



The Identity of India

A Field Guide to Our National Symbols



Patriotism

Unites a diverse population.



Democracy

Represents the values of the Republic.



Heritage

Anchors us in our cultural history.



Biodiversity

Reflects our natural ecosystem.

What is a National Symbol?

How a Symbol is Born



Identify Values

Leaders identify core values (courage, peace, heritage).

Select Symbol

An object, animal, or song is chosen because it perfectly embodies those values.

Official Adoption

The government signs a formal resolution to officially adopt it.

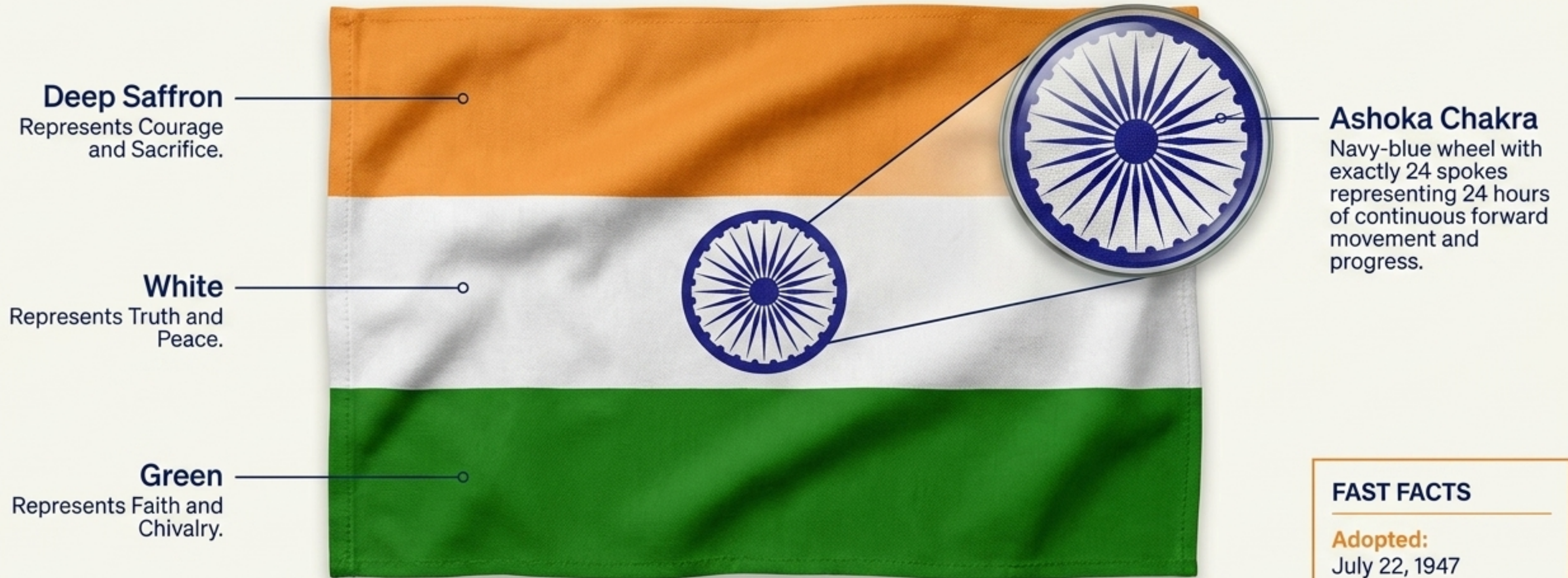
Code of Conduct

Strict rules are established to maintain its dignity and proper use.

Daily Integration

It becomes part of everyday life through currency, documents, and assemblies.

Anatomy of the Tiranga



FAST FACTS

Adopted:
July 22, 1947

Designed by:
Pingali Venkayya
(Agriculturist and
freedom fighter)

The Soundtrack of a Nation

The National Anthem Jana Gana Mana

Composer: Rabindranath Tagore

Function: The official musical expression of national unity. Sung at formal state occasions and ceremonies.

Fast Fact: It takes approximately 52 seconds to sing the full version.

