RBI to issue of ₹100 banknotes with inset letter ‘R’

The Reserve Bank of India will shortly issue ₹100 denomination banknotes with three additional/revised features in the Mahatma Gandhi Series-2005, with inset letter ‘R’ in both the numbering panels, bearing the signature of Dr. Raghuram G. Rajan, Governor, Reserve Bank of India, and the year of printing '2015' printed on the reverse of the banknote.

The design of these banknotes to be issued now is similar in all respects to the ₹100 banknotes in Mahatma Gandhi Series-2005 issued earlier. These notes will, however, have ascending size of numerals in the number panels, bleed lines, and enlarged identification mark, on the obverse. Such ₹100 banknotes with all three features (with a different inset letter) have already been put into circulation recently.

Reserve Bank of India had earlier issued ₹100 denomination banknotes with the same inset letter (‘R’) in June 2015 with the ascending size of numerals in the number panels but without bleed lines and enlarged identification mark. These banknotes will remain in circulation concomitantly with the banknotes being issued now.

All the banknotes in the denomination of ₹100 issued by the Bank in the past will continue to be legal tender.

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