

Most of you have probably never heard of Nawanagar, even though they did once issue postal stamps. Nawanagar was one of the Indian states, and used postal issues until the end of 1894. So far, no perfins are known on them. The perfins are on revenue issues of which there are quite a few issues. Court fee revenues are a long rectangle shape issued from 1917 to 1948. They are all perforated NAWANAGER STATE and are relatively easy to find. Other revenues are Hundis (Bill of Exchange) which are in various shapes. One long rectangular one issued in 1918 has the perfin shown below and is uncommon. Upright rectangles, issued from 1922 to 1948 have an NS perfin. They are much less common than the other, but are obtainable with a little digging. So, look for two types to complete a country.

Dates mentioned above are from the recently published book "The Court Fee and Revenue Stamps of the Princely States of India", 1983 by A. Koepfel and R.D. Manners. This book also mentions a Sikkim perfin to watch for. The perfin is COURT/FEES, which changed a general revenue issue to a court fee issue. The catalogue lists it at \$100. US.

A perfin is also known on Gwalior revenue stamped paper, but that is another story.

