



Iconic Flag of 1947 Displayed at Fort St. George

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The Fort St. George Museum in Chennai displays a **12x8 feet Indian flag**, one of the **first hoisted on 15th August 1947**, and the **only surviving flag** from that date.

- Made of **pure silk**, it symbolises India's freedom struggle and is part of the Indian Independence Gallery.

Evolution of the Indian Flag:

- The first national flag was hoisted on **7th August 1906** in Calcutta, featuring **red, yellow, and green** stripes.
- In **1921**, **Pingali Venkayya** designed a flag with **red and green stripes**, with **Gandhi** later added a **white stripe** and spinning wheel.
- The **current tricolour** was adopted on **22nd July 1947**.

Fort St. George:

- **It was established in 1639 in Chennai. It is the first English fortification in India.**
- It was briefly under **French control** from **1746 to 1749** and later returned to the British by the [Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle \(1748\)](#) after [1st Carnatic War](#).
- It serves as an administrative hub for Tamil Nadu's legislative assembly and houses a garrison.
- The Fort Museum, maintained by the [Archaeological Survey of India \(ASI\)](#), showcases relics from the Raj era, including portraits of Madras Governors.

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