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**Issue of ₹ 100 banknotes without inset letter, ascending size of numerals in the number panels, bleed lines, and enlarged identification mark**

The Reserve Bank of India will shortly issue ₹ 100 denomination banknotes with three additional/revised features in the Mahatma Gandhi Series-2005, bearing the signature of Dr. Raghuram G. Rajan, Governor, Reserve Bank of India, and the year of printing ‘2016’ printed on the reverse of the banknote. The banknotes will be without inset letter in the numbering panels.

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 (however, with an inset letter) have already been put into circulation.

The Reserve Bank of India had also issued ₹ 100 denomination banknotes 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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