



LIGHTHOUSE



BY BCGIANS, FOR BCGIANS

Republic Day!!! What does this word make you think about? India adopting the constitution and hoisting the flag, isn't it? But as the future generation have you all ever thought what Republic day actually is. It is way beyond just a day off school and hoisting flags.

It is about being a good citizen and standing out proud with a wide smile, heads up and saying that yes we are Indians. And trust us you can only feel this when you become a helping hand of our country. Take itsy-bitsy steps in the development of the country. This could include keeping the society safe, spreading positivity, donation drives, the urge of keeping others in front of you, respecting elders and so much more.

Always keep in mind it all starts with you! These small steps will lead to a successful and brighter future. However, it is said that "Don't Wait for Opportunity, Create it" and this drive of being a successful citizen is a door to happiness and success. So this Republic Day, promise yourself that no matter what, you will spare no efforts and work towards a better tomorrow!!
Happy Republic Day!

By the Editorial team

UNITED WE STAND DIVIDED WE FALL

Humble yourself
Respect everyone
Do unto others
As they want to, do unto them
Be a responsible citizen
- by **John Chataika**



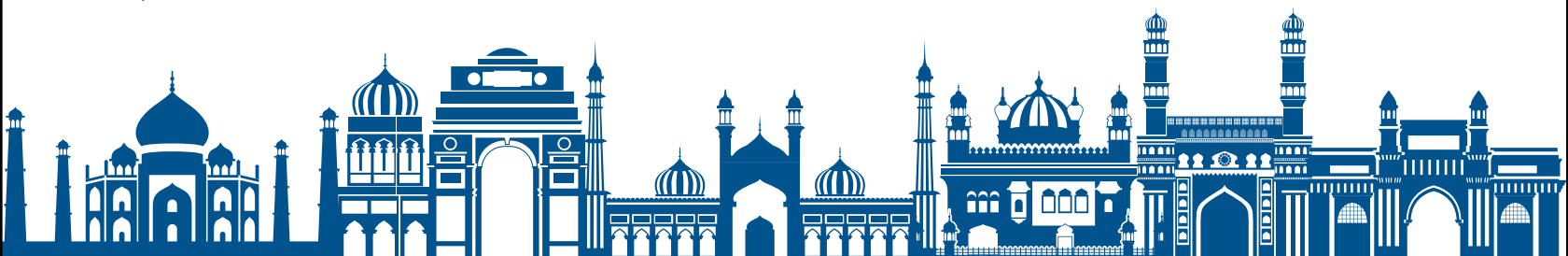
As a proud Indian, I believe, we all should feel proud of our country's glorious history, culture and philosophy of unity in diversity. And this philosophy shapes our character from the core within. A conscientious citizen must first understand his/ her fundamental rights and responsibilities and implement those in the development of our country.

A good citizen must possess qualities of compassion, honesty, fairness, and display self-discipline in setting and achieving goals. And all these qualities will help in shaping the future of our country and its citizens. As a good citizen, I really believe that our responsible actions of taking small steps and advancing towards our goals will make us aware of the problems that we are facing. Thinking of solutions will sculpt us into a good citizen.

Being educated is a sign of empowerment as it opens up greater avenues for any person. Contributing to make the literacy percentage higher can help build a more educated, empowered and aware society. This may also help to break the endless loop of the rigid societal ordinance. Education can help anyone know what is right and wrong and give them a chance to restructure their life.

We ought to serve our country and we must fulfill it by taking fruitful and successful steps. So friends, on this auspicious occasion of Republic Day, let us all pledge to be righteous and responsible citizens by morally fulfilling our duties towards our country.

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MY CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNTRY

Children like us are the future of our country. We are the ones who can make a change. In the world we live in now, we should contribute to nature. Being environmentally friendly will not only make an impact in our country but in the entire world.

My contribution to the country is by using eco-friendly materials in my life. I use public transport or go on foot for shorter distances. I water my plants daily and make sure they get the sunlight they need. I reuse plastic wisely. I turn off the tap whenever not in use. I also turn off the light when I leave a room. I mostly use products that are made in India and I wish to use 100% Indian products which indirectly helps the Indian economy.

We always forget that there are many other living beings in our country and we keep on exploiting our surroundings.

Because of us many animals are losing their homes. We should learn to give equal space to other living beings in our country. I have adopted a stray cat and am giving him the proper care he needs. If only all families could do the same. There wouldn't be any strays in our country.

Submitted by Hannah Bijoy
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EDUCATION FOR THE NATION

India is a developing country, and we play a major role as young citizens who are going to be responsible for the Nation's well-being in the future!

Indians are said to be really intelligent, due to the complex curriculums set by the government & various organizations.

These extraordinarily trained minds are not getting a start for putting these ideas to good use, and move across countries for studies. Once this generation settles there, they forget about their importance back in India, they devote themselves to other countries instead of the one they were born and brought up in.

