

## Indian Rupee Symbol On ICT Platform

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 and Euro.

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

Unicode is a computing industry standard for representation and processing of text, written in major scripts of the world. Unicode standard is maintained by Unicode Consortium. Department of IT is the voting member of Unicode Consortium. Department has submitted the proposal to Unicode Technical committee for encoding of Indian Rupee sign.

With the efforts of Government of India, Unicode Consortium and ISO, within three months of selection the new Indian Rupee Symbol has been incorporated as UNICODE standard. In a [press release on 11<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2010](#) Unicode Consortium announced that the Indian Rupee symbol has been made part of the official Unicode standard and the same is available at code point U+20B9 in the [currency Symbols block of Unicode version 6.0](#). Regarding the placement of Rupee Sign on the keyboard, consensus has been arrived among the stakeholders to use combination of ‘AltGr’ and numeral ‘4’ for typing the ₹ sign, however it is yet to be finalized in consultation with BIS.

With the encoding of the Indian Rupee Symbol in the Unicode Standard, it can be easily supported on ICT platforms.

The details of the Indian Rupee symbol and the design specifications will be accessible in the upcoming new web page.

[Amendment Notify for Rupee Symbol in IS 13194:1991](#)