

# Celebrating the Nation's 76<sup>th</sup> Republic Day

Pune, Maharashtra | 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

## A Prelude



Republic Day is a special day in India, celebrated on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January annually. It marks the adoption of the Constitution turning the country into a Republic.

This spirit of patriotism was filled in the air right from 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2025, as the students of S.B. Patil Public School soaked in the 76<sup>th</sup> Republic day celebration. The corridors and the classrooms were decorated with various cut-outs and balloons in tricolour.

The Nursery section kiddies had fun with paper tearing activity and then pasting these bits of green, white and orange paper on the Tricolour flag as a part of Republic day activity. Junior KG students engaged themselves in paper crumpling, tearing and folding activities. They also enjoyed sponge dabbing and fist printing with colours.



These activities were brilliantly used to decorate the national symbols like the peacock, tiger, lotus, banyan tree and mango. Meanwhile, the Senior KG proudly adorned their self-made fan-folded tri-colour badges done as a part of Republic Day activity.

To instill within the children the spirit of patriotism a series of events were planned in the school. All the pre-primary students participated enthusiastically in the march

parade. This was followed with an interesting skit performed by teachers to make the little minds aware about the constitution. Children joined in the chorus with their teachers to sing songs like "We Shall Overcome." and "Nanna Munna Rahi Hu".



With the programme concluding with an electrifying dance session, the students returned home with the seeds of patriotism being sown deep in their young hearts and minds.

Meanwhile, a Republic Day special assembly was organised on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2025, by the Grade IV students of the Green House. To promote the values of nationalism and patriotism among the students, students spoke on the importance of the day. They performed skits, poem recitations and dances



to commemorate India's 76<sup>th</sup> Republic Day. Through this, students celebrate unity in diversity in our country.

## On Republic Day



On the chilly morning of 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2025, S.B. Patil Public School celebrated the 76<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of India with great enthusiasm and patriotism. The event took place on the school premises with the presence of the EPTA, the school faculty, and the students from Grades V and VIII.

The day's festivities were graced by the chief guests, Mr. Shantanu Prabhune, an accomplished entrepreneur and marathoner; alongside his wife, Ms. Sonali Prabhune, who is also a dedicated sportsperson.



The programme commenced with the hoisting of the nation's tricolour by the principal, Dr. Bindu Saini, amidst loud cheers and applause. The occasion was also attended by vice-principal, Ms. Padmavati Banda; headmaster, Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni; section coordinators, Ms. Darshana Kamat, Ms. Nirupama Kale, Ms. Vandana Sangle, and Ms. Archana Prabhune; and administrative officer, Mr. Manish Dhekale.



Following the flag hoisting, students from Grade IX performed a synchronised march-past to the rhythmic beats of the drum, ending with a dramatic halt to the patriotic anthem, *Jhanda Geet*, sung by the school's music group. The melodious performance was led by music teachers, Ms. Sulochana Pawar and Mr. Aadinath Dhumale, and the Torrins Music Band.



Principal, Dr. Bindu Saini then felicitated the chief guests, graciously welcoming them to the event.

This was followed by the school's EPTA member's felicitating the principal, Dr. Bindu Saini; the EPTA Secretary and school vice principal, Ms. Padmavati Banda; and headmaster, Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni. The EPTA members extended their earnest gratitude for the pro-active approach of the school's leadership team and faculty, and the efforts the school has made towards the holistic development of the students.



Ms. Jili Anthony and Ms. Bharti Kabir were the faculty comperes for the programme whilst Nivan Tiwari of Grade V, and Swarnima Kulkarni of Grade VIII were the student anchors.

Students presented heartfelt speeches, emphasising the importance of Republic Day. They spoke passionately in English, Hindi, and Marathi about the significance of the day, urging everyone to respect the sacrifices made by soldiers and to preserve the sovereignty of India.





The event also featured performances by the students, including vibrant dances (coordinated by dance instructor, Mr. Ajay Chawariya) including the Lezim, impressive human pyramids, and other artistic displays, which captivated the audience. The crowd cheered loudly as the students showcased their talent, unity, and spirit.

The highlight of the ceremony was the inspiring address by Mr. Shantanu Prabhune, who shared how sports have transformed him both mentally and physically, teaching him valuable lessons in perseverance, discipline, and resilience. His words resonated with the audience, encouraging students to take up sports to build character and stay active - all which lead to a balanced life.



An exciting patriotic dance, choreographed by dance teacher Mr. Ajay Chawariya, followed, leaving the audience mesmerized.

To conclude the event, Ms. Bharti Kabir delivered the Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude to all those who made the day's celebrations a success.

The Board of Trustees, including Mr. Dnyaneshwar P. Landge (Chairman), Ms. Padma M. Bhonsle (Vice Chairperson), Mr. Vitthal S. Kalbhor (Secretary), Mr. Shantaram D. Garade (Treasurer), Mr. Harshwardhan S. Patil (Trustee), and Dr. Girish M. Desai (Executive Director), extended their congratulations to all the students and staff for their hard work in making the event a grand success.



The entire programme was carefully coordinated by the vice-principal, Ms. Padmavati Banda, and various faculty members, including the primary coordinator, section coordinators, and the administrative team. Special thanks were also given to the music and dance departments, the art team, and the IT staff, all of whom played a crucial role in organizing the event. The collaboration of these dedicated individuals helped make the 76<sup>th</sup> Republic Day celebrations a memorable occasion for the school community.