## FACTS ABOUT INDIAN RUPEE



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## **BIRTH OF RUPEE**



## \* The first <u>RUPEE</u> was introduced by <u>Sher Shah Suri</u> (1486-1545) based on a ratio of 40 copper pieces (paisa) per rupee.

\* The name was derived from the Sanskrit word <u>RAUPYAKAM</u>, meaning <u>Silver</u>.



- During British rule, and the first decade of independence,
- 1 Damidi(pie)=0.520833paise,
- 1 Kani(pice) =1.5625paise,
- 1 Paraka =3.125paise,
- 1 Anna =6.25paise,
- 1 Beda =12.5paise,
- 1 Pavala =25paise,
- 1 Artharupee =50paise,
- 1 Rupee =100paise









Until 1815, the <u>Madras Presidency</u> also issued a currency based on the <u>fanam</u>, with <u>12 fanams equal to</u> <u>the rupee</u>.

In 1957, decimalisation occurred and the rupee was divided into 100 naye paise (Hindi for "new paise"). In 1964, the initial "nave" was dropped. Many still refer to 25, 50 and 75 paise as 4, 8 and 12 annas respectively.



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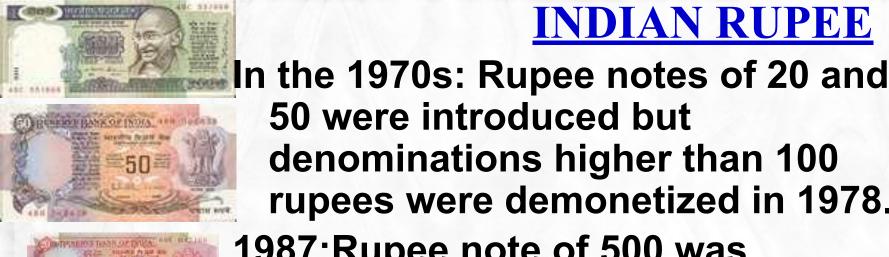
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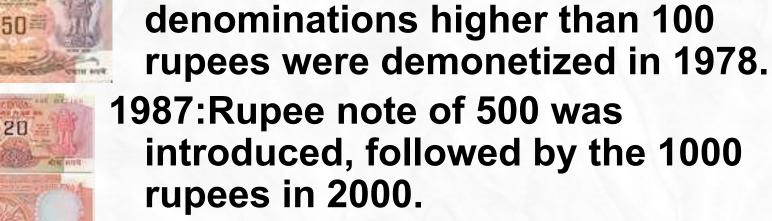
- 1861: 10 rupee notes.
- 1864: 20 rupee notes
- 1872: 5 rupees in 1872,
- 1899: 10,000 rupees
- 1900: 100 rupees
- 1905: 50 rupees
- 1907: 500 rupees
- 1909: 1000 rupees

1917: 1 and 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> rupees notes were introduced.



1938: The Reserve Bank of India began note production in issuing 2, 5, 10, 100, 1000 and 10000 rupee notes, while the Government continued to issue 1 rupee notes. After independence, new designs were introduced to remove the portrait of the King. The government continued to issue the 1 rupee note, while the **Reserve Bank issued other** denominations, including the 5000 and 10,000 rupee notes introduced in 1949.





The rupee was legal tender across several countries during British colonial days

50 were introduced but

Rupee was replaced with local currency in Qatar and within the **United Arab Emirates until 1966 and** in Kuwait (1961) and Bahrain (1965)



India escaped coming under British sterling coinage that became effective in 1825 because it was under the East India Company, not the British Crown.

The earliest issues of paper rupees were

#### 1770-1832: By the Bank of Hindustan

1773–1775:The General Bank of Bengal and Bihar established by Warren Hastings)

1784–91: The Bengal Bank.





In 1996: Mahatma Gandhi Series **Currency notes are printed at the Currency Note Press, Nashik, Bank** Note Press, <u>Dewas</u>, Bharatiya Note Mudra Nigam (P) Limited presses at Salboni and Mysore and at the Watermark Paper Manufacturing Mill, Hoshangabad.

### **INDIAN RUPEE** LANGUAGE PANELS

Each banknote has its amount written in 17 languages (English & Hindi on the front, and **15 others on the back)** illustrating the diversity of the country.



