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10 Paise





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10 Paise coins were minted from 1957 -1998 and can be categorised into 6 different varieties as under

- ❖ **1957 - 63: 10 Naye Paise Copper Nickel**
- ❖ **1964 - 67: 10 Paise Copper Nickel**
- ❖ **1968 - 71: 10 Paise Aluminium Bronze**
- ❖ **1971 - 82: 10 Paise Big Planchet Aluminium Magnesium**
- ❖ **1983 - 93: 10 Paise Small Planchet Aluminium Magnesium**
- ❖ **1988 - 98: 10 Paise Stainless Steel**

Please Note : In 1971 and between 1988-93 two different varieties of 10 Paise Coins were minted simultaneously.

10 paise coins minted from 1957 to 1967 are almost similar to 5 paise copper nickel coins i.e., as decimal series started from 1957, so 1957 to 1963 Naye Paise, from 1964 - 1967 word "Naye" dropped and from 1968 the metal was changed.

- ❖ **1957 - 63: 10 Naye Paise Copper Nickel**

On the obverse of these coins we can see the Lion Capital of Ashoka in the centre surrounded by the Legend "Bharat" and "India" towards the left and right respectively. On the reverse side of the coin the denomination "10" is inscribed in the centre surrounded by the text "Rupay ka Daswa Bhaag" on the circumference in Devanagari. On the coins minted from 1957 to 1963 the text "Naye Paise" is written just below the denomination and the year of minting below that. As usual the mint mark is below the year of minting.



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❖ 1964 - 67: 10 Paise Copper Nickel

On the coins minted from 1964 to 1967 the word "Naye" was dropped and it was replaced by the denomination "Das" in Devanagari. Other than this, these 10 Paise coins minted from 1964-67 were similar to the coins minted from 1957-63.

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10 Paise 1957-67	
Year of Minting	1957-1967
Metal	Copper Nickel
Weight	5 gm
Diameter	23 mm
Shape	8 Scalloped
Edges	Plain

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❖ 1968 - 71: 10 Paise Aluminium Bronze

Both the obverse and reverse of the coin remains the same, however the planchet used was changed from Copper- Nickel to Aluminium Bronze i.e. other than change in planchet the 10 paise coins minted from 1968 to 1971 were similar to coins minted from 1964 to 1967.

10 Paise 1968-71	
Year of Minting	1968-1971
Metal	Aluminium- Bronze
Weight	4.25 gm
Diameter	23 mm
Shape	8 Scalloped
Edges	Plain



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Did you know: People mistook its golden colour and lustre for the presence of gold and hence started melting them. Consequently, these were called in from circulation effective October 1971.

❖ 1971 - 82: 10 Paise Big Planchet Aluminium Magnesium

Both the obverse and reverse of the coin can be divided into 2 parts. The circumference or the periphery consists of an exquisite floral design. The inner area is separated from the floral inscriptions by an engraved circle formed off 50 dots.

On the obverse of these coins, we can see the Lion Capital of Ashoka in the centre surrounded by the Legend “Bharat” and “India” towards the left and right respectively inside the inner area. The inscription on the reverse of the coin was changed. The legend “Rupay ka Daswa Bhaag” was replaced by ‘Paise’ in English inscribed to the right and ‘Paise’ in Devanagari inscribed to the left of the denomination. Moreover, the legend “das paise” below the denomination was also removed. The year of minting as usual is below the denomination and the mint mark is below the year.

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10 Paise 1971-82	
Year of Minting	1971-1982
Metal	Aluminium-Magnesium
Weight	2.30 gm
Diameter	26 mm
Shape	12 Scalloped
Edges	Plain

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❖ 1983 - 93: 10 Paise Small Planchet Aluminium Magnesium

As the prices of the metals were increasing the diameter was reduced from 26mm to 23mm consequently reducing the weight from 2.30 gms to 1.75 gms. The floral design on the periphery was removed.

The obverse of the coin remained the same however the word " Satyamev Jayate " was added to the obverse just below the Lion Capital of Ashoka. On the reverse of the coin the denomination 10 was inscribed in the centre with "Paise" in Devanagari above and "Paise" in English below the denomination. Curved lines to the left and right of the denomination were added for beautification. The year of minting was written below the inscription Paise in English and the Mint mark as usual was below the year.

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10 Paise 1983-93	
Year of Minting	1983-93
Metal	Aluminium-Magnesium
Weight	1.75 gm
Diameter	23 mm
Shape	8 Scalloped
Edges	Plain

Point to Note: Although the Noida mint was established in 1988, no Aluminium-Magnesium planchet coins of any denomination have been minted by the Noida mint.

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❖ 1988 - 98: 10 Paise Stainless Steel

The sixth and last variety of 10 paise coins were minted in stainless steel which was used for the first time to mint coins. The obverse of the coin remained the same however the reverse was changed. The denomination '10' remained inscribed in the centre of the reverse however the text 'Paise' in Devanagari which was previously above the Numeral was shifted to the upper left periphery and 'Paise' in English which was previously below the numeral was shifted to the upper right periphery/circumference. The year of minting was below the numeral and as usual the mint mark was below the year.

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10 Paise 1988-1998	
Year of Minting	1988-98
Metal	Stainless Steel
Weight	1.85 gm
Diameter	16 mm
Shape	Circular
Edges	Plain

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Mint wise details of minting including Rare (R) / Scarc (S) is given in next page:



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Year	Mumbai	Kolkata	Hyderabad
1957 CN	✓	✓	✗
1958 CN	✓	S	✗
1959 CN	✓	S	✗
1960 CN	✓	✗	✗
1961 CN	✓	✓	R
1962 CN	✓	✓	R
1963 CN	✓	✓	R
1964 CN	S	S	R
1965 CN	✓	✓	R
1966 CN	✓	✓	R
1967 CN	✓	✓	R
1968 AB	✓	✓	✓
1969 AB	✓	✓	✓
1970 AB	✓	✓	✗
1971 AB	✓	✗	✗
1971 AM	✓	S	S
1972 AM	✓	✓	✗
1973 AM	✓	✓	R
1974 AM	✓	✓	R
1975 AM	✓	✓	✗
1976 AM	✗	R	✗
1977 AM	S	R	✗



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Year	Mumbai	Kolkata	Hyderabad
1978 AM	S	S	R
1979 AM	✓	✗	S
1980 AM	✓	S	S
1981 AM	✓	✓	✗
1982 AM	✗	S	S
1983 AM	✓	✓	✓
1984 AM	✓	✓	✓
1985 AM	✓	✓	S
1986 AM	✓	✓	S
1987 AM	✓	✓	✗
1988 AM	✓	✓	✓
1989 AM	✓	✓	✓
1990 AM	R	✗	✗
1991 AM	✓	S	S
1993 AM	✗	R	✗

CN: Copper- Nickel

AB: Aluminium - Bronze

AM: Aluminium - Magnesium



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Stainless Steel

Year	Mumbai	Kolkata	Hyderabad	Noida	Ottawa
1988	S	S	S	✓	✓
1989	✓	S	S	✓	✗
1990	✓	R	S	✓	✗
1991	✓	S	S	✓	✗
1992	✗	✗	✗	S	✗
1993	✗	✗	S	✗	✗
1996	S	S	✗	✓	✗
1997	RR	✓	S	✓	✗
1998	R	R	✗	✗	✗