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Fr Principal's Message

On 26th of January, we celebrate Republic Day with pride and gratitude - the day when India gave herself a Constitution and chose to be governed by the rule of law, justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. After years of thoughtful debate and sacrifice, the Constitution came into force in 1950, shaping the destiny of our nation. Dr B. R. Ambedkar wisely reminded us, "A Constitution is only as good as the people who uphold it." These words continue to guide us, reminding us that the strength of our Republic lies in the character of its citizens.

History tells us that the first Republic Day was marked not merely by ceremony, but by a deep sense of responsibility and hope. Leaders like Dr Rajendra Prasad and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru demonstrated through simplicity and service that true leadership is rooted in values. Mahatma Gandhi captured this spirit beautifully when he said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Our freedom finds its true meaning when it is lived with discipline, unity in diversity, and commitment to the common good.

Republic Day, therefore, is both a celebration and a pledge. As teachers, parents, and students, we share the noble task of building the nation through education, values, and responsible citizenship. Let us renew our commitment to live the ideals of our Constitution in our daily lives and work together for a just, peaceful, and compassionate India. I wish you all a meaningful and joyous Republic Day. Jai Hind.

Fr Benoy Mathew CST (Principal)



Editorial

A Republic is not merely a constitutional arrangement; it is a moral covenant between the State and its citizens. In its truest incarnation, a Republic is defined not by the symbolism of sovereignty alone, but by the lived experience of justice, equality and dignity for all.

A True Republic safeguards the rights of its citizens with the same resolve with which it encourages their responsibilities. It upholds the rule of law not as an instrument of coercion, but as a shield of fairness. In such a society, democracy is not an event confined to periodic elections, but an ethic that animates everyday participation, discourse and decision-making.

The strength of a Republic lies in the inclusivity of its institutions. When the weakest voice is heard, when the marginalised find representation, and when merit triumphs over privilege, the Republic rises to its highest promise. Education, innovation and civic virtue become its engines; transparency, accountability and compassion become its guiding stars.

Ultimately, a True Republic is not measured by power, wealth or might, but by the felicity and freedom of its people. It is a nation where liberty breathes, diversity flourishes and the common good stands above narrow interests. To strive for such a Republic is both our collective duty and our enduring destiny.

Mr Sajen Thomas (Chief Editor)

Precursors to Independence: The Path of Drafting

India's independence in 1947 marked the end of colonial rule, but also marked the beginning of a long and difficult journey. Freedom not only brought hope, but it also exposed deep social economic and political challenges.

After the independence, the atmosphere was a mix of immense national pride and extreme crisis. The country stood at the verge of a series of major challenges. The early years were marked by the following issues:

The refugee crisis: The partition of India into two new countries: India and Pakistan, led to one of the largest, mass migrations in history. Approximately 8 million refugees arrived from Pakistan homeless & traumatized.

Communal riots: The partition brought the deadliest wave of violence, millions were displaced and up to 1 million were killed. The assassination of Mahatma Gandhi was a great shock for the complete nation.

Political fragments: India was no more a single unit beyond British India, there were 560 more princely states that were free to join India, join Pakistan or to remain independent. If these states had chosen to be independent, India would have been a fragmented "patchwork" of tiny countries.

Economic despair and social injustice: Poverty was rampant, illiteracy was nearly 85% and frequented famines had made India dependent, also the caste system, untouchability, worsened the situation. These circumstances made it essential to frame a constitution that could unify the nation and lead India towards becoming a strong republic and democratic country. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said, "The Constitution itself lead us to the real freedom that we have clamoured for." The constitution thus formed did not merely give India a system of governance it also gave its people a shared vision of justice, equality and dignity.

The Indian constitution is thus described as the living document reflecting the dream of newly Independent nation. It became a guiding force for the divided and struggling India and transformed it into a united democratic republic. It not only granted rights but also imposed duties on every citizen.

So, for the integrity of India, it is of immense importance that each and every Indian should be aware of their rights as well as duties prescribed in the constitution because democracy survives through active participation.

