Bhutan Currency

The Bhutan ngultrum is the official currency of Bhutan, and the Indian rupee is also considered legal tender.

January 2009 Exchange Rate:

1 Bhutan Ngultrum (BTN) = 0.0219 USD
   1 USD = 45.67 BTN

1 Indian Rupee (INR) = 0.0203 USD
   1 USD = 49.18 INR

One Ngultrum

The front of the one ngultrum coin shows the Choekyi Khorlo (Wheel of Dharma), and the reverse depicts the eight auspicious signs of Buddhist Dharma.

Ten Ngultrum

The ten ngultrum note shows the Government crest, a Dungkar (conch shell), which is one of the eight lucky signs, and Jigme Singye Wangchuck, the fourth Dragon King of Bhutan.

The reverse of the ten ngultrum note depicts the Rinpung Dzong (a large monastery and fortress in Paro District in Bhutan).
**Twenty Ngultrum**

The twenty ngultrum note depicts the Government crest, the Choekyi Khorlo (Wheel of Dharma), which is one of the eight lucky signs, and Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, the third Dragon King of Bhutan.

The reverse of the twenty ngultrum note shows the Punakha Dzong (the winter home of Bhutan's Central Monk Body).

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**Fifty Ngultrum**

The fifty ngultrum note also features the Government crest, a Khorlo (Wheel of Dharma), which is one of the eight lucky signs, and Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, the third Dragon King of Bhutan.

The reverse of the fifty ngultrum note shows the Trongsa Dzong (the ancestral home and former seat of power of the royal family), and two mythical birds (Bja Tshering, or “bird of long life”).