

# National Symbols of India

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With more than a billion people, India is the world's second most populous country and demographically, religiously and culturally very diverse. India has several National Symbols which are an integral part of the country's identity and heritage. These national identity elements instil a sense of pride and patriotism in the heart of every Indian across the globe. The national symbols of India have been depicted beautifully on many stamps released by India Post. The stamps that I would be showcasing in this display are a treasure to my collection.



Two beautiful stamps depicting the tricolour National Flag of India and Pingali Venkaiah, the man behind the design of the flag.



Stamps depicting the Indian Peacock - the National Bird of India, the Lotus - the National Flower of India and the Mango - the National Fruit of India.



Stamps depicting Rabindranath Tagore, the composer of the Indian National Anthem "Jana Gana Mana". Tagore won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1913.



Stamps depicting the Royal Bengal Tiger - the National Animal of India and the Elephant - the National Heritage Animal of India.



A stamp depicting the State Emblem of India, an adaptation of the Lion Capital of Ashoka at Sarnath. It shows three lions mounted on an abacus with a Dharma Chakra in the centre, a bull on the right and a galloping horse on the left. The motto "Satyameva Jayate" (the truth alone triumphs) is written below in Devanagari Script.



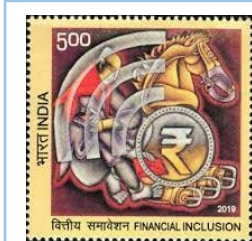
A beautiful stamp depicting the sport of Hockey - the National Game of India.



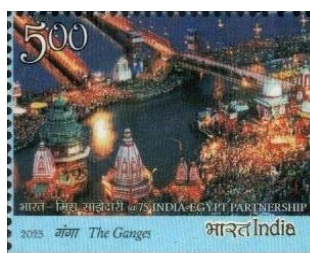
A stamp depicting the National Song of India "Vande Mataram", composed in Sanskrit by the poet Bankimchandra Chatterji.



Stamps depicting the Banyan Tree - the National Tree of India and the King Cobra - the National Reptile of India.



A beautiful stamp depicting the symbol of the Indian Rupee - the currency of India.



Stamps depicting the holy river Ganga - the National River of India and the Gangetic Dolphin - the National Aquatic Animal of India.