The National Song Vande Mataram

Composer: Bankim Chandra Chatterjee (Written as a poem)

Function: A historic inspiration that played a vital role in the Indian independence movement.

The Seal of Authority

Four Asiatic Lions

Standing back-to-back, symbolizing
Power, Courage, Confidence, and Pride.

Adopted: January 26, 1950
(the day India became a republic)



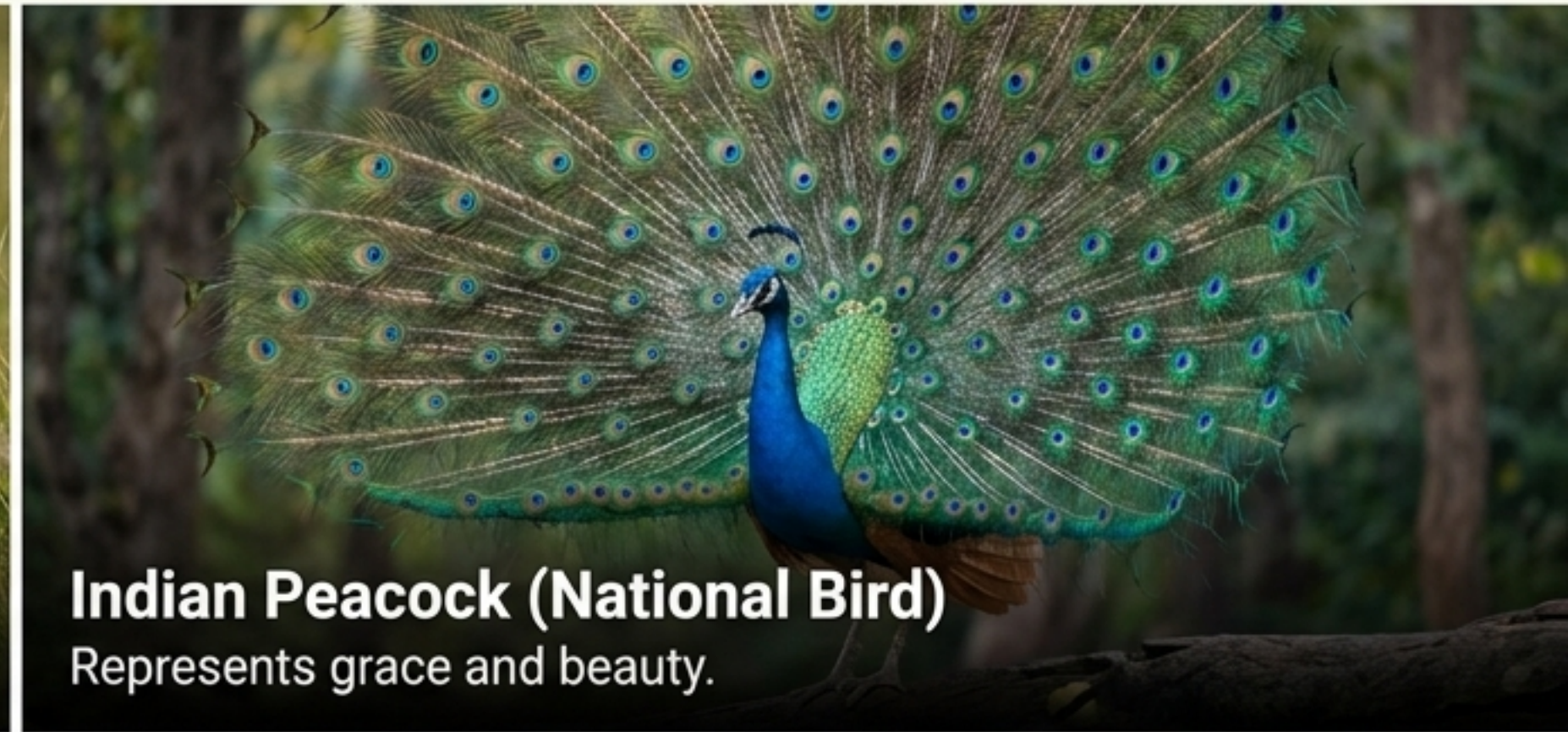
Satyameva Jayate

Written in the Devanagari script. Translates to "Truth Alone Triumphs." Taken from the ancient Mundaka Upanishad.

