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**Issue of Rs.50 denomination banknotes in Mahatma Gandhi Series
with additional/new security features without inset letter in numbering
panel bearing the signature of Dr. Y. V. Reddy, Governor**

The Reserve Bank of India will shortly issue Rs.50 denomination banknotes in Mahatma Gandhi Series without inset letter in numbering panel bearing the signature of Dr. Y. V. Reddy, Governor. The new series 2005 banknotes will be of the same size and there is no change in the colour/design/images of the banknotes both at the obverse (front) and the reverse (back). All the security features have been mentioned in the earlier Press Release dated August 10, 2005, and the salient additional/new security features of the Rs.50 banknotes are as under :

Obverse (front)

Security Thread: The new series 2005 banknotes in Rs.50 denomination will have machine readable windowed demetalised clear text magnetic 1.4 mm wide security thread with inscriptions "भारत" and "RBI". The thread will fluoresce in yellow on both sides under ultraviolet light. The thread will be visible as a continuous line from behind when held up against light.

See-through Register: The floral design printed both on the front (hollow) and back (filled up) of the Rs.50 banknote in the middle of the vertical band next to the watermark window will have the denominational numeral 50. Half of the numeral is printed on the obverse (front) and half on the reverse (back). Both the printed portions have an accurate back to back registration so that the numeral appears as one when viewed against light.

Electrolyte Watermark: In addition to the Mahatma Gandhi watermark, the denominational numeral 50 appears alongside Mahatma Gandhi portrait in the watermark window.

Omron anti-photocopying feature: The feature appears in the form of tiny yellow circles on either side of the legend "भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक" and 'Reserve Bank of India'.

Intaglio print: The portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, the Reserve Bank seal, guarantee and promise clause, Ashoka Pillar emblem on the left, RBI Governor's signature, and identification mark for the visually impaired are printed in intaglio, i.e., in raised prints (felt by touch) and have been made more prominent by raising the depth.

Reverse (back)

Year of printing : Year of printing will appear on the reverse of the Rs.50 banknote.

Omron anti-photocopying feature: The feature appears in the form of tiny yellow circles in the right hand margin of the Rs.50 banknote.

All banknotes in the denomination of Rs.50 issued by the Reserve Bank in the past will continue to be legal tender.