

## CHAPTER- 4

# Our National Symbols

India is a land of diversity. People of different religions, languages, dresses stay together as one - 'Indians'. Despite these differences, there is only one National Symbols eg. - National Flag, National Emblem, National Anthem, National Song, National Bird- Animal and flower etc.

It is the duty of every citizen to respect the National symbols. These symbols bind the entire Nation into one.

### Our National Flag

Our National Flag is tricolour. It is a symbol of Nation's pride.

Write the three colours in our National Flag

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

On what occasions is the National Flag hoisted in your school?

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How do you pay respect to your National Flag?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Each colour in our National Flag symbolises a different feeling-

Colour	Feeling symbolised
saffron	Courage and Sacrifice
white	Truth and Peace
green	Faith and Prosperity



In the centre of the National Flag is the wheel which symbolises motion, progress and change.

Count and write the number of spokes in our National Flag?

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What is the shape of our National Flag?

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What is the colour of the uppermost strip of our National Flag?

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Find out from your elders, what are the things one should keep in mind while hoisting the National Flag.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Our National Emblem

Look at this picture carefully. This is our National Emblem. It has been taken from the iron pillar at Sarnath, built during the time of Ashoka. Below it is written "Satya Meva Jayate", which means "Truth shall always triumph."

Look at the pictures given and tell-



How many lions are there in our National Emblem?

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Which sign stands common in our National Flag and Emblem?

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Which two animals can you see on both sides of the wheel in the National Emblem?

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Where else have you seen the National Emblem?

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On a one, two, five rupee coin, see the side with the impression of a lion. How many lions can you see?

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There are four lions in our National Emblem but only three can be seen. To understand this let us do an activity.

### Activity

One of you should stand in a place. In front of him/her, at a little distance away, four of your other friends should stand with their backs to each other. Now ask your friend standing alone - how many faces can he see? Others should take turns to see the number of faces visible. Similarly, the four lions in the National Emblem stand facing their backs towards each other. From whichever side we look at, we get to see only the three faces of the lions.

### Our National Anthem

You must have memorised Jana Gana Mana.....

This is our National Anthem, It was composed by Rabindra Nath Tagore.

**Now tell-**

**How should we stand while singing the National Anthem?**

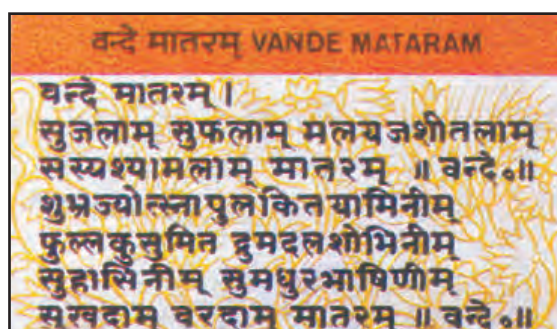
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Fill up the table given, with the states, mountain ranges and the rivers mentioned in the National Anthem.

S.No.	Name of rivers	Name of Mountains	Name of State
1.			
2.			

### Our National Song

Vande Mataram..... is our National song. Its lines were taken from a book titled 'Anandmath' written by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee. This song instilled the feelings of patriotism and freedom in the hearts of the Indians, during the Indian freedom struggle.



When do you sing the National Song in school?

### Our National Animal

The tiger is our National animal. It is a symbol of strength and agility. In the



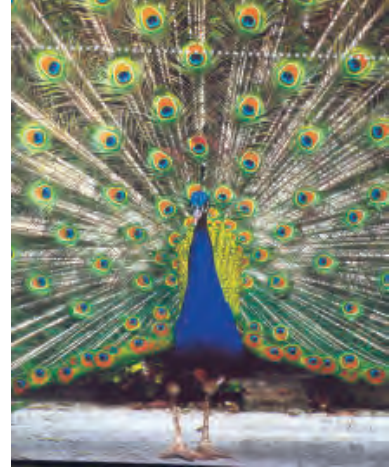
past, India could boast of many tigers. But their numbers have dwindled fast. So, as an Indian, it is our duty to save our National Animal.

**Which project has the Government of India taken to save the tigers? Find and write.**

### **Our National Bird**

Have you seen 'the peacock' in a jungle or a zoo? This is our National bird. It is famous for its colourful feathers. Find out more about this animal- for eg. what does it eat? Where does it live? etc.

**What is the difference between a peacock and a peahen?**



### **Our National Flower**

**You must have seen the lotus flower in ponds and tanks. This is our National Flower. How is the stem and fruit of a lotus used?**





For the entire country, there is just one National Flag, National Anthem, National Song and National Emblem. But different states may have their own state bird, animal, flower etc. The state animal of Chhattisgarh is the wild buffalo and its state bird is the Pahari Maina.



## What have we learnt?

### Oral

1. On what occasions is the National Flag hoisted?
2. From where is our National Emblem taken?
3. What is written beneath the National Emblem?

### Written

1. Describe the significance of the National Flag?
2. Why is it important to save tigers?
3. Name our National Symbols?
4. What was the importance of our National Song 'Vande Mataram' in the freedom struggle?
5. Write the name of the state animal and state bird of Chhattisgarh.

## Find Around you

1. Have a collection of stamps of different countries with their National Flag, flower and animal on it.
2. Make a chart of pictures of different animals, birds, trees and flowers of different states of India and display it in your class.

S.N.	Name of state	State animal	State Bird	State Tree
1	Chhattisgarh	Bison	Pahari Myna	Teak
2				
3				
4				

