

National Flag of India

Republic Day is commemorated every year on January 26. It was signified when the Indian constitution came into force as the major governing document of India after replacing the **Government of India Act 1935**. January 26 is also assumed as Republic to celebrate Purna Swaraj, proclaimed by the INC or Indian National Congress in 1930.

UPSC exam asks numerous questions related to the national flag of India, its interesting facts, and more. History and Polity subjects play an essential part in the **UPSC Prelims** and the Mains exam, comprising of areas of overlapping topics like the freedom struggle movement.

National Flag Information - About the Indian Flag

It is well-known that the first national flag of India was uplifted on August 7, 1906, at the Parsee Bagan Square (Green Park) in Calcutta.

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- In Paris, Madame Bhikaji Cama uplifted the national flag of India for the second time in 1907.
 - In 1917, Lokmanya Tilak, along with Dr. Annie Besant, hoisted the flag for the third time during the **Home rule movement**.
 - In 1921, Pingali Venkayya created a flag of green and red colors during the Bezwada session of the All India Congress Committee, representing the two central societies- Muslims and Hindus.
 - Gandhi advised including white stripes to exemplify the remaining Indian societies and the rotating wheel to demonstrate the country's development.
 - A resolution approved the tricolor flag as the National Flag of India in 1931.
 - The national flag of India contains three lines - saffron, green, and white, with the spinning wheel of Gandhi in the center.
 - The Constituent Assembly adopted the Indian flag with three strips and Ashoka Chakra in the center on July 22, 1947.
 - Thus, the Congress Party tricolor flag eventually evolved as the flag of India after gaining Independence.

Facts about the National Flag of India

A total of nine standard sizes of the national flag of India are specified by law, made in 1968, and revised in 2008. The original regulation restricted flag usage by Indian citizens except on national occasions such as Republic Day and Independence day. Listed are the most incredible 10 facts about the Indian flag that candidates preparing for competitive exams should know.

Top 10 Interesting Facts about the Indian Flag

- Pingali Venkayya created the National Flag of India. He was a freedom fighter of India belonging to the state of Andhra Pradesh.
- The authority to manufacture the Indian national flag is under the control of The Khadi Development and Village Industries Commission.
- On July 22, 1947, before India achieved independence from British rule, the Indian flag was approved.
- Indian national flag must be created by 'Khadi,' which is hand-spun silk/wool/cotton/ Khadi cloth as per the law. For the national flag of India manufacturing and supply, the only authorized unit in India is Karnataka Khadi Gramodyoga Samyukta Sangha.
- The National flag of India is also commonly known as Tiranga in Hindi. It comprises three primary colors given below.

Colors of the National flag of India	Significance
Saffron	Sacrifice and Courage
White	Truth, Purity, and Peace
Green	Prosperity

- Cosmonaut Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma flew into space wearing a spacesuit containing a symbol of the Indian flag in April 1984 during the Indo-Soviet common space flight.
- The Ashoka Chakra signified a portrayal of Dharma. The flag code did not define the actual size of the Ashoka Chakra. It is a wheel of Navy-blue color on the white strip of the national flag having equally spaced 24 spokes.
- The three stripes of the National flag of India are identical in length and width, with a ratio of 2:3.
- Sherpa Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary climbed Mount Everest on May 29, 1953. On Mount Everest, they hoisted the Indian flag along with

the Nepalese National Flag, Northern Ireland, and the National Flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain.

- The largest national flag of India measured a distance of 110 meters and 24 meters in width and got lifted on the border of Indo-Pak Attari.

