

Preparing for SSC, UPSC, RRB, UPPCS, or any government job exam? Then National Symbols of India is a topic you simply can't afford to skip. It's a hot favorite in Static GK, with 1-2 questions asked almost every year in most exams.

# National Symbols of India – Quick Notes

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Symbol	Details
National Flag	<i>Tiranga</i> – Three horizontal stripes (Saffron, White, Green) with Ashoka Chakra (24-spoke navy blue wheel) in the center. Adopted on 22 July 1947.
National Emblem	Adapted from Lion Capital of Ashoka at Sarnath. Adopted on 26 January 1950. Motto: <i>Satyameva Jayate</i> (Truth Alone Triumphs).
National Anthem	<i>Jana Gana Mana</i> – Written by Rabindranath Tagore. Adopted on 24 January 1950. Duration: ~52 seconds.
National Song	<i>Vande Mataram</i> – Composed by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee. Taken from novel <i>Anandamath</i> .
National Animal	Bengal Tiger – Symbol of strength, power, and grace.
National Bird	Indian Peacock – Known for its vibrant feathers and courtship dance.
National Flower	Lotus – Symbolizes purity and enlightenment.
National Tree	Banyan Tree – Symbol of immortality and longevity.
National Fruit	Mango – Known as the “King of Fruits”; rich in taste and nutrients.
National River	Ganga – Sacred river, supports agriculture and biodiversity.
National Aquatic Animal	Gangetic Dolphin – Indicator of healthy river ecosystem.
National Currency Symbol	₹ (Rupee) – Adopted in 2010. Designed by Udaya Kumar Dharmalingam.

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### ✦ Tips for Exams:

- Focus on dates of adoption (Flag, Anthem, Emblem).
- Remember names of personalities (Tagore, Bankim Chandra).
- National Animal/Bird/Tree/Flower are common in MCQs.

### MCQs on National Symbols of India

1. **What is the national animal of India?**
  - a) Lion
  - b) Leopard
  - c) Elephant
  - d) **Bengal Tiger** ✓
2. **Who wrote the national anthem of India?**
  - a) Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
  - b) **Rabindranath Tagore** ✓
  - c) Sarojini Naidu
  - d) Subhash Chandra Bose
3. **What is the national bird of India?**
  - a) Swan
  - b) Eagle
  - c) **Peacock** ✓
  - d) Sparrow
4. **What is the national flower of India?**
  - a) Rose
  - b) Sunflower
  - c) **Lotus** ✓
  - d) Jasmine
5. **What is the national fruit of India?**
  - a) Banana
  - b) Apple
  - c) **Mango** ✓
  - d) Orange
6. **What is the national tree of India?**
  - a) Neem
  - b) **Banyan Tree** ✓
  - c) Peepal
  - d) Coconut
7. **What is the national river of India?**
  - a) Yamuna
  - b) **Ganga** ✓
  - c) Godavari
  - d) Brahmaputra
8. **What is the national aquatic animal of India?**
  - a) Whale
  - b) Sea Turtle
  - c) **Gangetic Dolphin** ✓
  - d) Crocodile

9. **When was the national flag of India adopted?**  
a) 15 August 1947  
b) 26 January 1950  
c) **22 July 1947** ✓  
d) 26 November 1949
10. **Which color is at the top of the national flag?**  
a) Green  
b) White  
c) **Saffron** ✓  
d) Blue
11. **What is the motto inscribed on the national emblem?**  
a) Jai Hind  
b) **Satyameva Jayate** ✓  
c) Bharat Mata Ki Jai  
d) Vande Mataram
12. **From where is the national emblem of India adopted?**  
a) Ajanta Caves  
b) **Sarnath Lion Capital** ✓  
c) Ellora  
d) Konark Temple
13. **How many lions are visible on the national emblem?**  
a) 4  
b) **3** ✓  
c) 2  
d) 1
14. **Who composed the national song of India?**  
a) **Bankim Chandra Chatterjee** ✓  
b) Rabindranath Tagore  
c) Aurobindo Ghosh  
d) Bhagat Singh
15. **Which novel contains the song 'Vande Mataram'?**  
a) Gitanjali  
b) **Anandamath** ✓  
c) Discovery of India  
d) Hind Swaraj
16. **What does the color white in the flag symbolize?**  
a) Strength  
b) Fertility  
c) **Peace and truth** ✓  
d) Courage
17. **What does green represent in the national flag?**  
a) Sacrifice

