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# National Embelem



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# Introduction

Representative of: The republic of India.

Based on: The Lion Capital of the Ashoka Pillar in Sarnath, U.P.

Motto: Satyamev Jayate (Truth Alone Triumphs)

Adopted by: Madhav Sawhney

Adopted on: January 26, 1950



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An embelem by definition is :

“a heraldic device or symbolic object as a distinctive badge of a nation ,organization ,or family.”

For a country , the national embelem is a symbol of authority and represents the basis of its constitutional philosophy.

The national embelem is used for official purposes only. It acts as the official seal for all national and state government offices.

The national embelem is the symbol of sovergenity for India.



# Meaning

- The National Embelem is the graphic representation of the Lion capital.
- It is originally graced the top of Ashok stambh at Sarnath, along with the national motto written below it.
- The lion capital crowing the Ashok Pillar is craved out of single block of yellow stone and features four Asiatic Lions siting back to back.
- The 4 lions stand on a short cylindrical base that has four ashok chakras .
- The ashok chakra is actually a form of buddhist dharma chakra.
- Below the representation of the lion capital, the words "satyamev jayate " is written in devnagari script .
- The words are a quote from mundaka Upanishad.

# History of the national emblem

- Its inspiration dates back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> century B.C.
- The 3<sup>RD</sup> Mauryan emperor, Ashoka was a great conqueror and established the first true empire in India.
- The lion capital was erected by Mauryan emperor Ashoka during the year 250 BC to mark the spot where buddha has imparted his knowledge of dharma to his 5 disciples .
- The pillar was sunk in the ground and wasn't visible .
- German born civil engineer friendrich Oscar oertel started excavation of the area during medieval age .
- He unearthed the Ashoka pillar sarnath in march 1905 and the whole pillar was found in three sections.
- The topmost lion capital was found intact and is currently displayed in sarnath museum.

# Symbolism

- The four lions of the capital joined back to back symbolize the stress on equality and justice in all spheres of life .
- The four lions are also representative of the four core spiritual philosophies of buddha himself is symbolized as a lion.
- The three lions visible on capitals representation in emblem signify strength , courage , and confidence. It also signifies constant vigilance in all four directions.
- The 24 strokes of the chakra represent the number of hours in a day .
- The spokes signifies moving forward in life and thus avoids stagnation of mind .

# Significance

- The emblem is a signature authority of the government of india
- State emblem of india act,2005 , prohibits improper use of state emblem of india for professional and commercial purposes .
- Any person found guilty of such disrespect may face imprisonment upto 2 years and monetary fine upto 5000 rupees.
- The 3 lions stand tall and proclaim the country's commitment towards peace , justice , and tolerance.
- In it's structure of Emblem accentuates the fact that India is a confluence of cultures.





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