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## List of National Symbols of India

**National Symbols of India:** The Republic of India has several national symbols. The national symbols of India represent the culture and nature of India's National Identity. They infuse a sense of pride and patriotism in every Indian's heart. They were picked up at various times. Below is the list of National Symbols of Incredible India that one should be proud of.

**National Symbols of India Here is the list of national symbols of India.**

Title	National Symbols
National Flag	Tiranga
National Anthem	Jana Gana Mana
National Calendar	Saka calendar
National Song	Vande Mataram
National Emblem	National Emblem of India
National Fruit	Mango
National River	Ganga
National Animal	Royal Bengal Tiger
National Tree	Indian Banyan
National Aquatic Animal	Ganges River Dolphin
National Bird	Indian Peacock
National Currency	Indian Rupee
National Reptile	King Cobra



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National Heritage Animal	Indian Elephant
National Flower	Lotus
National Vegetable	Pumpkin
Oath of Allegiance	National Pledge

## Importance of National Symbols of India

There are 17 national symbols of India. The Importance of National Symbols is given below.

1. They exemplify the rich cultural fiber that resides at the core of the country.
2. Infuse a deep sense of pride in the hearts of Indian citizens.
3. Represent a quality unique to India and its citizens.
4. Popularize the object chosen.
5. Help to preserve the chosen national symbol for generations to come.

Here is the detailed information about the national symbols of India.

### **National Flag: Tiranga**

Tiranga is the national flag of India. The flag is designed by Pingali Venkayya and was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 22nd July 1947.

The top **saffron colour**, indicates the strength and courage of the country. The **white middle** band indicates peace and truth with Dharma Chakra. The **green colour** shows the fertility, growth and auspiciousness of the land. Its design is that of the wheel which appears on the abacus of the **Sarnath Lion Capital of Ashoka**. Its diameter approximates to the width of the white band and it has 24 spokes. The design of the National Flag was adopted by the Constituent Assembly of India on 22 July 1947.



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### **National Emblem: State Emblem of India**

The national emblem of India is adopted from **Lion Capital of Ashoka at Sarnath**. Its motto is **Satyameva Jayate**; ("Truth Alone Triumphs). It features four Asiatic lions standing back to back, mounted on an abacus with a frieze carrying sculptures in high relief of an elephant, a galloping horse, a bull and a lion separated by intervening wheels over a bell-shaped lotus. The National Emblem symbolizes power, courage, confidence and at the bottom is a horse and a bull with beautiful wheel Dharma chakra at centre.

### **National Calendar: Saka Calendar**

Saka Calendar was introduced by the Calendar Committee in 1957. The usage of the Saka Calendar was officially started at 1 Chaitra 1879 Saka Era, or 22 March 1957.

### **National Anthem: Jana Gana Mana**

The National Anthem of India Jana-gana-mana, composed originally in Bengali by **Rabindranath Tagore**, was adopted in its Hindi version by the Constituent Assembly as the National Anthem of India on 24 January 1950. It was first sung on 27 December 1911 at the then Calcutta Session of the Indian National Congress.

The complete song consists of five stanzas. The first stanza contains the full version of the National Anthem.

### **National Song: Vande Matram**

The song of India is Vande Mataram, composed in Sanskrit by Bankimchandra Chatterji. On January 24, 1950, the President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad came up with a statement in the Constituent Assembly, "the song Vande Mataram, which has played a historic part in the struggle for Indian freedom, shall be honoured equally with Jana Gana Mana and shall have equal status with it."

The first political occasion when Vande Matram was sung was the 1896 session of the Indian National Congress. The song was a part of Bankimchandra's most famous novel Anand Math (1882).



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### **National Currency: Indian Rupee**

The **Indian rupee** (ISO code: INR) is the official currency of the Republic of India. The issuance of the currency is controlled by the Reserve Bank of India. The Indian rupee symbol is derived from the Devanagari consonant "₹" (ra) and the Latin letter "R" was adopted in 2010. It has been designed by Udaya Kumar Dharmalingam. The INR depicts an equality sign that symbolizes the nation's desire to reduce economic disparity. The design of the INR was selected from among five shortlisted symbols. According to Udaya Kumar the design is based on the Indian tricolour.

### **National Animal: Bengal Tiger**

**Royal Bengal Tiger is the national animal of India** and ranks among the biggest cats in the world. It was adopted as the national animal of India in April 1973 due to the dwindling population of the tigers. Prior to the tiger the national animal of India was the Lion.

### **National Bird: Peacock**

The Indian peacock (*Pavo cristatus*) is the national bird of India. A bird indigenous to the subcontinent, the peacock represents the unity of vivid colours and finds references in Indian culture. The Government of India declared the Peacock as the national bird of India on February 1, 1963. It is found in the drier lowland areas and a resident breeder across the Indian subcontinent.

### **National Aquatic Animal: Dolphin**

The Ganges river dolphin has been declared as National Aquatic Animal of India by the Indian government. It is also the city animal of the Guwahati. The South Asian river dolphin primarily found in the Ganges, Yamuna, Chambal river, Brahmaputra river and their tributaries.

### **National Fruit: Mango**

Mango (*Mangifera indica*) , affectionately called *King of Fruits* is the National fruit of India. Its sweet fragrance and delectable flavors have won the hearts of many around the world since time immemorial. As the national fruit of



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India it represents prosperity, abundance and richness in favor of the country's image.