Remember. No matter whatever step we take, or whichever decision we make, it should be first profiting our country, over ourselves.

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LAW IS THE KING OF KINGS

"Off with their heads!" recalling the scream of the queen of hearts at the slightest wrong or breach in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland gives the Idea of what it would be like to live in a society that is not administered by the 'Rule of Law'.

Law certainly has acted as a catalyst in the process of social transformation of people. It also plays an agent of modernization and social change. The members make the social rules of society. It aims to bring order into the community so the members can progress and develop security regarding the future.

Law is the king of kings, far more rigid and powerful than the kings. The ultimate goal of every society and the legal system should be equal and impartial justice for all, ushering in the dawn of peace and prosperity.

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CHOOSE YOUR WORDS WISELY

Have you ever spoken to someone in a disrespectful way?

If you are a person who is naturally honest then you must think before you speak. The words you say could be true but the way you talk can impact those around you. It may feel okay to you but you must avoid this behaviour by thinking wisely about the words you speak.

When you think about your words carefully you will find the words that you shouldn't have used. You may find honesty in your nature but



this is just an excuse. Even though the person acts happy around you, they may be hurt. They lose their confidence and self-worth.

You might judge someone in your mind but you can't say it out loud, This may count as being rude and mean to the people around you. The way you talk shows how you respect the people around you.

Think wisely before you speak!

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REPRESENT NOT YOU BUT YOUR NATION

Most of us visit several other nations and make sure that we have a blowout there, however it is also necessary that we focus on how we are representing our country and our people. Patriotism is not only about having respect for the nation and soldiers, it is about doing something that makes a better reputation for our people and motherland. We have several successful businessmen that are the CEOs of the best companies worldwide, but that is not all we need. We must make sure every person in the country has an equivalent amount of respect given in any nation, but how?

Gaining the respect we want is very simple, but it is only possible if we all unite together for the same purpose and follow the most basic things. We must maintain good hygiene and make sure we must perpetuate good table manners. These basic things kept in mind shall stand as a big change someday.

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BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE

I've always wondered why people work very hard but still don't achieve their goals. After some time, I understood the problem. The main problem isn't their target, the main problem is the 'way they are implementing their ideas, there are multiple ways to work but most people try things that they feel are much more comfortable and don't want to get out of their comfort zones. So people need a change in their attitude towards seeing their goals and how they try to achieve them, we have to find different ways of completing

our tasks, we need dedication towards our work to be successful. We need to change ourselves to change the world.

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PRAISING THE SERVICE PROVIDERS

Contribution of service providers for the well-being of the society is extremely substantial. Every profession fills a particular need in society; for example, doctors heal, engineers design, and teachers inspire, instill information, and foster children's creative thinking. Army men who leave their families behind, postmen, milkmen, cleaners, all work day in and out for us. At home, at school, and at work, service men impact us every day in different ways. We ought to be appreciative of the daily, devoted acts of service that are performed in our vicinity and for us. We are too preoccupied

with our hectic schedules to pay attention to their efforts and labour. Consider a delivery person who consistently arrives on schedule and in the hot weather to deliver vital packages to our home.

I remember Mahatma Gandhi saying "The greatness of humanity is not in being human but in being humane..."

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BEING A HELPING HAND

Helping others is thought to be one of the ways people create, maintain, and strengthen their social connections. For example, volunteering and helping others can help us feel a sense of belonging, make new friends, and connect with our communities.

We all should be kind and helpful and being helpful means we should be ready to lend a helping hand to anyone who needs it. Even if they are strangers, we should help in times of need. Helping Hand is driven by values of excellence, respect, compassion and community and is committed to realising its vision to be the most trusted and exceptional partner in aged care and wellbeing services. Helping actually builds good relationships, be it in family or society. When someone helps us we feel happy, but when we help others the joy we feel is incomparable. Helping old people cross the road will get us heartfelt blessings from them. Helping someone can never bring us any harm. A society which has helpful members is one which flourishes much

faster than those which do not. No matter how busy we are or what problems we may have, we should always find time and ways to help others.

Anne Frank in her famous diary wrote - "No one has even become poor by Giving. Sometimes we see, even animals go against their nature and help other animals. We, being humans, have the utmost duty to have humanity and help all beings."

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OBEY THE RULES OF LAW

“Society does not consist of individuals but expresses the sum of interrelations, the relations within which these individuals stand”- Karl Marx.

Human beings are said to be the most intelligent of nature’s creation. With intelligence they have also been blessed with a sense of conscience, which helps them to define moral and ethical boundaries.

The rule of law is a natural extension of these boundaries. Because human beings tend to take risks and break boundaries, this breaking of boundaries is a cause of chaos and disturbance in the world, when it affects the freedom of other living beings.

