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Kartavya Bhawan-3, New Delhi

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Republic Day Ceremony, 2026.

Every year, the Republic Day is celebrated with grandeur, gaiety, fervor and enthusiasm. This year also, the Republic Day will be celebrated in a manner befitting the occasion, focusing on 150 years of commemoration of Vande Mataram.

- I. On the morning of 26th January, 2026, the Prime Minister will lay a wreath at the National War Memorial. An inter-Services Guard will give salute and, thereafter, two minutes silence will be observed.
- II. The President will arrive in buggy to Kartavya Path and take the salute at a ceremonial march past which will consist of units drawn from the three Services, Para Military Forces and other Auxiliary Civil Forces, National Cadet Corps and National Service Scheme.
- III. 30 Tableaux from various States/UTs and Central Government Departments on the themes “स्वतंत्रता का मंत्र वंदे मातरम् एवं समृद्धि का मंत्र-आत्मनिर्भर भारत” will be participating in this year's Republic Day Parade at Kartavya Path.
- IV. Cultural performances would be made by group of 2500 artists selected by Ministry of Culture.
- V. After the National Anthem and before the departure of the President, balloons would be released from the booths at different locations at Kartavya Path. IAF will conduct a fly past comprising 29 aircrafts of Indian Air Force.
- VI. On behalf of the Government of India, approx. 400 tribal guests from various parts of the country have been invited to witness the Republic Day Celebrations, 2026 in Delhi. These representatives and tableau artists will call on the Prime Minister and the Minister of Tribal Affairs. Approx, 5,000 people (with spouses) who have done exceptional work in nation building have been invited to witness the Republic Day Parade-2026 at Kartavya Path as “SPECIAL GUEST.”
- VII. Invitation to minimum 50 Delhi based couples from each State/UT dressed in their traditional attires are being invited to witness the RDC-2026. Competition winners have also been invited to witness the ceremony.
- VIII. A reception will be held at Rashtrapati Bhawan on 26th January, 2026.
- IX. Trophies will be awarded for the best marching contingent amongst the marching contingents of the three Services and Para Military Forces/Police.

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X. The tableaux of States/UTs will continue to be adjudged on merit for the first, second and third prizes. The tableaux from Ministries/Department will also be adjudged on merit for first prize. An online poll will be organised on MyGov platform where people can watch the parade and vote for their best tableaux and marching contingent. The best tableaux and marching contingents selected on the basis of the public poll on MyGov platform would also be given trophies as "Popular Choice" Award.

XI. A Full Dress Rehearsal of the Republic Day Parade will be held on 23rd January, 2026. Entry to the seating enclosures on either side of the Kartavya Path on this occasion will be regulated by e-invitation/Admit Cards, to be issued by the Ministry of Defence. Approx. 10000 seats will also be made available on "Amantran Portal" free of cost for general public on registering themselves at the said portal with a valid ID proof.

XII. As in the past, admission to the seating enclosures for the Republic Day Parade, 2026 will be regulated partly by tickets and partly by invitation. Online invitation will be issued to categories as State Guests, person included in the Table of Precedence (including Members of Parliament), members of Press Corps, Defence and Police Personnel, Public Servants of entitled categories and their spouses. Entry of all others to the seating enclosures for the Republic Day Parade will be regulated on the basis of priced tickets of the denominations of Rs 20/- and Rs 100/-. The tickets can be booked online through www.aamantran.mod.gov.in.

XIII. The facility given to the general public to witness the Parade will be through tickets of Rs 20/- and Rs 100/-.

XIV. The duration of the Republic Day Parade, 2026 will be around 90 minutes.

XV. Beating Retreat will be organised at Vijay Chowk on the following dates:-

27th January, 2026 (Full Dress Rehearsal)
28th January, 2026 (Special Show)
29th January, 2026 (Main Ceremony)

XVI. This year, unique naming of enclosures for RDP/BTR- 2026 will be implemented based on the Rivers, flowing across the nation, i.e. Beas, Brahmaputra, Chambal, Chenab, Gandak, Ganga, Ghagra, Godavari, Sindhu, Jhelum, Kaveri, Kosi, Krishna, Mahanadi, Narmada, Pennar, Periyar, Ravi, Sone, Sutlej, Teesta, Vaigai and Yamuna.

Similarly, for Beating the Retreat Ceremony- 2026, naming of enclosures will be based on Indian Instruments i.e. Bansuri, Damaru, Ektara, Esraj, Mridangam, Nagada, Pakhawaj, Santoor, Sarangi, Sarinda, Sarod, Shehnai, Sitar, Surbahar, Tabla and Veena.

XVII. All Information related to seating arrangements enclosures, traffic, parking and parade components are available on Rashtra Parv Portal. (www.rashtraparv.mod.gov.in)


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18. Ministry of External Affairs - **They are requested to issue suitable instructions to the Indian Missions/Posts etc. abroad.**

B. Copy also forwarded for information to:-

Chief Secretaries/Administrators of all State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations with the request to issue appropriate instructions to ensure that the Republic Day (26th January, 2026) is suitably celebrated throughout the country. The Ministry of Defence have issued standing instructions to the local Defence authorities to extend all facilities and co-operation to the Civil Authorities.

C. Copy also forwarded for information and necessary action to the Secretary to the Governors/Lt. Governors of all States/ UT Administrations.


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