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India gained independence on 15 August 1947 and this caused lots of unrest in Soruth since the State had a Muslim ruler while the majority of the population was Hindu. The Hindu's revolted because the state was destined to become part of Muslim Pakistan and order was not restored until 9 November 1947 when Indian troops occupied the State following the flight of the ruler to Pakistan. Under the new Constitution of India, 221 former states (including four stamp issuing Princely states) and estates formed the **United State of Saurashtra**. Initially Soruth was excluded but on 20 January 1949 Soruth joined the United State of Saurashtra.



No stop after ANNA



Raised stop after ANNA
Position 19 (R4/4)



Raised stop after ANNA
Position 11 (R3/1)



No stop after ANNA
Position 25 (R5/5)



Small second A in ANNA
Position 12 (R3/2)



Small N in ONE
Position 31 (R7/1)



Raised stop after ANNA
Position 13 (R3/3)



No stop after ANNA
Position 34 (R7/4)



No stop after ANNA
Position 17 (R4/2)



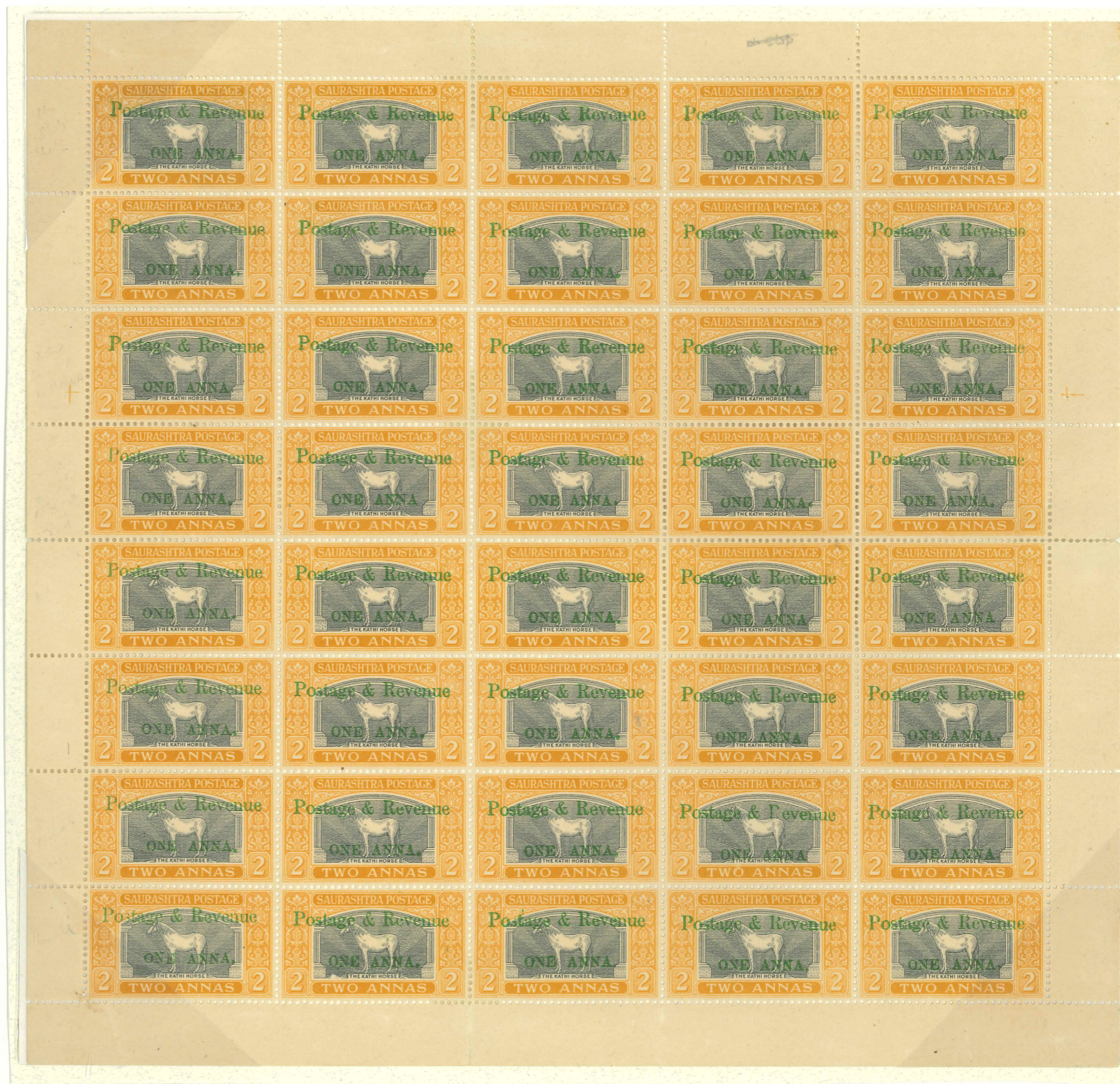
Small O in ONE
Position 36 (R8/1)



Small second N in ANNA
Position 18 (R4/3)



Raised stop after ANNA
Position 40 (R8/5)



Issued February 1949—Right after Soruth joined the United State of Saurashtra on 20 January 1949 the shortage of one anna stamps was acute so the authorities recalled most of the stock of two anna stamps in February 1949 and together with the existing stock of two anna stamps in the Treasury surcharged sheets of two anna stamps (40 stamps, 5 x 8) in green for both postage and revenue use at the value of one anna. A number of varieties are found in the **ONE ANNA** overprint but not in the **Postage and Revenue** overprint. The surcharging was done by the Junagadh State Press.