Pratyaksha Singh (XI A)

Our Responsibility

Every year on Republic Day, we are reminded of the powerful promises that India made to its citizens: to follow the path of democracy, to ensure equality and to protect fundamental rights. It is a day of immense pride, patriotism and celebration for all Indians but it is also a moment of reflection on our responsibilities as citizens. As said by Dr Jawaharlal Nehru, "A constitution, however good, cannot make a nation great unless the people are noble."

Our Constitution was framed by a group of remarkable individuals who envisioned India as a nation where citizens live in harmony and prosperity. It is now our duty to uphold these ideals. We can do so by acting responsibly, questioning injustice, respecting democratic values and staying informed about current events. True patriotism lies in choosing righteousness over indifference and courage over silence.

In recent times, many young people in India feel helpless when confronted with the corruption, intolerance and inequality seen in our country. However, it is important to remember that our Constitution empowers us to challenge these issues through our Fundamental Rights, such as the right to freedom of speech and expression. By raising our voices and standing together, we can work towards attaining what has been promised to us and contribute to the growth of our nation.

Zoya Haider (XI B)



Siddhi Srivastava - VIII A

Is India Truly Living up to the Ideals of its Constitution?

On 26 January 1950, India adopted its constitution and formally became the Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic, committing itself to the ideals of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. The constitution of India was written on 26 November, 1949, but 26 January was chosen as the Republic Day because on this date in 1930, the Indian National Congress proclaimed Poorna Swaraj or complete independence from British rule. By enforcing the constitution on this day, India linked the hard-won freedom with the moral and legal authority of self-governance.

Since then, the Constitution has served as the backbone of Indian democracy. It guarantees Fundamental Rights, establishes democratic institutions, and aims to create a fair society. India's ability to conduct regular elections, maintain a functioning judiciary, and protect civil liberties, reflect the strength of its constitutional framework. Policies of social justice and affirmative action have also helped many marginalised communities gain representation and opportunities.

However, the question remains whether India truly lives up to these ideals in practice. Social inequalities based on caste gender and economic status continue to persist, often contradicting the constitutional promise of equality. Corruption, misuse of power, delays in justice, and selective enforcement of laws, weaken public trust in democratic institutions. While rights are guaranteed on paper, access to quality education, healthcare, and justice remains unequal for millions, exposing the gap between constitutional intent and everyday reality.

Such persistent drawbacks reveal the gap between the constitution's progressive vision and the social reality that still prevails. Living up to the constitution requires more than symbolic celebrations on Republic Day. It demands constitutional morality from those in power and active responsibility from the citizens. A republic country survives not on the words written in law books, but on the values practiced by its people. India will truly honour its constitution when justice, equality, and dignity become live realities for all of its citizens.

Ananya Acharya (XI A)

Republic Day is one of the most important national festivals of India. It is celebrated every year on 26th January to mark the day when our Constitution came into force in 1950. This day reminds us that India is not just a free nation, but a republic where the power lies in the hands of the people. As a Class 11 student, I feel that Republic Day is not only about parades and speeches, but about understanding the values on which our country stands - justice, equality, liberty, and fraternity.

As a young girl growing up in India, Republic Day holds a special meaning to me. Our Constitution gives equal rights to every citizen, regardless of gender, caste, or religion. It gives girls like me the freedom to study, speak, dream, and choose our own path. When I see women excelling in education, sports, science, and leadership, I feel proud that our Constitution supports equality and dignity for all. However, Republic Day also reminds us that these rights must be respected and protected in real life, not just written in books.

Today, as students, we are the future citizens of India. The true way to celebrate Republic Day is by being responsible, informed, and honest individuals. We must respect our country, follow our duties, and contribute positively to society. If we understand the importance of our Constitution and live by its values, only then can we build a strong, fair, and united India. Republic Day teaches us that freedom is precious, but responsibility is even more important.

Aradhya Srivastava (IX A)



Sarvesh Raj (VI D)

India is a land of vibrant culture and multifaceted diversity. The soul of India does not reside in a single dictator but in the collective souls of its citizens. While monarchy and dictatorship is confined to a single individual or a clan, a republic like India revives the principle of democracy and sovereignty. The soul of sovereignty is nourished by the voices of every individual regardless of caste, religion, status and language that contributes to the national melody.