Living Heritage



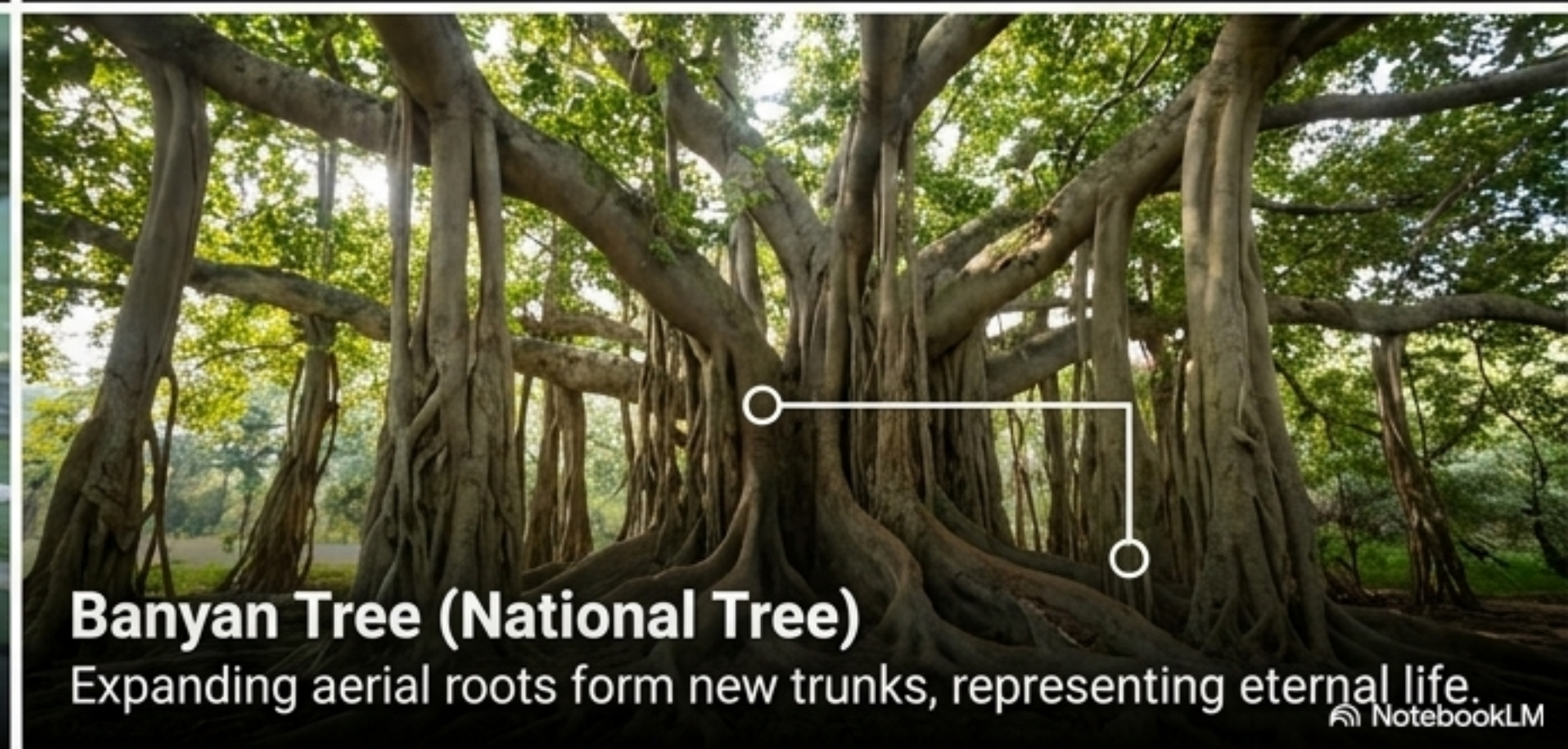
Bengal Tiger (National Animal)
Represents strength and India's rich wildlife.