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WATERMARK The Mahatma Gandhi Series of banknotes contains the Gandhi watermark with a light and shade effect and multi-directional lines in the watermark window SECURITY THREAD A readable,

windowed inscribed security thread alternately visible on the obverse with

the inscriptions 'Bharat' (in Hindi) and 'RBI'. When held against light, the security thread on Rs 1000, Rs 500 and Rs 100 notes can be seen as one continuous line

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LATENT IMAGE A vertical band

on the right side of Mahatma Gandhi's portrait has a latent image showing the respective denomination (visible only when the note is held horizontally at the eye level)



MICROLETTER-ING The letters 'RBI' and the numeral '500' can be seen with a magnifying glass in the

**WATER MARK** : White side panel of notes has Mahatma Gandhi watermark.

**IDENTIFICATION** 

intaglio (raised printing)

has been introduced on

A special feature in

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- SECURITY THREAD : All notes have a silver security band with inscriptions visible when held against light.
- LATENT IMAGE : Higher denominational notes display note's denominational value in numerals when held horizontally at eye level.
- MICROLETTERING : Numeral denominational value is visible under magnifying glass between security thread and watermark.

#### **INDIAN RUPEE** SECURITY FEATURES IN CURRENCY NOTES

A special feature in intaglio (raised printing) has been introduced on the left of the



watermark window: Rs 20-vertical

rectangle, Rs 50-square, Rs 100-triangle, Rs 500-circle,

Rs 500-circle, Rs 1000-diamond

FLUORESCENCE Number panels of the notes are printed in fluorescent ink. The notes also have optical fibres. Both can be seen when the notes are 2KE 293332 ultra-violet lamp



FLUORESCENCE: Number panels glow under ultra-violet light.

OPTICALLY VARIABLE INK: Notes of Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 have their numerals printed in optically variable ink. Number appears green when note is held flat but changes to blue when viewed at angle.

**BACK-TO-BACK REGISTRATION:** Floral design printed on front and back of note coincides when viewed against light.



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**COINS** The three Presidencies established by the British East India Company (Bengal, Bombay and Madras) each issued their own coinages up to 1835. All three issued rupees together with fractions down to 1/8 and 1/16 rupee in silver. Madras also issued 2 rupees coins.

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Copper denominations were more varied.

Bengal issued 1 pie, ½, 1 and 2 paise. Bombay issued 1 pie, ¼, ½, 1, 1½, 2 and 4 paise.



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In Madras, there were copper coins for 2, 4 pies, 1, 2 and 4 paisa, with the first two denominated as 1/2 and 1 dub or 1/96 and 1/48 rupee.

Note that Madras issued the <u>Madras fanam</u> until 1815.

#### **INDIAN RUPEE** COINS In 1835, a single coinage for the EIC was introduced. It consisted of copper 1/12, 1/4 and 1/2 anna, silver 1/4, 1/2 and 1 rupee and gold 1 and 2 mohurs.

In 1841, silver 2 annas were added, followed by copper <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pice in 1853. The coinage of the EIC continued to be issued until 1862, even after the Company had been taken over by the Crown.





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In 1862, coins were introduced which are referred to as Regal issues. They bore the portrait of Queen Victoria and the designation "India". Denominations were 1/12 anna, 1/2 pice,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna (all in copper), 2 annas, 1/4, 1/2 and 1 rupee (silver) and 5 and 10 rupees and 1 mohur (gold). The gold denominations ceased production in 1891 while no 1/2 anna coins were issued dated later than 1877.



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n 1906, bronze replaced copper for the lowest three denominations and in 1907, a cupro-nickel 1 anna was introduced.

In 1918 and 1919, cupro-nickel 2, 4 and 8 annas were introduced, although the 4 and 8 annas coins were only issued until 1921 and did not replace their silver equivalents.







In the early 1940s, several changes were implemented.

The 1/12 anna and ½ pice ceased production, the ¼ anna was changed to a bronze, holed coin, cupro-nickel and nickel-brass ½ anna coins were introduced, nickel-brass was used to produce some 1 and 2 annas coins, and the composition of the silver coins was reduced from 91.7% to 80%.

The last of the regal issues were cupro-nickel 1/4, 1/2 and 1 rupee pieces minted in 1946 and 1947.





