

Security Features of Indian Bank Notes

As Prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Introduction

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) incorporates multiple security features in Indian bank notes to ensure their authenticity and to prevent counterfeiting. These features are regularly updated and are publicly documented in RBI notifications and on the official RBI website.

SN	Feature	Description	How to Check
1	See-through Register	Half of the denomination numeral printed on one side aligns perfectly with the other half on reverse	Hold note against light
2	Latent Image	Denomination numeral appears when the note is held at an angle at eye level	Tilt note at eye level
3	Denomination Numeral in Devanagri	Large, bold numerals for easy identification	Visual check
4	Portrait of Mahatma Gandhi	Large portrait of Mahatma Gandhi at the centre of the note	Visual check
5	Micro-lettering	Small lettering of 'India' and 'भारत', visible under magnification	Use magnifying glass
6	Security Thread	Windowed thread with inscriptions 'भारत' (Bharat in Hindi) and RBI, visible when held to light	Look for thread running vertically
7	Guarantee Clause	Governor's sign with promise clause and RBI emblem towards the right of Mahatma Gandhi's portrait	Visual check
8	Watermark	Portrait of Mahatma Gandhi and an electrotpe numeral, visible when held to light	Hold note against light
9	Number panel	Numeral Panel in ascending font on the top left side and bottom right side	Visual check
10	Optically Variable Ink	Used in higher denominations, changes colour when viewed from different angles	Tilt note
11	Ashoka Pillar Emblem	Printed on the front side of the note	Visual check
12	Intaglio Printing	Raised printing of Mahatma Gandhi's portrait, RBI seal, and denomination numeral	Feel with fingertips
13	Year of Printing	Printed on the reverse side of the note	Check reverse side
14	Swachh Bharat Logo	Swachh Bharat logo with slogan on the back side	Check reverse side
15	Language Panel	Special mark for visually impaired, varies by denomination	Feel for tactile mark
16	Motif of location	Different motifs for different denominations	Visual Check
17	Denomination Numeral in Devanagri	Large, bold numerals for easy identification	Check reverse side

Security features may vary slightly by denomination. For exact details, please refer to - <https://paisaboltahai.rbi.org.in/>