Indian Peacock (National Bird)
Represents grace and beauty.



Lotus (National Flower)
Represents spiritual roots and purity.



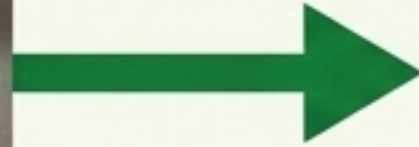
Banyan Tree (National Tree)
Expanding aerial roots form new trunks, representing eternal life.

Symbols Create Real Change

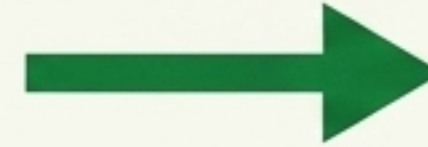
National symbols can spark initiatives that save species from extinction.



1973 - Bengal Tiger adopted as the National Animal.



Launch of Project Tiger conservation program.

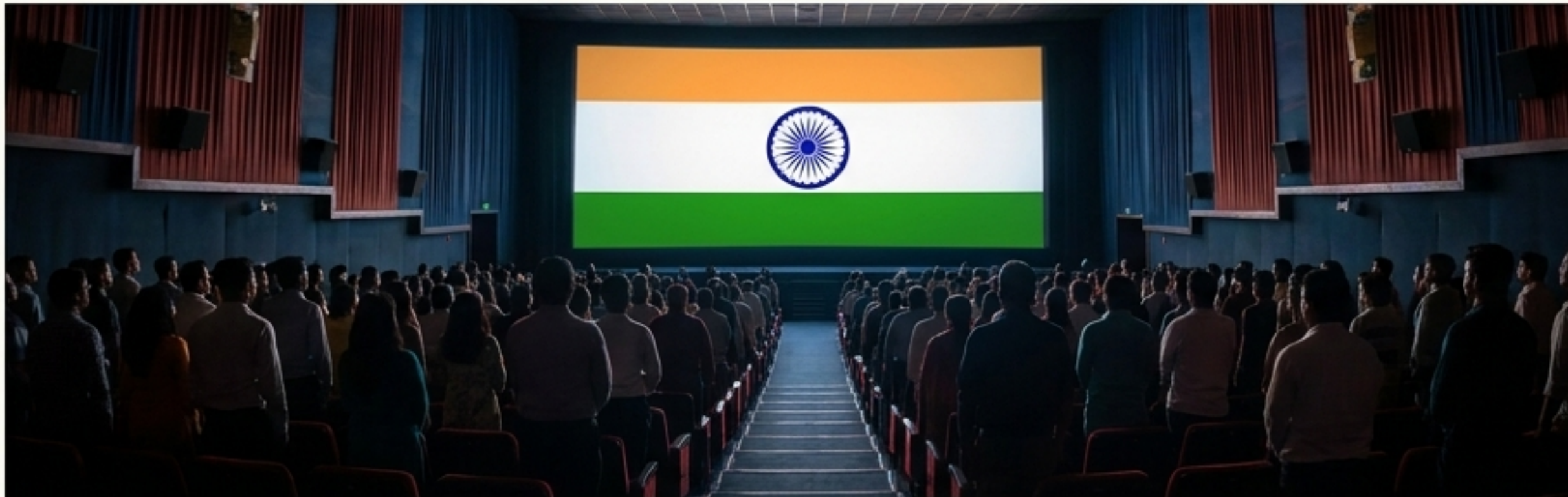


Over 50 tiger reserves established to save the species from extinction.

Symbols in the Wild



The National Emblem acts as a stamp of government authority and authenticity on currency and official documents.



The National Anthem serves as a real-time unifying activity for crowds during school assemblies, sporting events, and theater viewings.

Learning by Doing: Design Your Identity

You are now the Founders of this
You are now the Founders of this classroom.

Step 1: Brainstorm 3 core qualities of your class (e.g., helpfulness, reading, fun).

Step 2: Design a Class Emblem or Flag using colors and shapes that represent those specific qualities.

Step 3: Present your symbol and defend your design choices, just like leaders did for the Tiranga and the Lion Capital.

