

**ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 2/WG 2**  
**PROPOSAL SUMMARY FORM TO ACCOMPANY SUBMISSIONS**  
**FOR ADDITIONS TO THE REPERTOIRE OF ISO/IEC 10646**

**A. Administrative**

1	Title:	<b>Proposal to encode the Indian Rupee Symbol in the UCS.</b>
2	Requester's name:	<b>Department of Information Technology Ministry of Communications &amp; IT, Government of India</b>
3	Requester type (Member body/Liaison/Individual contribution):	<b>Member Body</b>
4	Submission date:	<b>20-07-2010</b>
5	Requester's reference (if applicable):	
6	Choose one of the following: This is a complete proposal: or, More information will be provided later:	<b>Yes</b>

**B. Technical – General**

1	Choose one of the following:	
	a. This proposal is for a new script (set of characters): Proposed name of script:	No
	b. The proposal is for addition of character(s) to an existing block: Name of the existing block:	Yes Currency Symbols
2	Number of characters in proposal:	One
3	Proposed category: A-Contemporary B.1-Specialized (small collection) B.2-Specialized (large collection) C-Major extinct D-Attested extinct E-Minor extinct F-Archaic Hieroglyphic or Ideographic G-Obscure or questionable usage symbols	A
4	Proposed Level of Implementation (1, 2 or 3): Is a rationale provided for the choice? If Yes, reference:	1
5	Is a repertoire including character names provided? a. If YES, are the names in accordance with the "character naming guidelines" in Annex L of P&P document? b. Are the character shapes attached in a legible form suitable for review?	Yes
6	Who will provide the appropriate computerized font (ordered preference: True Type, or PostScript format) for publishing the standard? If available now, identify source(s) for the font (include address, e-mail, ftp-site, etc.) and indicate the tools used:	Government of India
7	References: a. Are references (to other character sets, dictionaries, descriptive texts etc.) provided? b. Are published examples of use (such as samples from newspapers, magazines, or other sources) of proposed characters attached?	No  Yes
8	Special encoding issues: Does the proposal address other aspects of character data processing (if applicable) such as input, presentation, sorting, searching, indexing, transliteration etc. (if yes please enclose information)?	No
9	Additional Information:	

<b>C. Technical - Justification</b>		
1	Has this proposal for addition of character(s) been submitted before? If YES explain	No
2	Has contact been made to members of the user community (for example: National Body, user groups of the script or characters, other experts, etc.)? If YES, with whom? If YES, available relevant documents:	Yes  User Groups
3	Information on the user community for the proposed characters (for example: size, demographics, information technology use, or publishing use) is included? Reference:	People in India and around the world
4	The context of use for the proposed characters (type of use; common or rare): Reference:	Common
5	Are the proposed characters in current use by the user community? If YES, where? Reference:	No, as this symbol is recently adopted, however people have started its use.
6	After giving due considerations to the principles in the P&P document must the proposed characters be entirely in the BMP? If YES, is a rationale provided? If YES, reference:	Yes
7	Should the proposed characters be kept together in a contiguous range (rather than being scattered)?	Proposed to be placed at U+20Bx
8	Can any of the proposed characters be considered a presentation form of an existing character or character sequence? If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided? If YES, reference:	No
9	Can any of the proposed characters be encoded using a composed character sequence of either existing characters or other proposed characters? If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided? If YES, reference:	No
10	Can any of the proposed character(s) be considered to be similar (in appearance or function) to an existing character? If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided? If YES, reference:	No
11	Does the proposal include use of combining characters and/or use of composite sequences? If YES, is a rationale for such use provided? If YES, reference: Is a list of composite sequences and their corresponding glyph images (graphic symbols) provided? If YES, reference:	No
12	Does the proposal contain characters with any special properties such as control function or similar semantics? If YES, describe in detail (include attachment if necessary)	No
13	Does the proposal contain any Ideographic compatibility character(s)? If YES, is the equivalent corresponding unified ideographic character(s) identified? If YES, reference:	No

## Indian Rupee Symbol

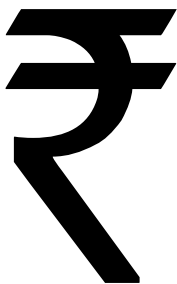
Indian economy has been expanding at a sustained high rate of growth. Its economy is steadily integrating with the global economy and India has emerged as major investment destination worldwide. In view of this fact Government of India decided to have a distinct and unique symbol for Indian Rupee like major other currencies such as US Dollar or British Pound Sterling.

After following a defined process, Government of India selected the design of Mr. D. Udaya Kumar as the “Symbol for Indian Rupee”. Cabinet approved the symbol on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

The symbol is designed using Devanagari Letter Ra and Roman Letter R, which represent the Indian economy nationally and internationally. The two horizontal lines with a white space in between represent the Indian national flag. The two horizontal lines also represent mathematical symbol “equal to” which is used for monetary transactions.

It is very urgent that the proposed symbol be encoded in the Unicode Standard so that software vendors can provide support for it and it can be easily displayed/ printed in the electronic and print media.

Proposed Symbol: **U + 20Bx - INDIAN RUPEE SYMBOL**



20Bx; INDIAN-RUPEE-SYMBOL;Sc;0;ET;;;;;N;;;;;

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## Rupee becomes only 5th currency to get a symbol

### Design By IIT Grad Cleared By Cabinet

DESIGN NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In keeping with India's growing economic might and its status as a major investment destination, the hitherto humble rupee is all set to get a distinct identity in the form of a new symbol.

The Union Cabinet on Thursday gave its approval to the symbol which combines the Devanagari letter 'R' with the Devanagari letter 'P'.