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India's first coins after independence were issued in 1950. They were 1 pice, ½, 1 and 2 annas, ¼, ½ and 1 rupee denominations. The sizes and compositions were the same as the final Regal issues, except for the 1 pice, which was bronze but not holed

The first decimal issues of India consisted of 1, 2, 5, 10, 25 & 50 naye paise, as well as 1 rupee. The 1 naya paisa was bronze, the 2, 5 & 10 naye paise were cupro-nickel & the 25 & 50 naye paise & 1 rupee were nickel. In 1964, the word naya(e) was removed from all the coins. Between 1964 & 1967, aluminum 1, 2, 3, 5 & 10 paise were introduced. In 1968, nickel-brass 20 paise were introduced, replaced by aluminum

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coins in 1982.

Between 1972 & 1975, cupro-nickel replaced nickel in the 25 & 50 paise as well as the 1 rupee. In 1982, cupro-nickel 2 rupees coins were introduced. In 1988, <u>stainless steel</u> 10, 25 & 50 paise were introduced, followed by 1 & 5 rupee coins in 1992.









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Between 2005 & 2008, new, lighter 50 paise, 1, 2 & 5 rupee coins were introduced, all struck in ferritic stainless steel. The move was prompted by the melting down of older coins whose face value was less than their scrap value

The coins commonly in circulation are 1, 2, 5 & 10 rupees. Although they remain valid, paise coins have become increasingly rare in regular usage.

#### **MINT MARKS ON COIN**



Coins with a "<u>Diamond</u>" mark below the date is produced in <u>Mumbai</u> mint

Coins with "<u>No marks</u>" below the date is produced in <u>Kolkata</u> mint.

Coins with "<u>Split Diamond</u>" or "<u>Dot</u>" or "<u>Star</u>" below the date is produced in <u>Hyderabad</u> Mint.

Coins with "<u>Round</u>" Dot below the date is produced in <u>Noida</u> Mint.

Coins having "<u>Other marks</u>" is produced in <u>Foreign Mints.</u>

Most currencies in the world have no specific symbol. The British pound (£) dates back to the 8th century Kingdom of Mercia (now the British Midlands). **CURRENCY** The dollar symbol (\$) was adopted **SYMBOL** in the United States in 1785. The yen (¥) goes back to 1871. The <u>euro (€)</u> was unveiled in 1996. The Central Bank of Russia held a contest in 2007 and came up with 13 symbols. Among currencies with distinctive identities, only the pound sterling has its symbol printed on the notes.

#### INDIAN RUPEE SYMBOL

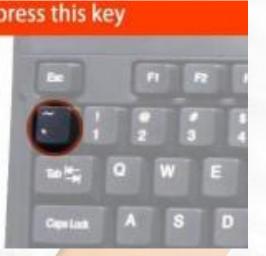


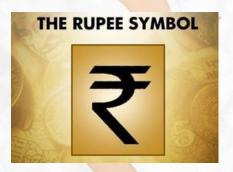
The currency is at present denoted simply by "<u>Rs</u>" or "<u>INR</u>" which is short for Indian rupee, but these are not "<u>symbols</u>" but "<u>abbreviations</u>" for the word '<u>Rupee'</u>.

On 15th of July 2010 cabinet, finalized the design for the <u>Rupee</u>.

An engineer, IIT post-graduate <u>Uday Kumar</u> has been honored. His design out of five shortlisted ones is selected for the new symbol of the Indian Rupee.

## **RUPEE SYMBOL**





**NEW INDIAN**New Rupee Symbol of India -How to use in Computers? Download the font. -> "Rupee Foradia.ttf"

Save it to fonts folder of your PC: Location :

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Just select "Rupee" font from the drop down list of your fonts in your application and press the key just above your tab button. It will display the new Rupee symbol of India.



The unison design appeal to both Indian and foreign nationals



A symbol should symbolize a meaningful thought. Meaning to a symbol is like **Soul** to a body, without soul the body is nothing, without deeper, sensible and thought provoking meaning the symbol is needless.

This symbol truly symbolizes our country, our tradition, our nations economy and its currency.







#### **INDIAN RUPEE SYMBOL**

Please note that though the symbol will not be printed or embossed on currency notes or coins, it would be included in the 'Unicode Standard' and major scripts of the world to ensure that it is easily displayed and printed in the electronic and print media

