



Why do we have Republic Day

- India declared its independence from the British on August 15, 1947.
- On January 26, 1950, India set its Constitution in place. A Constitution is a country's own set of laws. India did not have this before because there were always kings and emperors who decided the laws.

3 National Holidays

1. Independence Day on August 15
2. Republic Day on January 26
3. Mahatma Gandhi's birthday on Oct 2nd

What happens on Republic Day?

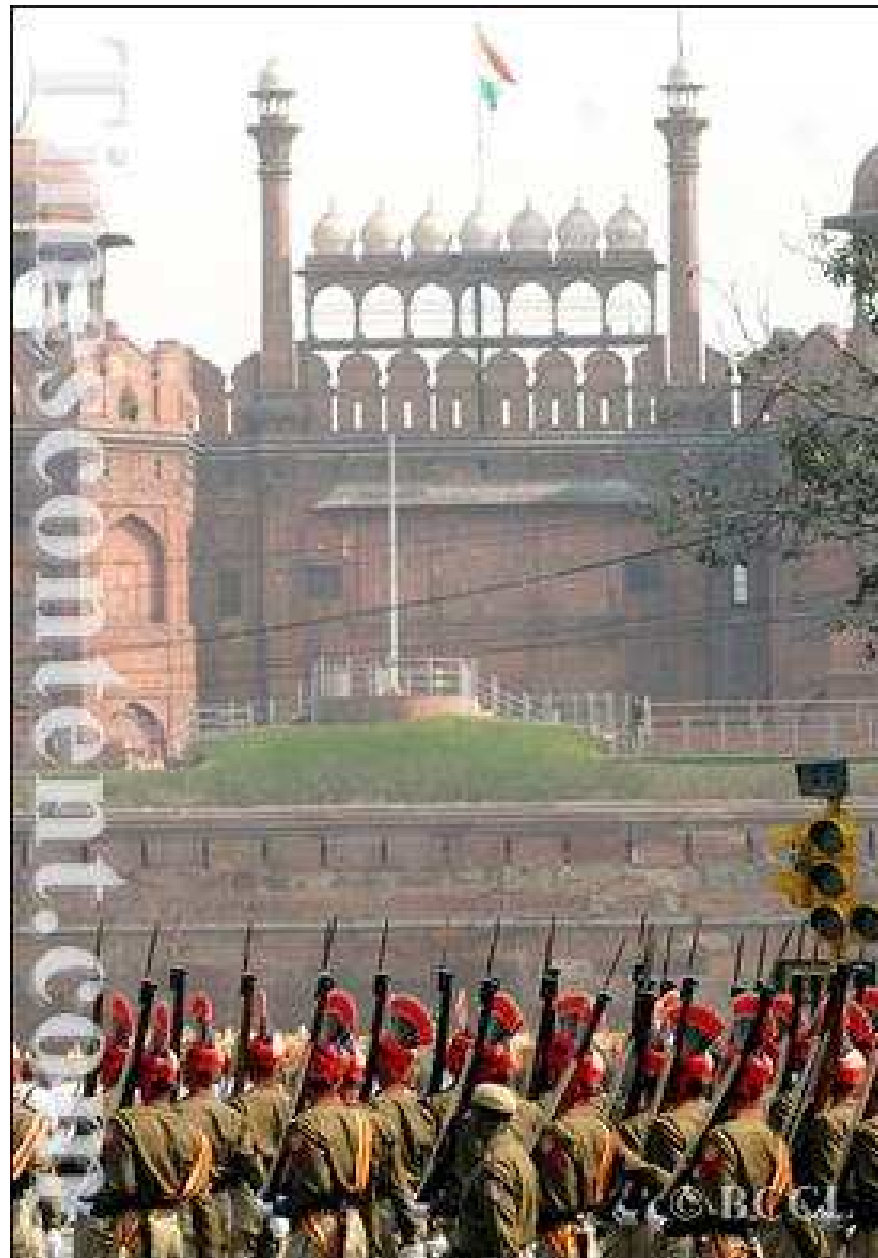
- To mark this occasion, a grand parade is held in New Delhi, the Capital of India, beginning from [Rashtrapati Bhavan](#) (Presidential Palace) to India Gate to the Red Fort in Old section











What happens on Republic Day?

- Different regiments of the Indian Army, the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force march and wear all fine uniforms and official decorations.

✪✪ 26 January Parade ✪✪



















- The Chief Guest of the parade is a Head of State of another nation. Here is President Pratibha Patil with an international leader



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The parade also includes many traditional dance troupes, to symbolize the cultural heritage of India.

















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It traditionally ends with a colourful flypast by Air Force jets in a tiranga formation.





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