

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.

✦ 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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