

About Republic Day in India – Happy Republic Day 2014

Indians celebrate **Republic Day** which honours the date on which the Constitution of India came into force. This day is celebrated on 26th January every year as a gazetted holiday, because **26th January** is the day to remember when India's constitution came into force on **January 26, 1950**, completing the country's transition toward becoming an independent republic.

Indian Republic Day is one of three National Holiday in India. The new constitution, as drafted and approved by the **Constituent Assembly of India**, was mandated to take effect on **26 January 1950** and India became a republic.

Republic Day of India Details – Happy Republic Day 2014 :-

- **Observed by :** India
- **Type :** National
- **Name :** गणतंत्र दिवस (Hindi), Republic Day (English), Tag der Republik (German)
- **Celebrations :** Parades, distribution of sweets in schools and cultural dances
- **Celebration Date :** 26th January
- **Previous Celebration :** 26th January, 2013
- **Next Celebration :** 26th January, 2014
- **Frequency :** Annual

26th January in India – Happy Republic Day 2014 :-

India got its Independence on **15 August 1947**, after which the process of preparing a constitution was started. The Constitution was passed on **26 November 1949** in the **Constituent Assembly**. It was adopted on **26 January 1950** with a democratic government system, when the country became a republic in true sense. **26 January** was selected, because it was this day in **1930** when the Declaration of Indian Independence was passed.

To mark this occasion, a grand parade is held along **Rajpath in New Delhi**, the **capital of India**, beginning from **Raisina Hill** near the **Rashtrapati Bhavan (Presidential Palace)**, along the Day, which is called '**Beating Retreat**'.

What do People do on Republic Day – Happy Republic Day 2014 :-

Many efforts is put towards organizing events and celebrations that occur on **Republic Day in India**. Large military parades are held in **New Delhi** and the state capitals. Representatives of the **Indian Army, Navy and Air Force** and **traditional dance troupes** take part in the parades.

A grand parade is held in **New Delhi** and the event starts with **India's prime minister** laying a wreath at the **Amar Jawan Jyoti** at **India Gate**, to remember soldiers who sacrificed their lives for their country. India's president takes the military salute during the parade in **New Delhi** while state governors take the military salutes in state capitals. A foreign head of state is the president's chief guest on **Republic Day**.

Awards and medals of bravery are given to the people from the armed forces and also to civilians. Helicopters from the armed forces then fly past the parade area showering rose petals on the audience. School children also participate in the parade by dancing and singing patriotic songs. Armed Forces personnel also showcase motorcycle rides. The parade concludes with a “**fly past**” by the **Indian Air Force**, which involves fighter planes of flying past the dais, symbolically saluting the president. These leave trails of smoke in the colors of the Indian flag.

There are many national and local cultural programs focusing on the history and culture of India. Children have a special place in these programs. Many children receive gifts of sweets or small toys. A prime minister’s rally also takes place around this time of the year, as well as the Lok Tarang – National Folk Dance Festival, which occurs annually from **January 24 to January 29**.

Public Life on Republic Day of India – Happy Republic Day 2014 :-

Republic Day is a gazetted holiday in India on **January 26** each year. National, state and local government offices, post offices and banks are closed on this date. Stores and other businesses and organizations may be closed or have reduced opening hours.

Public transport is usually unaffected as many locals travel for celebrations. Republic Day parades cause significant disruption to traffic and there may be increased security on this date, particularly in areas such as New Delhi and state capitals.

Symbols of Republic Day in India – Happy Republic Day 2014 :-

Republic Day represents the true spirit of the independent India. Military parades, displays of military equipment and the national flag are important symbols on this date. India’s national flag is a horizontal tricolor of deep saffron (*kesaria*) at the top, white in the middle and dark green at the bottom in equal proportion. The ratio of the flag’s width to its length is two to three. A navy-blue wheel in the center of the white band represents the chakra. Its design is that of the wheel which appears on the abacus of the **Sarnath Lion Capital of Ashoka**. Its diameter approximates to the white band’s width and it has 24 spokes.
