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The patriotic fervor is at its best amongst Indians across the nation as Republic Day is here. 26th January stands as the day of utmost importance in the Indian history. On this day, way back in 1950, our constitution came into force and our country became a republican unit. The day was announced as national holiday and ever since it holds great significance for all. After so many decades, the enthusiasm and excitement about the day has not lowered down. Citizens all over the country on the occasion solemnly pay respect to the martyrs, who have sacrificed their lives for the country.

Significance of Republic Day parade

An important feature of Republic Day in India is the grand parade, which is held annually in the capital from Raisina Hill near Rashtrapati Bhavan till India Gate. The parade includes display of different regiments of the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force. Also, it includes other vibrant displays of different states showcasing its culture and tradition. Each display brings out the diversity and richness of the culture of India. Along with this, part of the parade is the ceremony where children are rewarded National Bravery Award. The parade is telecasted on the national television and is watched by millions of viewers in every corner of the country. Prime Minister on the occasion lays down floral wreath at the Amar Jawan Jyoti, a memorial to soldiers at the India Gate at one end of Rajpath.

Celebrations in schools and colleges

Gala celebrations are held in schools and colleges across India. They are decked up in patriotic colors i.e. saffron, white and green. Various competitions are held in schools such as singing, dancing, rangoli, fancy dress, painting etc. These celebrations in various schools across India have one thing in common - feeling of patriotic zest on this occasion.

Teachers on the occasion explain it to the children importance of the day and make them aware of various aspects of India's heritage and culture. Children participate in the school activities adorning costumes of freedom fighters and spreading message of love and peace. Flag hoisting ceremonies are also held in schools. In colleges, debates and discussions are held regarding relevance of Republic Day. Youth of the country participate in them and further glorify their sentiment that they hold for their motherland. Altogether, the spirit of patriotism become alive and the whole nation gets observed into it. Republic Day thus is successful in triggering feeling of nationalism in everyone.

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