The symbol will cater to the company of four 'elite' currencies which have similarly distinct identities: US dollar, euro, yen and British pound.

The symbol has been designed by D Udaya Kumar, an IIT Bombay postgraduate, who has joined as a tender at IIT Guwahati. Kumar will receive a prize money of Rs 2.5 lakh for his efforts. The symbol will also standardize the expression for the Indian rupee in different languages, both within and outside the country.

It's a big statement on the Indian currency. It would distinguish the rupee from those countries whose currencies are also designated as rupee or rupiah, such as Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Indonesia," I&IT minister Ambika Soni said after the Cabinet meeting. The symbol, she added, would reflect the strength and robustness of the Indian economy.

Until now, the Indian currency was simply denoted by its code, INR. Kumar's symbol was chosen after a public competition was held among resident Indian citizens inviting entries for a symbol which reflected and captured the Indian ethos and culture.

Over 3,000 entries were received. These were evaluated by a jury headed by the RBI deputy governor, which included experts from reputed art and design institutes.

"The entries were presented to the jury in such a manner that the identity of the competitors was not revealed to the jury members. The jury selected five final entries and also gave its evaluation of these five entries to the government to take a final decision," said Soni.

► Symbol to be adopted in 6 months, P 28

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# नवभारत टाइम्स

## अब हमारे रुपये का भी है अपना खास सिंबल

### इंडिया को मिली नई पहचान

विशेष संवाददाता ॥ नई दिल्ली : अब भारत की करंसी रुपये को भी एक अलग पहचान मिल गई है। अमेरिकी डॉलर, जापानी येन, ब्रिटिश पाउंड स्टर्लिंग और यूरोपीय युनियन के यूरो को लगे पर रुपये का भी एक खास सिंबल होगा। रुपये के इस सिंबल को मुद्रा का केबिनेट ने पास कर दिया। केबिनेट की बैठक के बाद सूचना प्रसारण यंत्री अधिकारी सोनी ने कहा कि यह सिंबल हमारी इकॉनमी की तेजी और मजबूती को भी साबित करेगा। इसे आईआईटी के पीएच डी प्रोफेसर डी. उदय कुमार ने डिजाइन किया। इस सिंबल के लिए लोगों से ऐसे डिजाइन पेश करने को कहा गया था, जिसमें इंडियन कल्चर को झलक मिलती हो। करीब तीन हजार पेंटिंग मिलीं। रिजल्ट के बाद डिप्टी गवर्नर की अध्यक्षता वाली जुरी ने पंच डिजाइन चुने। आखिर में उदय कुमार के डिजाइन को बेहतरीन माना गया।

भारत को अपनी करंसी के लिए सिंबल की जरूरत क्यों पड़ी? इसलिए कि एक अलग पहचान इकॉनमी की ताकत को दिखाती है। यह दुनिया के लिए भारत का प्रेसोन है कि उसकी अहमियत को समझा जाए। भारत पिछले 10 बरसों से अपनी करंसी का सिंबल बनाने की कोशिश में था। अब ऐसा हो गया।

दिया दें दुनिया को...

...उमरते भारत की ताकत

यूरोकोड स्टैंडर्ड, आईएसओ-आईसी 10646 और आईएस 15924 में शामिल करने के लिए की इच्छा व्यक्त किया जा सकता है।

इंडियन स्टैंडर्ड में एनकोड करने में यह महीने लगे। यूरोकोड और यूएस स्टैंडर्ड में पेश करने के लिए कुछ से हो साल का वक़्त लगेगा।

सरकारी नोटिफ जारी होने के बाद इसे नए कंप्यूटर की-बोर्ड में शामिल किया जाएगा। यानी इसके लिए अलग की ब्रॉव जरूरी नहीं।

News published in the "Times of India" and "Nav Bharat Times" - major newspapers of India regarding adoption of the symbol for Indian Rupee.

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## Diesel to cost ₹2.50 less

### Giving In To Dealers, Delhi Rolls Back VAT Hike

DESIGN NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Giving in to the demand of petrol and diesel dealers in the capital, Delhi government on Friday decided to roll back the VAT on diesel from 20% to 12.50% per litre. This was decided at a meeting held at chief minister Sheila Dikshit's residence. The rollback will come into effect on July 20.

Delhi government had been under fire from the dealers ever since it hiked the VAT on diesel from 12.5% to 20% in its budget for 2010-11. The CM had then said this would prevent pollution besides boosting revenue. But on Friday, after a hurriedly convened cabinet meeting where finance minister A K Wadia was missing, she justified the rollback.

A statement from the CM's office said it was meant as a relief to the poor. "The city government has decided to bring down the rate of VAT on diesel from 20% to 12.5% to prevent the inflationary trend," the statement said. "The price of diesel in Delhi is Rs 37.60 per litre. It will now be available for Rs 35.10 per litre. The burden on consumers has been reduced by Rs 2.50 per litre. The new rate will be applicable from July 20," the CM said.

The rate of diesel in Delhi was just Rs 35.71 per litre, including taxes, in April. It went up

**Pump Pricing**

City	Price (₹ per litre)
Delhi	37.60
Uttar Pradesh	39.55
Haryana	36.60

(Diesel prices in ₹ per litre. May vary in some areas)

**Freight rates may not change**

The move to reduce diesel prices will not have any impact on freight rates, transporters said, though car companies said it should not affect rates of intra-city cargo movement as commercial vehicles in Delhi run on CNG.

to Rs 40.10 per litre as a consequence of the recent hike in the price of petroleum products in the country.

► Wadia steers clear of controversy, P 6

Usage Example of the New Indian Rupee Symbol