**Subject** :- SST

**Lesson No** - 3 India: National Symbols

**New Words-(New words write 2 times in notebook.)**

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| 1. symbols | |
| 1. design | |
| 1. uniform | |
| 1. anthem | |
| 1. emblem | |
| 1. verses |
| 1. Tricolour |

1. Saffron
2. courage

10 sacrifice

11 prosperity

12 spokes

13 Justice

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| 14 galloping |
| 15 triumphs |
| 16 symbolises |
| 17 bravery |
| 18 poachers |
| 19 aquatic animal |

**Words to Know**

1. Prime - main
2. Prosperity- well-being
3. Galloping - moving in a fast and uncontrolled way
4. Triumphs- (here) wins
5. Poachers- someone who illegally catches or kills animals

**Q1. Fill in the blanks.**

1. Our national flag is also called the **Tricolour.**
2. The chakra has **24** spokes.
3. Our national emblems has been taken from the **Ashoka Pillar.**
4. The peacock is a symbol of **beauty** and **pride.**
5. The lotus is considered a **sacred** flowers.

**Q2. Read the clues and guess the answers.**

1. I am found in Ranthambhor and symbolise bravery and strength.- **Tiger**
2. I appear in the centre of the middle band of the Indian flag.- **Ashok**

**Chakra**

1. I am India’s national aquatic animal.- **river dolphin**
2. I am used as the official seal of the Indian government.- **National Emblem**
3. I was composed by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee.- **Vande Mataram**

**Q3. Write T for True or F for False.**

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| **F** |

1. Our national animal symbolises beauty and pride

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| **F** |

1. Our national flag is square in shape.

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1. Our national emblem has three lions standing side by side.
2. The government has started a program called Project Lion.

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1. The words Satyamev Jayate are engraved on the national flag.

**Q4. Answer the questions in your own words.**

**a. What are national symbols? Name our three main national symbols.**

**Ans-** A symbol is a design or a shape which represents an idea or an object. India too has some symbols. These are called national symbols because they represent our country. When we see these symbols, we know that they stand for India. The three main national symbols are:

1. National Flag
2. National Anthem
3. National Emblem
4. **Describe our national flag.**

**Ans-** Our national flag is rectangular in shape. It is divided into three equal bands of different colours. The band at the top is saffron in colour and stands for courage and sacrifice. The band in the middle is white in colour and stands for peace and truth. The band at the bottom is green in colour and stands for prosperity. At the centre of the white band is a navy blue chakra with 24 spokes.

1. **when do we sing our national anthem?**

**Ans**- We sing our national anthem on national festivals like Independence Day, Republic day and other important functions.

1. **What does our national emblem look like?**

**Ans**- The national emblem has four lions standing on a platform with their backs towards each other. On the platform, we find a lion, an elephant, a galloping horse and a bull. The words Satyamev Jayate meaning ‘truth alone triumphs’ are carved below the platform.

**e Why are national symbols important?**

**Ans-** National symbols are important because the national symbols unite millions of Indians. They generate in the hearts of the people love for their country. We should all be proud of these symbols and respect them.