

## The Indian Republic Day

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January 26 is our Republic Day every year. It was on this day in 1950 that India became a sovereign Democratic republic and had a Constitution of its own.

The republic Day is celebrated all over the country with great pomp and show. In Delhi, it is celebrated amidst great enthusiasm and joy.

A special parade is held on this day. Early in the morning people begin to assemble at Raj Path and other places from Rajpath to Red Fort to watch the parade. The President of India takes the salute. A procession starts from Vijay Chowk. All the three wings of armed forces take part in the parade. There is a display of various arms, tanks, big guns and other weapons of war. Military bands play different tunes. NCC Cadets and the police also participate in the parade.

They were followed by Tableaus from different states. They depict a true picture of the life and customs of the people of the respective state and the progress they have made after independence. Folk dances are held. The dancers sing and play on various instruments. Boys and girls of local colleges and school march in precision and sing national song.

There is a colourful fly-past in different types of airplanes. Rose petals are showered from the air and a tricolor of saffron white and green, the colourful of the national flag is left behind balloons of these clouds float in the air.

At night all the government buildings are illuminated and the people move out to watch the beautiful sight. The Rashtrapathi Bhawan and important government buildings are decorate with light in the evening. This is the festival of proud for our nation. Every countryman should participate in this occasion. We should also remember our freedom fighters on this day. This is an occasion of patriotism, unity, peace, love, proud, happiness and inspiration. We should make some principle on this occasion and try to be loyal towards our duties and nation. VANDE MATRAM.

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India is an independent country. We are free to form our government. We are free to elect representatives of our own choice. We have our own Constitution. We have to struggle hard to gain independence. We had to suffer a lot when we were under British rule. We were put to jail. After independence our leaders decided to form a democratic government. A new constitution was drafted. It defined the rights and responsibilities of the people. This constitution came in to force on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1950. On this date India became a republic. It is an important date in our history of India. Since that day it is celebrated all over the country as Republic Day.

Under this constitution the people of India have all the right to make the government of their choice. It is a matter of great pride for a nation. It works an era of self-rule. People of India got an opportunity to shape the country's destiny themselves. India was not to be dictated by foreign country. Now this elections are held in time. People enthusiastically participate in them to elect the candidate who form the Government at the center and at state levels.

Republic day holds great significance for the people of India. It is celebrated all over the country with great pomp and show. But the celebration is much more grand and splendid in Delhi.

Indeed the preparation starts much more earlier than the due date. On the Republic Day the programme begins with the march of presidents . procession from Rashtrapathi Bhawan to India Gate. People from different parts of the country flock in the city to witness the parade. The President of India takes salute of our three wings of defence forces.

On this day school, colleges. Offices and shops remain closed. It is a national holiday. National Anthem is sung. Patriotic songs are played on the radio everywhere. The son fills everyone with love and pride for the country.

Republic day was great message for the people. It reminds of the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters. It reminds us to work for the welfare of the society. It makes us think of what to do to realize the goals and ideal of our constitution.