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REKINDLING THE SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE

~ Heer Panchal

We proclaimed our independence from British rule on August 15, 1947, but our country did not yet have a written constitution. India lacked the experts and political clout required to ensure the smooth running of state affairs. The 1935 Government of India Act, which had a stronger propensity toward colonial rule, had essentially been modified to govern up until that point. It was therefore essential to draw out a thorough constitution that would encapsulate everything India stands for. Republic Day celebrates the anniversary of India becoming a sovereign republic. On January 26th, 1950, the Constitution of India was adopted, establishing India as a democratic republic.

On January 26th of each year, Indians have a huge celebratory Republic Day Parade in New Delhi. India celebrates the holiday by showcasing the country's military powers and cultural diversity. The national festival is enthusiastically observed throughout every school, college and organization. There are a number of competitions held in schools, including ones for Dancing, Singing, Essay, and Speaking on Republic Day. Many schools even take part in these parades, which are held in numerous cities. It's entertaining to watch the adults and children work so hard.

The military band in New Delhi plays the national anthem after a 21-gun salute and the flag is hoisted by the President of India. Amidst the joy and celebration, we shouldn't overlook the struggle for freedom of our freedom fighters.



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IMF : INDIA'S INFLATION WILL FALL TO 5% IN 2023, 4% IN 2024

The International Monetary Forum recently released the World Economic Outlook. According to the report, the Inflation in India is to reduce to 6.8% in March 2023. Further by the end of 2023, the inflation will reduce to 5%. In 2024, Indian Inflation will be 4%. The report also said that global inflation is to reduce to 6.6% in 2023. It was 8.8% in 2022.



FIFTH KHELO INDIA YOUTH GAMES 2023

The Indian Government conducts the Khelo India Youth Games every year to hunt talents from different parts of India. The event is seen as the best gateway for Indian athletes to enter international events. The 5th edition is to start in January end. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh is to host the event. For the first time, Kayaking and Canoeing are introduced in the event.



PONGAL: FROM FIELD TO FEAST, A JOURNEY OF CELEBRATION AND GRATITUDE

Pongal Festival is the major festival of Tamilnadu and also the most popular Harvest Festival of Tamilnadu, dedicated to Sun God, thanking him for the agricultural abundance and is celebrated with great religious fervour. It's a four-day festival that commences on the 14th day of January every year and is considered as an auspicious occasion to start new ventures. This festival is named after the ritual "Pongal", which means "to boil or overflow", it also refers to the traditional dish prepared during the festival using the new harvest of rice, cooked in milk with jaggery. The festival marks the first day of the sun's return journey to the northern hemisphere, that is when the sun enters the zodiac Makara which indicates Makar Sankranti, known by different names in various parts of India. The first day of the Pongal festival is celebrated as Bhogi Pongal which marks a fresh beginning.



This is the day when old household articles as well as agricultural waste, are burnt in a bonfire, known as Bhogi Mantalu. Days second, third, and fourth are followed by various similar traditions.

The Indian Army contributes to the security and unity of India. Indian Army Day is celebrated on January 15 to salute the loyal soldiers who laid down their lives to protect the country and its security. The theme of Indian Army Day 2023 was "ON PATH TO TRANSFORMATION."

HONORING THE SENTINEL OF INDIA'S SECURITY



It was seen as a recognition of the "increasingly critical role of niche and disruptive technologies in modern well-being. This year, India celebrates its 75th Army Day on January 15. Celebrations began with a wreath laying ceremony at the National War Memorial where three service chiefs paid tribute to the brave hearts

During the event, a song dedicated exclusively to the army and the people called Maati, sung by famous singer Hariharan, was released. Indian Army Day is celebrated with great enthusiasm and energy to salute and thank our soldiers with love and respect.

A parade is organized every year to facilitate the appreciation of Indian Army. It features international sports awards and seven marching bands.



National Youth Day in India

Celebrating the spirit of youth

-Tazeen Shaikh



National Youth Day is celebrated in India on January 12th every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, one of the most prominent spiritual leaders and thinkers of India. Swami Vivekananda was born on January 12, 1863, in Kolkata, West Bengal. He was a key figure in the Indian spiritual and philosophical landscape, and his teachings continue to inspire millions of people around the world. The celebration of National Youth Day aims to promote the ideals and values of Swami Vivekananda among the youth of India. Swami Vivekananda believed that the youth of India could play a vital role in the development and progress of the nation. He saw them as a source of energy and vitality that could be harnessed for the greater good.

On National Youth Day, various programs and events are organized across the country to inspire and motivate the youth of India. These events include seminars, workshops, cultural programs, and sports activities. The focus is on promoting leadership qualities, positive thinking, and a sense of social responsibility among the youth. The theme for National Youth Day 2023 was “Viksat Yuva - Viksat Bharat,” which encourages young people to be agents of change in their communities and beyond. The theme emphasizes the importance of positive action, community service, and volunteerism. The celebration of National Youth Day also coincides with the week-long National Youth Festival, which is organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The festival brings together young people from all over India to participate in various cultural, sporting, and intellectual activities.

In addition to the National Youth Festival, the government of India has launched several initiatives to empower and engage the youth of the country. These initiatives include the National Youth Policy, which aims to create an enabling environment for youth development, and the National Service Scheme, which encourages young people to engage in community service. Overall, National Youth Day in India is an important occasion that celebrates the spirit of youth and the contributions they can make to society. It provides a platform for young people to come together, share their ideas, and work towards a brighter future for themselves and their communities.

Something pretty and fun.

I want to write something pretty and fun
like all of us soaking in the sun
while looking at the waves come
crashing down around us.
We're playing catch in the sea
and you – know – who gets cranky,
so we get milkshakes and run.

I really want to write
poetry that makes you smile
the way you do when we
goofily, dance, and jump, and smile
playing our favorite songs throughout
the night.

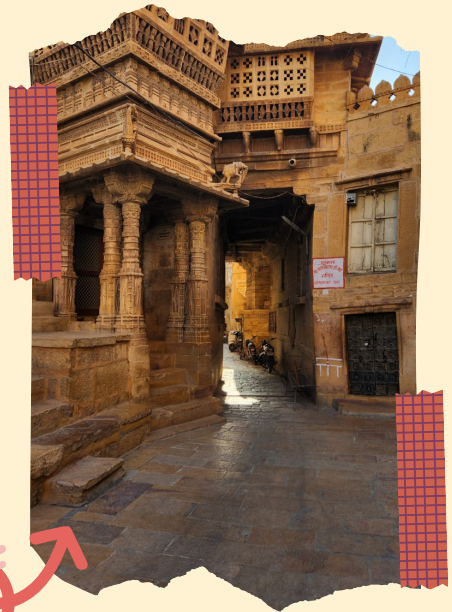
I want to write something heart-
warming,
like going home after movies
and the sky studded with rubies,
like the feeling when you touch the
clouds;
and standing still, while the whole
world's moving.

-Aditi Singh





-NIDHI NISAR



-AAKASH KALKUMBE



-RIYA BAGWE



-TAZEEN SHAIKH



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