### **National Flower: Lotus**

The national flower of India is Lotus (*Nelumbo nucifera*). It is an aquatic herb that is often termed as 'Padma' in Sanskrit and enjoys a sacred status among the Indian culture. The Lotus symbolizes spirituality, fruitfulness, wealth, knowledge, illumination, along with purity of heart and mind.

### **National Tree: Banyan Tree**

The national tree of India is the Banyan tree, designated formally as *Ficus benghalensis*. The tree is often symbol of the fabled 'Kalpa Vriksha' or the 'Tree of Wish Fulfillment' as it is associated with longevity and has important medicinal properties. The very size and life span of the banyan tree makes it a habitat for a large number of creatures.

### **National River: Ganga**

The Ganges or the Ganga is the national river of India. It originates in the snowfields of the Gangotri Glacier in the Himalayas as **the Bhagirathi River**. According to the Hindus, this is the most sacred river on the earth. Interestingly, the Ganga is also the longest river in India covering 2,510 km of mountains, plains and valleys. The major Indian cities through which it passes through are Varanasi, Allahabad and Haridwar.

### **National Reptile: King Cobra**

**King Cobra** or Snake eater (*Ophiophagus hannah*) is the National Reptile of India and is found in the forests of India and Southeast Asia. It is the world longest venomous snake which is capable of growing up to 19 ft and may live up to 25 years. They have an ability to inject 6 ml of venom in a single bite. It has its own cultural significance, in Hinduism King cobra is also known as Nagas and are considered as divine and worshiped Lord Shiva is often depicted with a cobra coiled around his neck.



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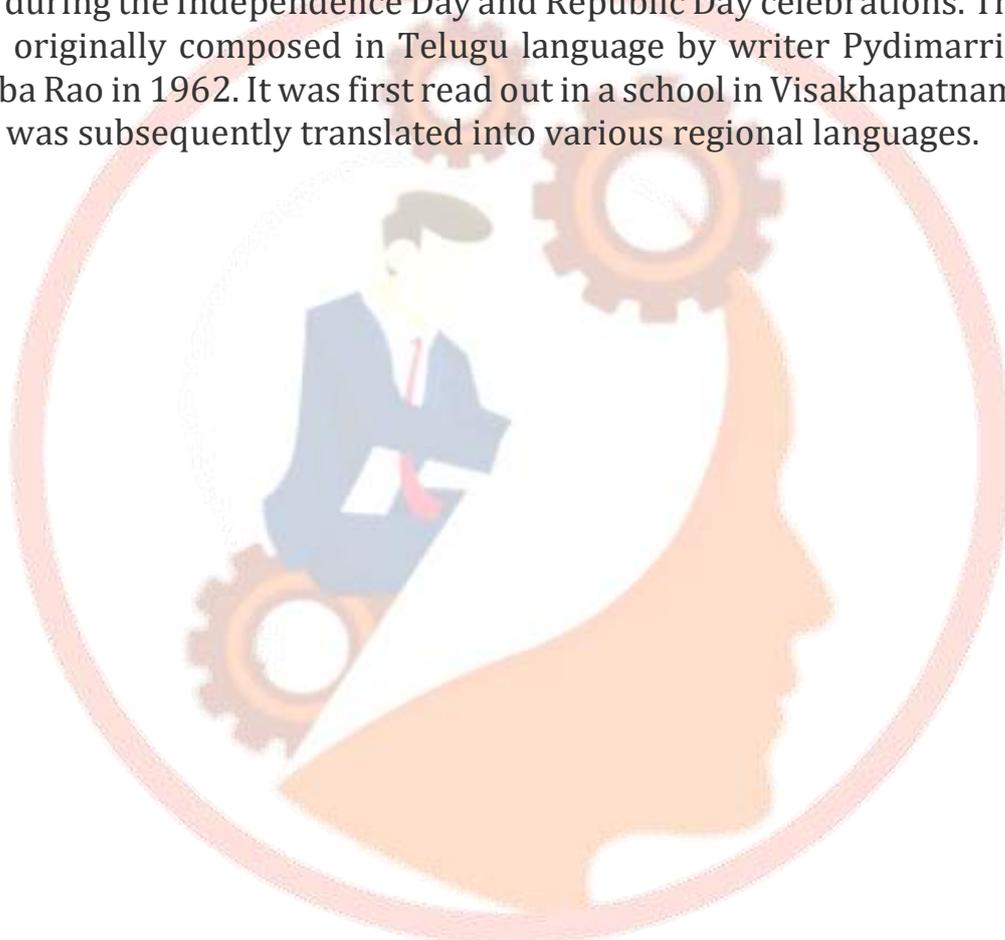
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### **National Heritage Animal: Indian Elephant**

The Indian Elephant has been declared as National Heritage animal of India, native to mainland Asia. The Indian elephant has been listed as endangered and threatened by habitat loss, fragmentation and degradation.

### **Oath of Allegiance: National Pledge**

The National Pledge is an oath of allegiance to the Republic Of India. It is commonly recited by Indians in unison at public events, especially in schools, and during the Independence Day and Republic Day celebrations. The pledge was originally composed in Telugu language by writer Pydimarri Venkata Subba Rao in 1962. It was first read out in a school in Visakhapatnam in 1963 and was subsequently translated into various regional languages.



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