India is more than a legal structure, it is a commitment of self-governance, the heart of the Republic, the book of time honoured history and a land of pluralistic diversity. The soul of India thrives when its citizens are promoted from being mere subjects to active authors of their future. India is a vibrant tapestry woven from billions of distinct threads. While the constitution provides framework to it, the heart of India beats through a profound synthesis of diversity, culture and community.

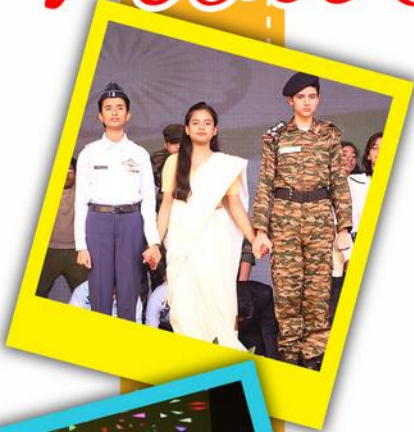
India's sovereignty is unique because it is a staggering blend of tradition, faith and languages into a single patriotic pulse. The strength of the Republic India lies in communal resilience. From the celebration of different festivals with the collective spirit to the living tradition of folk and tribal wisdom, India has always excelled when it comes to unity in diversity. India has the ethical framework which balances ancient spiritual wisdom with modern secular domestic values that foster a unique culture of pluralism.

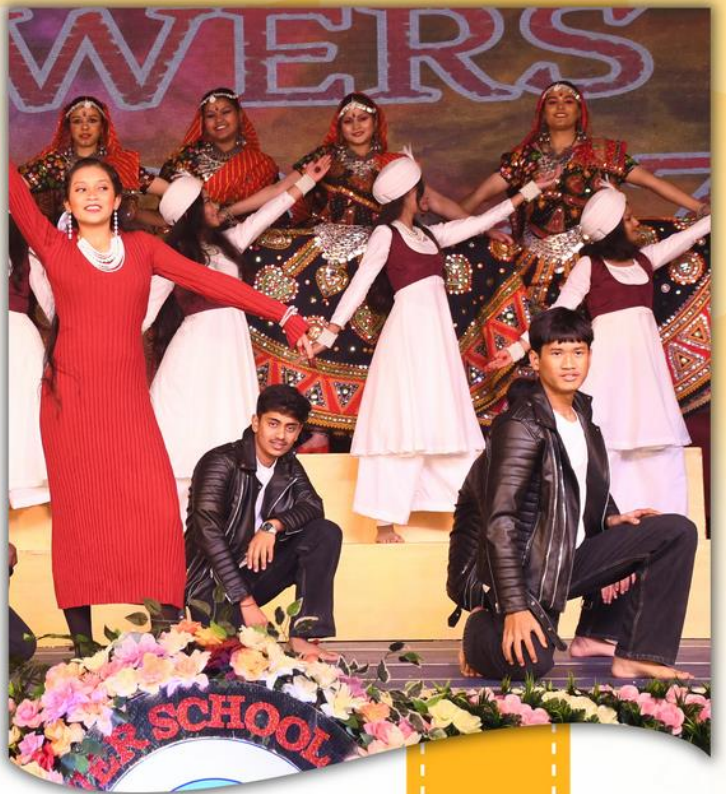
Celebration of the Republic of the citizens of Mother India and the abiding of our Indian constitution revalidates that sovereignty lives within the citizens rooted with unity, justice and national pride. As the sun sets for the milestone of yesterday and rises for the challenges of tomorrow, India stands as a flare of hope. It reminds us that a nation is fuelled by republic values, unity and democracy. Celebrating republic India is more than just observing a date in history it is a tribute to the nation that finds its greatest strength in diversity.

Aditi Dubey (IX E)



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Republic day marks the day when India adopted its constitution and truly became a republic India. India is a vast and diverse country with many religions, languages and cultures. Though these differences exist, we stand united as one nation because we are guided by a single constitution. Our constitution gives us the values of justice, equality, liberty and fraternity. These values form the golden roots of India, deeply grounded in our history, traditions and democratic ideals. With such strong roots India has grown strong wings of progress.

