

The Early Court Fee Issues of the Indian State of Bharatpur (1907-1920)

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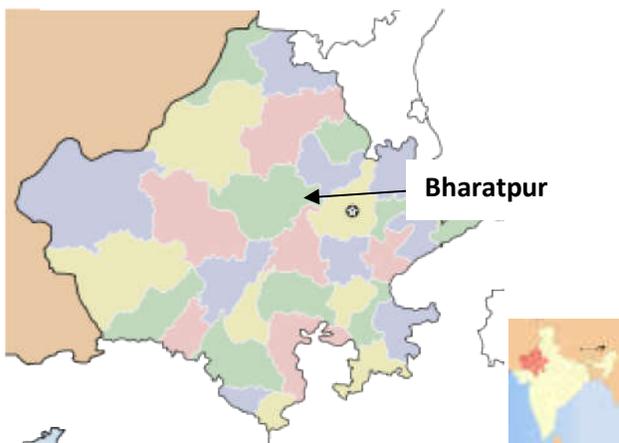
Bharatpur

Bharatpur, now a small district in Rajasthan, was a Princely State of India and, as such, issued its own court fee stamps. The state extended over an area of less than 2,000 square miles (smaller than Metro Chicago and a little bigger than present day greater London) and had a population equal to present day Stockholm or Johannesburg (about 500,000). These court fee stamps were locally printed stamps with one brief experiment with Bradbury-Wilkinson printers in London.



Coat of Arms of Bharatpur

Bharatpur in Rajasthan



Rajasthan in India

Court Fee Stamps

In India, legal documents for which legal rights could be enforced (e.g. deeds, leases, and commercial transactions) were taxed with court fee stamps if they were to be introduced, or might be introduced, as evidence in a law suit.

This exhibit shows the first several court fee issues. The first court fee stamps were issued in 1907. The last ones in this exhibit (issued before a series used from 1925 to 1941) was issued in 1920.

After Indian independence in 1947, Bharatpur became a district in Rajasthan state and Bharatpur Court Fee stamps were overprinted for use in Rajasthan before being replaced by Court Fee stamps of India. It is now one of 33 districts within the state of Rajasthan

Organization

Frame 1

Title	Issue of 1907	1907 Common design w/ Alwar
Issue of 1915		
1907 on doc.	1915 2 as. on doc.	
1915 4 as. on doc.	1915 8 as on doc.	Map of Bharatpur

Frame 2

Second Issue of 1915	First and Second issue of 1920
Issue of 1920	
Issue of 1915 on doc.	Issue of 1920 on doc.
Issue of 1920 on doc.	Epilog

A note about condition

Since the cleaning and reuse of revenue stamps would result in a loss of revenue to the State, cancellations were designed to preclude the possibility of stamps being reused. A popular form of cancellation was a punch to remove part of the stamp. Manuscript cancellations with signatures and dates were frequently used as well. This is why the stamps do not look pristine; it is the only way there are available.

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