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Government of India  
Ministry of Defence

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New Delhi, the 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Republic Day Celebrations in all the schools/colleges of the country.**

Every year Republic Day is celebrated in all the schools/colleges in the country. This year being the 75<sup>th</sup> year of Independence, we are celebrating the Republic Day under the broader ambit of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav".

2. In this regard, an Standard Operating Procedure(SOP) has been formulated by this Ministry in order to celebrate the forthcoming Republic Day in all the schools/colleges of the country. A copy of the same is attached for ready reference.

3. It is requested that this SOP may be shared with all the schools/colleges under CBSE and other State/UT boards/councils/universities etc. in order to inculcate some best practices all across the nation while celebrating the forthcoming Republic Day and thereafter.

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To

1. The Secretary  
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2. The Secretary  
Department of Higher Education  
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## SoP for celebrating for Republic Day in Schools

### 1. Flag Hoisting Programme

- ✓ The Republic Day Flag Hoisting programme should end before 9.30 am
- ✓ Flag hoisting programme may be organized either in virtual format or physical format depending on the Covid situation
- ✓ All school teachers/staff and students to participate
- ✓ Videos of National War memorial/Other information related to National War Memorial (NWM) may be used to disseminate information about NWM

### 2. Craft Project for Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav

i. As the country is celebrating 75 years of Independence, each school to develop a Craft project on 75 Years of Independence and send them to Jawans on the border. MoD to provide central mechanism to send these projects to Jawans. If the schools are closed, children could be asked to do these activities from their homes. The project should use some waste material and emphasize concept of "waste to Best" and "Waste to Wealth"

ii. All craft projects/models will be showcased on RDC website [www.indianrdc.mod.gov.in](http://www.indianrdc.mod.gov.in) with name of School and such other details.

iii. Best craft and best model to be rewarded at national level by CBSE/State/UT boards.

### 3. MyGov Quiz

An online quiz contest on the subject "Aatmanirbhar Bharat in Defence Production and Apna Desh Apne Hathiyar" will be conducted at the platform of MyGov during 05-20 January, 2022. All students above class VI need to be encouraged to participate in the quiz. First ten winners would be awarded cash prizes. Teachers to discuss about this quiz in their virtual/physical classes.

### 4. VeerGatha and Vande Bharatam

Ministry of Defence organizes events related to Republic Day which evoke participation by people across the country. Two events which have been initiated in the 75<sup>th</sup> year of Independence Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav and are proposed to be continued in following years. These are mentioned below. State Governments/UT Governments are requested to ensure that eligible categories are encouraged to participate in these events to the maximum extent.

a) Veer Gatha Programme:- This is a joint initiative of Gallantry Awards Portal of Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Education to celebrate gallantry of our Armed Forces and

The States should make an active effort to maximize the participation of young school children in this initiative so as to create awareness and thereby inspire the young school children of our country with the stories of war heroes and inculcate the spirit of nationalism, bravery and perseverance.

b) Vande Bharatam Programme:- The objective of the programme is to select the top dancing talent from across the country and provide them the opportunity to perform at a during the cultural programme at the Republic Day Parade.

The Vande Bharatam group dance competition is proposed to be held at the district, state, zonal and finally culminating at national level and will provide the participants with an opportunity to perform in front of an august audience.

State Governments/UT Governments should encourage maximum participation of cultural artists/ professional groups in the programme

#### 5. Other Events

- Virtual/Physical competition of debate/plays/essay writing/ class project leading to the Republic Day on 5 themes of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahaotsav to be conducted between Jan 10 to Jan 25. Announce and award winners on Republic Day event.

- Schools may also organize quizzes around the theme of India's freedom struggle, gallantry awards, victories by our armed forces etc.  
In addition schools may like to do their own innovative set of activities too.

#### 6. Covid

It may be ensured to follow the guidelines issued time to time for Covid Management by the Central government/State Government.