- b) **Fertility and growth** ✓
  - c) Unity
  - d) Purity
18. **What does saffron stand for in the flag?**
- a) Joy
  - b) Peace
  - c) **Courage and sacrifice** ✓
  - d) Power
19. **How many spokes does the Ashoka Chakra have?**
- a) 20
  - b) 25
  - c) **24** ✓
  - d) 30
20. **Which animal is NOT a national symbol of India?**
- a) Bengal Tiger
  - b) **Elephant** ✓
  - c) Gangetic Dolphin
  - d) Peacock
21. **What is the duration of the national anthem?**
- a) 50 seconds
  - b) **52 seconds** ✓
  - c) 60 seconds
  - d) 1 minute
22. **What is the currency symbol of India?**
- a) \$
  - b) Rs
  - c) **₹** ✓
  - d) INR
23. **In which year was the rupee symbol adopted?**
- a) 2005
  - b) 2011
  - c) **2010** ✓
  - d) 2009
24. **Who designed the ₹ symbol?**
- a) R. K. Laxman
  - b) **Udaya Kumar** ✓
  - c) Satish Gujral
  - d) Charles Correa
25. **Which river is considered the national river of India?**
- a) Narmada
  - b) **Ganga** ✓

- c) Krishna
  - d) Mahanadi
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26. Which tree symbolizes immortality in India?
- a) Neem
  - b) Peepal
  - c) **Banyan** ✓
  - d) Sandal
27. Which flower is considered sacred and a symbol of purity?
- a) Jasmine
  - b) **Lotus** ✓
  - c) Hibiscus
  - d) Rose
28. Which animal appears on the Ashoka Lion Capital?
- a) **Lion** ✓
  - b) Elephant
  - c) Bull
  - d) Deer
29. Which language is "Satyameva Jayate" written in?
- a) Hindi
  - b) Sanskrit
  - c) **Sanskrit** ✓
  - d) Pali
30. Which script is used to write "Satyameva Jayate"?
- a) Roman
  - b) Devanagari
  - c) **Devanagari** ✓
  - d) Tamil
31. What does the peacock symbolize in Indian culture?
- a) Strength
  - b) **Grace and beauty** ✓
  - c) Speed
  - d) Power
32. Who declared Ganga as the national river?
- a) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
  - b) **Manmohan Singh** ✓
  - c) Indira Gandhi
  - d) Narendra Modi
33. Which dolphin species is India's national aquatic animal?
- a) Bottlenose Dolphin

- b) Humpback Dolphin
  - c) **Ganges River Dolphin** ✓
  - d) Orca
34. **National emblem was adopted on which date?**
- a) 15 August 1947
  - b) 26 November 1949
  - c) **26 January 1950** ✓
  - d) 1 January 1950
35. **Which symbol is found in the center of the national flag?**
- a) Tricolor
  - b) Star
  - c) **Ashoka Chakra** ✓
  - d) Lotus
36. **Who designed the Indian national flag?**
- a) Jawaharlal Nehru
  - b) **Pingali Venkayya** ✓
  - c) Mahatma Gandhi
  - d) Rajendra Prasad
37. **Which of these is a national symbol?**
- a) Parrot
  - b) Coconut Tree
  - c) **Peacock** ✓
  - d) Cow
38. **Vande Mataram was first sung at which session of INC?**
- a) Bombay
  - b) Surat
  - c) Calcutta
  - d) **1896 Session (Calcutta)** ✓
39. **What does Ashoka Chakra represent?**
- a) Power
  - b) **Law and Dharma** ✓
  - c) Courage
  - d) Equality
40. **Which of the following is NOT a national symbol?**
- a) Tiger
  - b) Lotus
  - c) **Camel** ✓
  - d) Peacock
41. **In which script is the national anthem officially written?**
- a) Bengali
  - b) English

- c) Hindi
  - d) **Devanagari** ✓
42. **How many colors are there in the national flag?**
- a) 2
  - b) **3 + 1 (Ashoka Chakra)** ✓
  - c) 4
  - d) 5
43. **Which national symbol is related to the environment?**
- a) Anthem
  - b) **Tree** ✓
  - c) Currency
  - d) Emblem
44. **Which color is NOT in the Indian flag?**
- a) Orange
  - b) **Blue (in stripes)** ✓
  - c) Green
  - d) White
45. **How many heads do the lions on the emblem represent?**
- a) 3 visible, 1 hidden
  - b) **4 total** ✓
  - c) 3 only
  - d) 2
46. **Which part of the Indian Constitution mentions the national flag?**
- a) Part I
  - b) **Not explicitly mentioned** ✓
  - c) Part III
  - d) Schedule 7
47. **Which national symbol was declared most recently?**
- a) Anthem
  - b) Flag
  - c) **Aquatic Animal (2009)** ✓
  - d) Fruit
48. **Which national symbol is represented on currency notes?**
- a) Mango
  - b) Peacock
  - c) **Emblem** ✓
  - d) Anthem
49. **Which animal represents India in the UN Environment Programme logo?**
- a) Lion
  - b) Elephant
  - c) **Tiger** ✓
  - d) Peacock



50. Which year was "Satyameva Jayate" adopted as national motto?

- a) 1947
  - b) **1950** ✓
  - c) 1952
  - d) 1949
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