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Happy Republic Day 2022: [India marks January 26 as its Republic Day](https://www.hindustantimes.com/topic/republic-day) every year. In 2022, the country is celebrating its 73rd Republic Day. While India gained independence from the British Raj in 1947, it wasn't until January 26, 1950, that the Indian Constitution came into effect.

Republic Day [is celebrated with much pomp all across the country](https://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/recipe/73rd-republic-day-these-tri-coloured-recipes-echo-patriotic-flavours-101643032269131.html). The main attraction of Republic Day celebrations is the annual parade which begins at Rajpath, Delhi, and ends at the India Gate[. On this day](https://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/recipe/how-global-flavours-got-a-desi-twist-101643011331418.html), the country's President hoists the flag at Rajpath, New Delhi. The ceremonious event also showcases India's cultural and social heritage, parades and airshows by the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force.

Additionally, the President of India distributes Padma Awards to the deserving civilians of the country to honour their contribution to the nation. Brave soldiers are also awarded Paramvir Chakra, Ashok Chakra and Vir Chakra. Live webcast of the Republic Day Parade is also made accessible every year to millions of people who wish to view the parade over the Internet or TV.