We are guided by our constitution and it acts as a guiding light for our government and citizens helping to maintain harmony and fairness in society and protects the unity and integrity of the nation. The constitution not only protects our rights but also reminds us of our duties, helping us move forward with discipline and responsibility.

On this republic day we celebrate an India that respects its constitution and is soaring towards a brighter future which is possible only by standing together under one constitution, honouring our heritage, strengthening the wings of knowledge through progress unity and responsible actions. As citizens of India it is our duty to honour our roots and strengthen our strong wings by being responsible and united for the progress of our nation.

Aprajita Shahi (XI A)

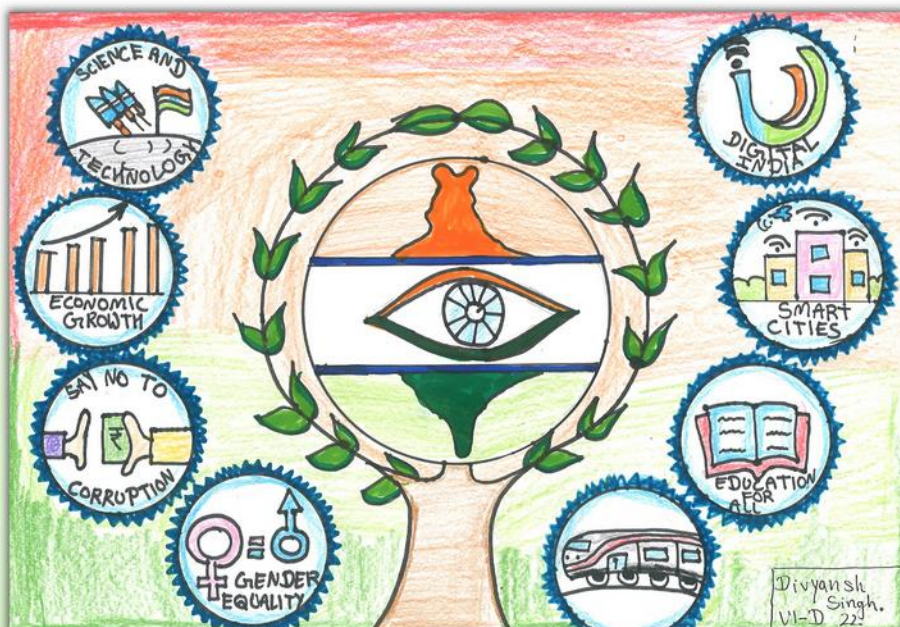


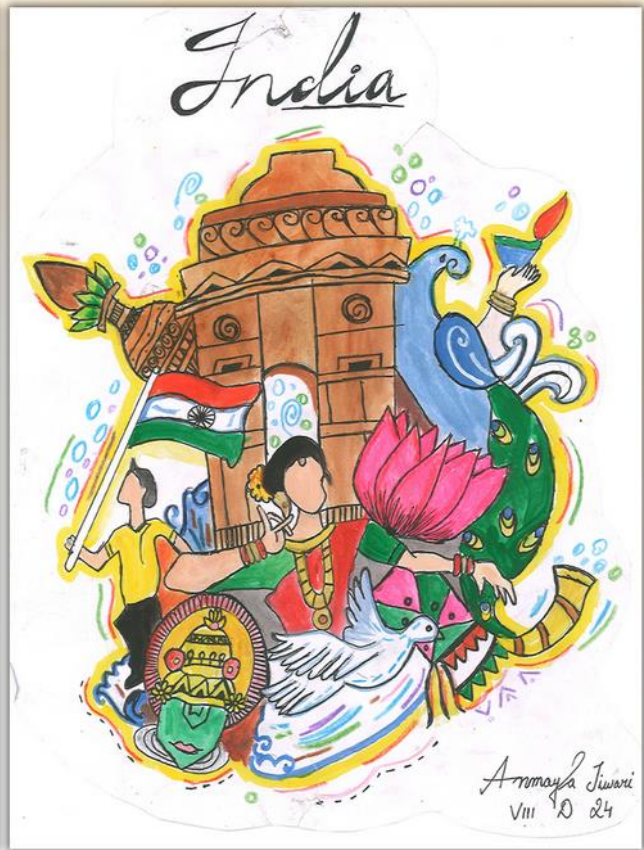
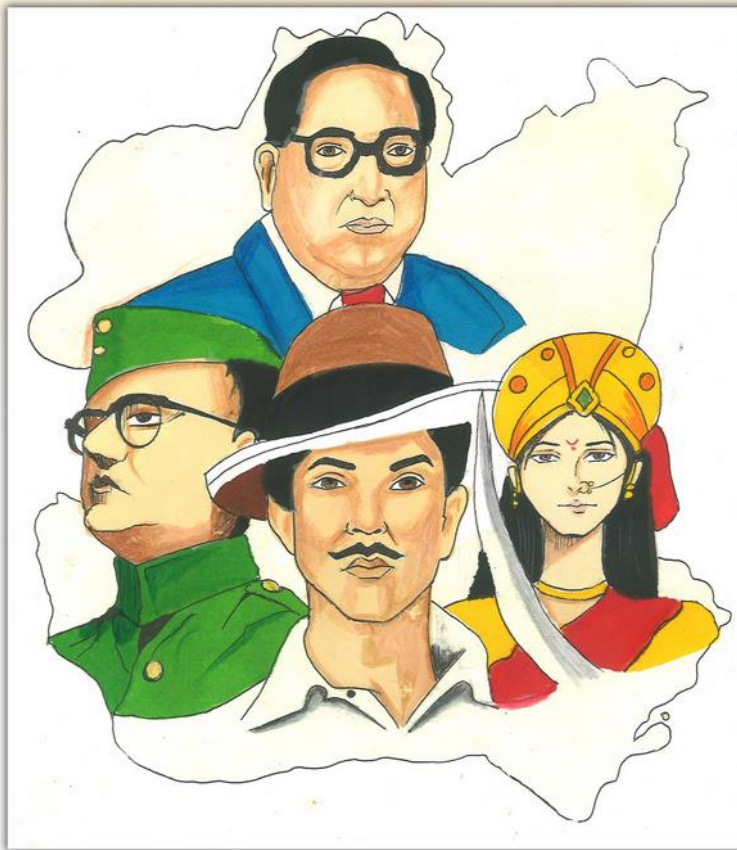
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Aradhya Singh (XI A)





Republic Day is not just a celebration of the past, it is a powerful reminder of India's identity and spirit. On 26 January, we proudly remember the day our Constitution came into force, giving the nation its voice and vision. The tricolour flying high, the national anthem, and the stories of sacrifice fill every Indian heart with pride. Republic Day reflects the courage of our freedom fighters and the strength of a nation that chose democracy, unity, and equality as its foundation.

For today's youth, Republic Day is a call to action. It urges us to move beyond symbolic patriotism and express our love for the nation through responsibility and integrity. As young citizens, we shape the future of India through our choices, ideas and actions. By standing for the truth, respecting diversity and contributing positively to society, we carry the Republic forward. The real celebration of Republic Day lies in becoming aware, active and proud citizens of India.

Utpal Singh (XI A)

As citizens of a Republic Nation, it is our solemn duty to uphold the values enshrined in the Constitution of India - justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. These principles form the backbone of our democracy and guide our conduct as responsible citizens. Dr B R Ambedkar rightly observed, "The Constitution is not a mere lawyer's document; it is a vehicle of life, and its spirit is always the spirit of the age." This reminds us that the true strength of the Republic lies not only in laws, but in how sincerely citizens follow them in their daily lives. Respecting the Constitution, obeying the law, and protecting national unity are essential responsibilities of every Indian.

Our duties also extend to serving society and contributing positively to the nation's progress. Mahatma Gandhi beautifully said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." By being honest, tolerant, and socially responsible, we help to build a nation rooted in harmony and mutual respect.

Abhishek Singh (XI A)