



“Forever Todpole”

Dear Students

I'm Axolotl — a happy, smiling salamander from the lakes of Mexico. I may look cute, but I've got superpowers that even scientists can't stop talking about!

- ❤️ I never grow up! I stay in my baby stage forever. It's called neoteny.
- 🧠 I can regrow my limbs, spine, even parts of my brain and heart!
- 🌬️ I breathe through cute feathery gills sticking out of my head!

🧠 Be like me – smile always, stay curious, and don't fear your failures. Even if life breaks you, bounce back stronger!”

🎁 "New beginnings are fun"! Don't be afraid to ask questions, try new things, and make mistakes. That's how you grow – or regrow – just like me!

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A Big Trunk Salute to My dear students, How are you? I'm Gaja, The proud Indian Elephant, calm, wise, and strong.



Why Me, Why Now?

August is the month of freedom-
your Independence Day
And I? I represent India's natural
freedom – the forests, the rivers,
the wild beasts of the jungle.

I'm not just big in size... I'm big in
memory, loyalty, and emotion too.
I live in herds, love my family, and
can even cry when one of us is
lost.

*"I'm a symbol of heritage and
unity"*

My Scientific Identity

- Elephas maximus indicus
- Kingdom: Animalia
- Phylum: Chordata
- Class: Mammalia
- Order: Proboscidea

But I prefer just Gaja — the name
your ancestors gave me in
Sanskrit.



My Words of Wisdom

"Be soft but strong. Stay close to your herd, walk with dignity, and never forget where you came from."

We elephants don't run fast... but we move steadily, supporting each other, never leaving anyone behind.

This August, when you see the flag fly high... also remember to stand tall for nature – like me.

Be proud, be kind, and stay curious – your journey has just begun!

Some Ele-FUN Facts From Me!

🌀 My trunk has over 40,000 muscles. I use it as a hand, nose, straw, shower, and even a trumpet!

🎵 I can "talk" using low-frequency rumbles that humans can't hear — my friends reply from 2 km away!

🧠 I never forget faces. I can remember a human or elephant even after 20 years.

🛁 I love mud baths — not just for fun, but to protect my skin from sunburn.

👩 We live in big matriarchal families — led by the oldest and wisest female.

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WORLD ANIMAL DAY – Protect All Creatures Great & Small

Why Do We Celebrate ?

- Celebrated on October 4 every year.
- Dedicated to spreading awareness, love, and respect for all animals.
- Started in 1931, now celebrated in over 100 countries.

Aim: “A better world for animals is a better world for humans too.”

India’s Amazing Animal Kingdom ?

India is one of the 17 mega-diverse countries in the world.

- Royal Bengal Tiger – India’s national animal, top predator, forest protector.
- Peacock – national bird, symbol of grace and pride.
- Asian Elephant – gentle giant, “ecosystem engineer.”
- One-Horned Rhinoceros – Assam’s pride, found in Kaziranga.
- Olive Ridley Turtles – migrate thousands of km to nest in Odisha.
- Great Indian Bustard – critically endangered, desert bird.
- Lion-tailed Macaque – Western Ghats rare monkey.



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STUDENT MESSAGE

Fun & Fascinating Animal Facts

- Owls can rotate their head 270°.
- No two tigers have the same stripes – just like our fingerprints.
- Parrots not only mimic speech, but also understand tone.
- Elephants can remember faces for decades (“Elephant memory”).
- Peregrine Falcon = fastest flyer, dives at 389 km/hr!
- Dogs’ nose prints are as unique as human fingerprints.
- A giraffe’s tongue is blue-black to avoid sunburn.

Threats Animals Face Today

- ✗ Deforestation (loss of homes).
- ✗ Poaching and hunting.
- ✗ Plastic pollution (turtles eat plastic thinking it’s jellyfish).
- ✗ Climate change (polar bears & snow leopards under threat).

How You Can Make a Difference

- Plant trees – more trees, more homes for animals.
- Save water – rivers & lakes = lifeline for animals.
- Say NO to plastic – protect oceans & turtles.

“Animals can’t speak for themselves, but we can be their voice. Every act of kindness – feeding a stray, planting a tree, saying no to plastic – makes a huge difference. Protect animals today, because their future is our future too.”