To live in a society we need to represent everyone’s views as everyone comes with different thoughts, beliefs, and opinions. The society is made up of people with different upbringing and social and economic educational background. People form opinions as per circumstances,

background and habits that they develop unconsciously and act as per these in various situations.

In a school, students are taught to respect the rules of the school so that education and learning can happen in a safe and secure environment; where every student learns to respect their elders and peers and responsibly take care of the younger students as well as school property.

Extending this in the society, the rule of law is a reminder to respect every individual and execute one’s responsibility towards the betterment of the society through peace, harmony and cooperation. Obeying the rules is hence required to maintain a desirable, civil and harmonious conduct by humans in the society.

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ACTIVITY 1

Characteristics of A Good Citizen

Good Citizen Word Search

R C H A R I T Y M T W I C H P R N
R E S P O N S I B L E K U R H O Z
V O S V X F H A O X V R X A B E G
J W O O H D V P D U J R M U Z I F
G H K P H M A O V O L U N T E E R
A O Z E E H U Q U N X C Q I P T P
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respect
helpful

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responsible

community
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open-minded
principled

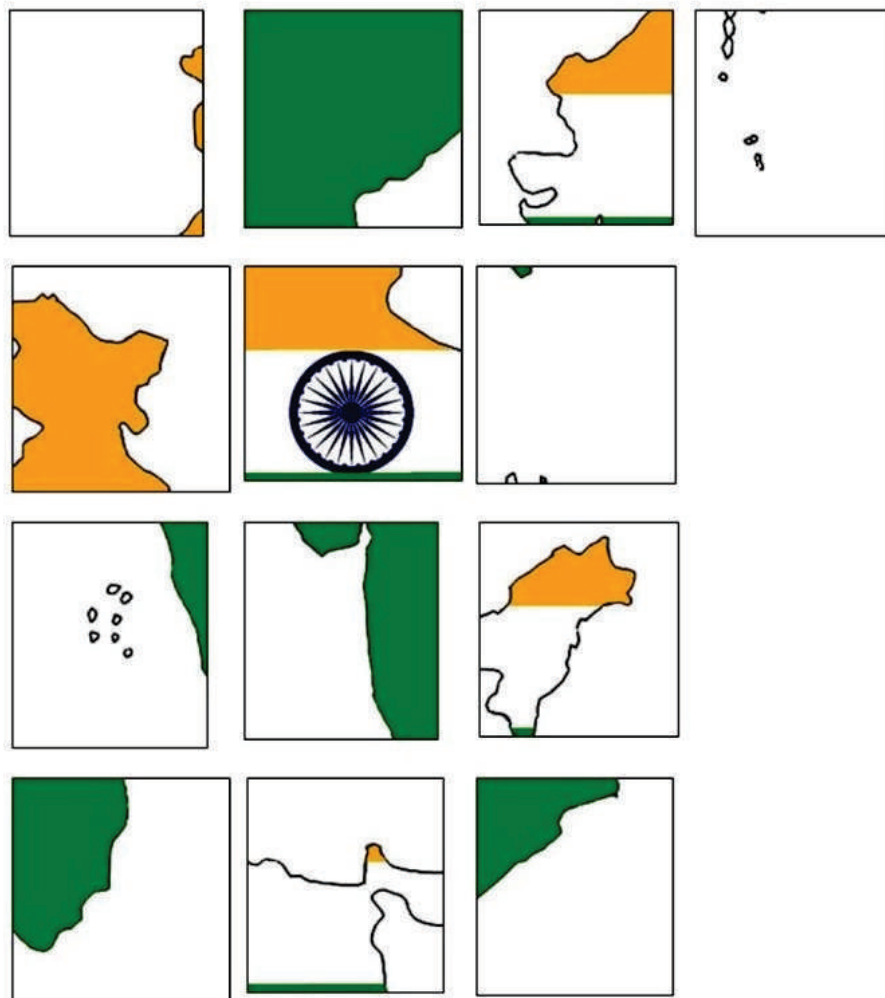
caring
charity

ACTIVITY 2



ACTIVITY 3

Solve the Jigsaw Puzzle



ARTIST OF THE MONTH



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SCHOOL CORNER

While we celebrate our Nation's glorious 75th Anniversary of Independence and all our stupendous achievements as an independent nation, let us also pause and reflect as to what each individual can practice as true patriotism.

With the success of Swachh Bharat Yojana it is now upto each one of us to be alert and maintain our clean surroundings both physical and mental.

The physical surroundings should be maintained by us by always using garbage bins, avoiding spitting in public, and segregating wet and dry trash.

Equally important to maintain is our mental surroundings - to communicate with respect, to be considerate and to avoid foul language.

Patriotism flourishes when surroundings are clean and welcoming.

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