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Republic India Coins

20 Paise





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These coins were minted from 1968-71 and 1982-97. They are the only coins whose minting stopped and then started again after a gap of 11 years. These coins can be divided into 2 categories.

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- ❖ **1968-71 - 20 paise Aluminium Bronze Coins with the Lotus**
- ❖ **1982-97 - 20 Paise Aluminium Magnesium coins with Floral Design**

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- ❖ **1968-71 - 20 paise Aluminium Bronze Coins with the Lotus**

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 of this coin we have the lotus inscribed in the centre and the numeral 20 on the top. The text ‘Paise’ in Devanagari and ‘Paise’ in English are to the left and right of the lotus respectively. The year of minting is below the lotus and the mint mark as usual is below the year.

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**Did you know:** Just like the 10 paise Aluminium Bronze coins minted from 1968-71, people also started melting these 20 paise coins mistaking the golden colour and lustre for presence of gold. Hence it was also called in from circulation effective October 1971.

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<b>20 Paise 1968-71</b>	
<b>Year of Minting</b>	<b>1968-71</b>
<b>Metal</b>	<b>Aluminium Bronze</b>
<b>Weight</b>	<b>4.5 gm</b>
<b>Diameter</b>	<b>22 mm</b>
<b>Shape</b>	<b>Circular</b>
<b>Edges</b>	<b>Plain</b>



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## ❖ 1982 - 97: 20 Paise Aluminium Magnesium

The only change to the obverse was the addition of the text “Satyamev Jayate” in Devanagari below the lion capital of Ashoka.

The reverse of this coin can be divided into two parts. The first part being the outer periphery/circumference which consists of a floral design. The second part being the inner portion which consist of the denomination inscribed in the centre with “Paise” in Devanagari above and ‘Paise’ in English below the numeral or denomination. 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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**Point to Note:** As I have mentioned in earlier, although the Noida mint was established in 1988, no Aluminium Magnesium planchet coins of any denomination have been minted by the Noida mint.

<b>20 Paise 1982-97</b>	
<b>Year of Minting</b>	<b>1982-97</b>
<b>Metal</b>	<b>Aluminium Magnesium</b>
<b>Weight</b>	<b>2.20 gm</b>
<b>Diameter</b>	<b>26 mm</b>
<b>Shape</b>	<b>Hexagonal</b>
<b>Edges</b>	<b>Plain</b>

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

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## Aluminium Bronze

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Year	Mumbai	Kolkata	Hyderabad
1968	✓	S	✗
1969	✓	S	✗
1970	✓	✓	✓
1971	✓	✗	✗

## Aluminium Magnesium

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Year	Mumbai	Kolkata	Hyderabad
1982	✓	✗	S
1983	✗	✓	✓
1984	✓	✓	✓
1985	✓	✓	✓
1986	✓	✓	S
1987	✗	✓	✓
1988	✓	✓	✓
1989	✗	✓	✓
1990	✗	✓	✓
1991	✗	✓	✓
1992	✗	✗	R
1994	✗	✗	S
1996	✗	✗	R
1997	✗	✗	R