
325	325	23-12-82	6 th Definitive-Rural prosperity series	Oranges	Reddish orange & blue green
2 Rs	384	15-08-49	1 st Definitive-Archaeological series	Red Fort	Claret & Violet
5 Rs	500	1959	3 rd Definitive-Five year plan (asoka watermark)	Fertiliser Factory	Brown
5 Rs	960	15-08-49	1 st Definitive-Archaeological series	Taj Mahal	Blue Green & Red Brown
10 Rs	1000	1959	3 rd Definitive-Five year plan (asoka watermark)	Iron & Steel Plant	Orange
1500	1500	20-11-00	9 th Definitive-Flora & Fauna series	Butterfly	Orange red, reddish brown & deep brown
10 Rs	1920	15-08-49	1 st Definitive-Archaeological series	Outb Minar	Purple Brown & Deep Blue
2000	2000	30-11-88	7 th Definitive-Science & Technology series	Bio Gas	Bistre brown & blue
15 Rs	2880	15-08-49	1 st Definitive-Archaeological series	Satrunjaya Temple	Brown & Claret
5000	5000	05-11-86	7 th Definitive-Science & Technology series	Wind Mill	Black, turquoise blue & cerise



Highest
Denomination

First Lowest and Highest Denomination in Commemorative Stamp. A commemorative stamp is a postage stamp issued to honour or commemorates a place, event or a person. Commemorative stamps are printed in limited quantity and usually not reprinted. These are used alongside with ordinary or regular-issue stamps of the time. In India the lowest denomination issue was 5 NP and the highest denomination was Rs.45/-. Apart from these two denominations there are 43 other denominations in which the commemorative stamps have



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been issued. The first stamp issued in the respective denomination is listed below in the tabulation, which consists of the denomination, equivalent value in paise, date of issue, occasion for which it was issued and the stamp design. The first stamp on Naye Paise was issued on 1st April 1957 with the currency value of 1 Rupee = 100 Naye Paise. Till then, the currency used was 12 pies = 1 Anna and 16 Annas = 1 Rupee. The Anna values and the then Rupee values have been converted into equivalent paise for easy reference.

Denomination in Commemorative Stamp

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5 np	5	18-02-61	50 th Anniversary of first official air mail flight	First Aerial Post Cancellation
8 np	8	14-11-57	National children's day	Nutrition
9 ps	9	10-10-49	75 th Anniversary of formation of UPU	UPU Symbol & Asokan Pillar
10 np	10	31-12-57	Centenary of Indian universities	Bombay, Calcutta & Madras
1 a	12	01-10-52	Indian saints and poets	Tulsidas
15 np	15	15-08-57	Indian mutiny centenary	Rani of Jhansi
1½ as	18	15-12-47	Independence	Asokan Capital
20 p	20	01-07-68	Opening of 1 lakh post offices	Letter Box & 1,00,000
2 as	24	10-10-49	75 th Anniversary of formation of UPU	UPU Symbol & Asokan Pillar
25 p	25	02-06-74	300 th Anniversary of coronation of shri Shivaji Maharaj	Chhatrapati Shivaji
30 np	30	07-10-63	Wildlife preservation	Indian Elephant
35	35	27-09-80	150 th anniversary of Scottish Church college, Calcutta	Scottish Church college, Calcutta
3½ as	42	21-11-47	Independence	National flag
4 as	48	26-01-50	Inauguration of Republic	Ear of Corn and Plough



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50 np	50	07-10-63	Wildlife preservation	Tiger
4½ as	54	01-10-52	Indian saints and poets	Ghalib
55 np	55	23-01-64	67 th Birth anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose	Bose & Indian National Army
60	60	13-02-87	India struggle for freedom-5 th series	Hakim Ajmal Khan
75 p	75	02-10-69	Birth centenary of Mahatma Gandhi	Mahatma Gandhi
90 np	90	15-08-57	Indian mutiny centenary	Banyan Sapling
1 Re	100	18-02-61	50 th Anniversary of first official air mail flight	Humber Sommer Plane
1.03 Rs	103	22-06-60	Poet Kalidasa commemoration	A Scene from Shakuntala
12 as	144	15-12-47	Independence	Aircraft
1.45 Rs	145	10-08-72	Munich Olpympic games	Various sports
150	150	20-10-75	Indian Dances	Kuchipudi
14 as	168	02-10-53	Conquest of Mount Everest	Mount Everest
2 Rs	200	31-12-68	Birds	Yellow backed slaty headed Sunbird
230	230	01-11-80	International symposium on Bustards	Great Indian Bustard
250	250	28-07-84	Olympic games, Los Angeles	Weight Lifting
280	280	29-05-76	Bicentenary of American Revolution	Painting by Willard 'Spirit of 76'
285	285	15-03-82	Birth centenary of Picasso	Three Musicians
300	300	19-10-77	Asiana77 philatelic exhibition	Foreign Mail arriving at Bombay
305	305	23-03-82	Festival of India sculpture	Kalia Mardana-9 th century A.D.
325	325	15-10-82	50 th anniversary of civil aviation in India	J.Tata with 'Puss Moth'
400	400	28-03-87	Centenary of south eastern railway	Steam Locomotive 1900
5 Rs	500	02-10-69	Birth centenary of Mahatma Gandhi	Gandhi and charkha
600	600	06-05-90	150 years of first postage stamp	Penny Post
650	650	10-01-87	Indian army round the world yacht, voyage, 1985-87	Yacht Trisna & Route Map
800	800	08-08-92	XXV olympics	Hockey
1000	1000	30-12-91	Yoga exercises	Utthita Trikonasana
1100	1100	29-04-92	Adventure sports	Skiing
1500	1500	05-03-99	50 th anniversary of press trust of india	Globe and Satellite Dish
10 Rs	1920	15-08-48	Independence first anniversary	Mahatma Gandhi
2200	2200	29-11-03	India – France relationship	Rooster Motif
4500	4500	22-07-01	Corals of india	Acropora formosa

Smallest and Biggest Commemorative Stamps. Normally size of the stamp depends on the practicability in the usage of stamps on covers and parcels. The biggest stamp in India was issued on



Smallest Stamp
19 mm x 29 mm
(Actual Size)

31st August 2005 to celebrate 200 years of State Bank of India and the smallest stamp was issued on 6th February 2004 to celebrate the birth centenary of the industrialist & philanthropist Dr. Bhalchandra Digamber Garware. The size of the stamp mentioned here was measured from centre to centre of perforation.



Biggest Stamp – 87 mm x 41 mm (Actual Size)

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