



## Selection of Tableaux on the Republic Day

**For Prelims:** [Republic Day Parade](#), Selection of Tableaux on the Republic Day, Ministry of Defence, Viksit Bharat, Bharat-Loktantra ki Matruka, [Constitution Day](#).

**For Mains:** Selection of Tableaux on the Republic Day, Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.

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### Why in News?

Recently, the Ministry of Defence has proposed a rollover plan for the States and Union Territories (UTs) to showcase their tableaux in the [Republic Day Parade](#).

- It comes after a few states' governments have criticized the central government for not allowing it to be a part of the 2024 Republic Day Parade Tableaux.

### Which States/Union Territories have been Selected for the Republic Day Parade?

- **16 States and UTs have been** selected for the 2024 Republic Day Parade, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Ladakh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh.
- The MoD has included a provision for **States and Union Territories that are not selected** for the Republic Day parade to **showcase their tableaux at the [Bharat Parv](#)**.
  - The Government of India organizes the **six-day mega event "Bharat Parv"** from **January 26-31**, as part of the Republic Day celebrations. This alternative event takes place at the historic [Red Fort](#).
- The Government has finalized a **rotational plan to ensure that every State and Union Territory gets an opportunity** to present their tableaux at the Republic Day parade within a **three-year cycle (2024-2026)**.
  - The rotational system, agreed upon by 28 States, intends to provide fair **opportunities to all regions**, mitigating accusations of political bias and **fostering a more inclusive celebration**.

### What is the Selection Process of Tableaux?

- **Ministry Responsible for Conducting Parade:**
  - The Ministry of Defence (MoD) is responsible for **conducting the parade and coordinating arrangements** with States and other agencies.
  - Preparations for the ceremony, which has become synonymous with national pride and patriotism, **begin months in advance**. This process includes the **selection and shortlisting** of tableaux.

- The Ministry of Culture **collaborates with the MoD** in the selection process, given the **cultural and artistic nature of the tableaux**, supporting in the evaluation and promotion of cultural displays.
- **Selection and Shortlisting:**
  - There is a standard procedure for selecting parade participants. Every year, months ahead of the event, the MoD invites **States, UTs and departments to submit sketches or designs** for tableaux on a broad theme.
    - For instance, the **theme of 2024 is 'Viksit Bharat'** (Developed India) and **'Bharat-Loktantra ki Matraka'** (India-Mother of Democracy).
  - The sketch or design must be **simple, colourful, easy to comprehend and avoid statistical data** and unnecessary details.
  - Additionally, the Ministry shares basic guidelines that must be included in the proposal like the use of eco-friendly material and technology.
  - Writing or use of logos on the tableaux is **not allowed except for the name of State/UT presenting**, which can be in Hindi in the front, English at the back and in the regional language on the sides of the tableau.
- **Committee of Experts:**
  - The MoD constitutes a **committee of experts** from the fields of **arts, culture, painting, sculpture, music, architecture, and choreography**, among others, to screen proposals.
    - The expert committee, consisting of renowned artists recommended by [IGNCA \(Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts\)](#) and [ICCR \(Indian Council for Cultural Relations\)](#), selected the tableaux of 16 States and UTs for the year 2024 parade after **four rounds of meetings**.
  - **In the first phase**, the panel carries out a basic evaluation and suggests modifications in the sketch or design.
  - Once the designs are approved post any modifications, participants present a **three-dimensional model of the proposed tableau** to the panel.
  - These are **examined by experts for final selection**. Only shortlisted candidates are informed about the next round.

## What is Republic Day?

- India became Independent **on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1947** which is celebrated as Independence Day.
- Republic Day is celebrated as the **day when India acquired a written Constitution** and became an independent republic.
  - The term **'Republic'** indicates that **India has an elected head called the President**.
- The Constitution of India was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 26th November 1949 and came into effect on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1950.
  - **26<sup>th</sup> November is observed as Constitution Day**.
- 26th January was **chosen to be observed as the Republic Day** because it was on this day in 1930 when the Indian National Congress (INC) declared **Purna Swaraj or Indian independence from the British regime**.
  - During INC's Lahore session of December 1929, Purna Swaraj resolution was passed. The **session was presided over by Jawaharlal Nehru**.

## UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Questions (PYQs)

**Q. What was the exact constitutional status of India on 26th January 1950? (2021)**

- (a) A Democratic Republic
- (b) A Sovereign Democratic Republic
- (c) A Sovereign Secular Democratic Republic
- (d) A Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic

**Ans: (b)**

**Mains:**

**Q.** Discuss each adjective attached to the word 'Republic' in the 'Preamble'. Are they defensible in the present circumstances? **(2013)**

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