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INDIAN DIASPORA COUNCIL COMMEMORATES INDIA'S REPUBLIC DAY 2026

The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) and its global affiliates extend warm greetings and heartfelt congratulations to the people of India and persons of Indian origin worldwide on the celebration of India's 77th Republic Day.

While India gained independence on August 15, 1947, it began governing itself under its own constitutional framework on January 26, 1950, affirming its sovereignty, democratic values, and collective commitment to justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. These enduring principles continue to guide India's growth at home and its contributions abroad. Every year, the day is commemorated with a spectacular Republic Day Parade on **Kartavya Path** near India Gate in **New Delhi**, watched by millions of Indians and featuring a showcase of India's military strength, cultural diversity, and heritage. The parade is the highlight of a three-day celebration.



Centered on “Vande Mataram” (वंदे मातरम्, *Mother, I bow to thee*) and “Aatmanirbhar Bharat” (आत्मनिर्भर भारत, *Self-Reliant India*), 2026 Republic Day theme celebrates India's national pride and enduring vision of self-reliance.

India's Republic Day reaffirms the nation's democratic foundations and shared aspirations. As **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has noted, the Constitution is “*a ray of hope and a guiding light*,” and India's democracy “*celebrates our unity in diversity*.” He reminds citizens that true patriotism lies in “*fulfilling our duties and working for a brighter future*.” These words capture the spirit of Republic Day and strengthen their collective resolve to uphold India's democratic ideals and continued progress.

As **Dr. B. R. Ambedkar** stated, the Constitution is far more than a legal text—it is “*a vehicle of life*.” **Mahatma Gandhi** captured India's spirit in saying that “*a nation's culture resides in the hearts and soul of its people*.” **Jawaharlal Nehru** underscored that true citizenship lies in service, and **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** affirmed that rights and duties remain inseparable.

On behalf of the Indian Diaspora Council, we celebrate India's Republic Day and reaffirm our shared dedication to unity, progress, and cultural pride.

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