



MY BHARAT
NORTH GOA

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Respect the Flag, Respect the Nation

KNOW IT RESPECT IT PROTECT IT



Awareness Programme on the
Indian National Flag & Flag Code of India

Why are we talking about the National Flag?

The Tiranga is more than a flag.

The Ministry of Home Affairs describes the Indian National Flag as representing the **hopes and aspirations of the people of India** and as a **symbol of national pride**.

- ▶ It occupies a unique place in our national emotions.
- ▶ It deserves affection, respect and loyalty.
- ▶ Awareness of the rules of display helps us express that respect correctly.



Our responsibility:
dignity + awareness + action

The rules come from two important laws/documents

Flag Code of India, 2002

Rules and conventions governing the hoisting, use and display of the National Flag.

Amended in 2021 and 2022.

Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971

Provides legal protection against acts that insult or show disrespect to the National Flag.

Source: Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India

Know the Tiranga



Rectangular shape

Length : Width = 3 : 2

Saffron

Courage and sacrifice

White

Truth, peace and purity

Green

Growth, fertility and auspiciousness

Ashoka Chakra

A navy-blue wheel with 24 spokes at the centre

Rule 1: Give the National Flag a position of honour

Whenever the National Flag is displayed:

- ▶ It should occupy the **position of honour**.
- ▶ It should be **distinctly placed**.
- ▶ Its dignity and honour must be maintained.

A member of the public, a private organisation or an educational institution may hoist/display the National Flag on **all days and occasions**, ceremonial or otherwise, consistent with its dignity and honour.



Rule 2: The Flag must be in a dignified condition



DISPLAY WITH DIGNITY

Clean, presentable and properly displayed.



DO NOT DISPLAY

A **damaged or dishevelled** National Flag.

Respect begins with how we handle the Tiranga.

Rule 3: The Flag should never be allowed to touch the ground

Avoid situations where the National Flag:

- ▶ touches the **ground or floor**;
- ▶ intentionally trails in water;
- ▶ is handled in a manner that compromises its dignity.

Practical tip:

Plan the size, pole, fixing and handling of the flag before an event.



Rule 4: Day and night display — what changed?

2022 amendment

Where the National Flag is displayed **in the open** or displayed on the **house of a member of the public**, it may be flown **day and night**.



Display it properly and respectfully.



Permitted in the specified open/house display context under the amended Code.

Always follow the full Flag Code for the particular display situation.

Rule 5: Paper flags — celebrate, then dispose respectfully

Paper National Flags

The Flag Code permits paper flags to be waved by the public on occasions of important:

- ▶ national events,
- ▶ cultural events,
- ▶ sports events.

After the event

Do **not** discard or throw paper National Flags on the ground.

They should be disposed of **in private**, consistent with the dignity of the Flag.

**Celebrate with the Tiranga.
Never leave it behind.**

Rule 6: Never use the National Flag as an ordinary decoration

The law specifically prohibits several forms of misuse. Examples include:

- ▶ Using it as drapery, except in specified funeral contexts.
- ▶ Allowing it to touch the ground/floor or intentionally trail in water.
- ▶ Using it as a covering for a building.
- ▶ Draping it over a vehicle, train, boat, aircraft or similar object.
- ▶ Putting inscriptions on the National Flag.
- ▶ Using it as a covering for a statue, monument, speaker's desk or platform.
- ▶ Intentionally displaying the saffron down.
- ▶ Using it on specified clothing/accessories or articles in prohibited ways.

These examples are drawn from the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971; the complete law should be consulted for the exact legal wording and exceptions.

A simple checklist before every Tiranga activity

STOP CHECK DISPLAY RESPECT

1. Is the Flag in good condition?
2. Is it being displayed in a position of honour?
3. Is the size/proportion correct?
4. Is the fixing/pole secure?
5. Can it touch the ground/floor?
6. Are there inscriptions or inappropriate decorations?
7. If using paper flags, how will they be collected after the event?
8. Does the entire display respect the dignity of the Flag?

If in doubt — check the official Flag Code.

From awareness to action

In your college

- ▶ Conduct a 10-minute Flag Code awareness session.
- ▶ Put a simple Do's & Don'ts poster near the flag area.
- ▶ Brief volunteers before every Tiranga activity.
- ▶ Ensure paper flags are collected after events.

In your community

- ▶ Encourage respectful home display.
- ▶ Share official Flag Code information.
- ▶ Correct mistakes politely and factually.
- ▶ Make respect for the Tiranga a habit, not just an event-day activity.

One Flag. One responsibility.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

HAR GHAR TIRANGA
Every Home, the Tricolour

9th AUGUST to 17th AUGUST 2026

JOIN US IN

- TIRANGA HOISTING
- SELFIE WITH TIRANGA
- TIRANGA YATRA / RALLY
- CLEANLINESS DRIVE
- RANGOLI, POSTER & DRAWING COMPETITIONS
- ESSAY, SPEECH & QUIZ COMPETITIONS
- PATRIOTIC SONGS & CULTURAL PROGRAMMES
- ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS & COLLEGES
- YOUTH CLUBS, NSS & COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION
- RESPECT THE FLAG & FOLLOW THE FLAG CODE

Let's Hoist the Tiranga. Feel the Pride!

★★ LET US TAKE PRIDE IN OUR TIRANGA AND MAKE INDIA PROUD! ★★

Respect the Flag. Follow the Code.

MY PLEDGE

I pledge to respect the National Flag of India.

I will follow the Flag Code of India and uphold the dignity and honour of our Tiranga.

I will encourage others to treat our National Flag with respect and responsibility.

JAI HIND!

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Official sources & further reading

- ▶ **Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India**
National Flag, Emblem & Anthem resources:
mha.gov.in/en/documents/national-flag-emblem-anthem
- ▶ **Salient Features of Flag Code of India, 2002**
(as amended in 2021 and 2022)
- ▶ **Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971**
(as amended)
- ▶ For an awareness programme, always refer to the **latest official MHA text** for the complete rules, exceptions and legal wording.

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