

Respected Principal Sir, Teachers and Dear Friends,

Today, all of us are here for celebrating our "Republic Day".

Republic Day is the great national festival of our country. It is celebrated every year on January 26, throughout our country. It was 26th January in 1950, when the Constitution of India was framed and came into force, although the Independence from the British rule was achieved on August 15, 1947.

On 26th January 1950, our country formally became a sovereign Democratic republic. Dr. Rajendra Prasad was appointed as the first President; Jawaharlal Nehru, as the first Prime minister and Sardar Patel was appointed as the first Deputy Prime minister of India.

The first session of the Indian Parliament opened on January 30. The Speaker of the House was Mr. G. V. Mavlankar. At the same time, the Supreme Court was formally inaugurated under the Chief Justice Harilal Kania. The constitution which came into force on that day, removed the evil practice of untouchability from our country and provided the "Fundamental rights" to its every citizen, in which, every citizen was entitled for the freedom of speech, assembly, association, and religion.

The republic day is celebrated every year on 26th January in different part of our country with great patriotic spirit and enthusiasm. The most spectacular celebrations include the march past of the three armed Forces, the massive parade and the folk dances by tribal folk from the different states in New Delhi. Further, the streak of jet planes of Indian Air Force, leaving a trail of colored smoke, marks the end of the festival. The President of India at New Delhi, on this most colorful day, takes salute of the contingents of Armed Forces. In the States, the Governors take the salute.

The Republic Day celebrations have rightly become world famous as one of the greatest shows on earth drawing thousands of eager sight-seers from all over the country and many parts of the world. No other country in the world offers such a nice parade as India's Armed Forces.

Officially, Republic Day is celebrated all over the country - national capital, state capitals, municipal corporations, panchayats, and other official agencies. At the level of the people, it is observed in homes, housing colonies, schools, colleges and institutions of every kind.

This day reminds us the sacrifices and the efforts of our great leaders, who brought freedom and democracy in our country. Therefore, let us refresh our firm intentions to get united and to work hard for the progress of our country.

Jai Hind,

Thank you.

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