I would like to say good morning to My Respected Principal, Sir, Madam and my dear colleagues. As we all know that we get together here to celebrate 67<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of our nation. This is very auspicious occasion for all of us. Since 1950, we are celebrating Republic Day every year with lots of joy and happiness. Before starting the celebration, our chief guest of the Republic Day hoists the national flag of India. Then we all stand up and sing our Indian national anthem which is a symbol unity and peace in India. Our National Anthem is written by the great poet Rabindranath Tagore.

Our national flag has three colors and a wheel in the center with 24 equal sticks. All the three colors of our Indian National Flag have some meaning. Top saffron colour of our flag denotes the strength and courage of our country. The middle white colour indicates peace however lower green colour indicates the growth and prosperity. There is a navy blue wheel in the center having 24 equal spokes indicating Dharma Chakra of the great king Ashoka.

We celebrate republic day on 26 January as the Indian constitution came into force at this day in 1950. At republic day celebration, a big arrangement takes place by the government of India in New Delhi at Rajpath in front of the India Gate. Every year, a chief guest (prime minister of other country) is invited to fulfill the purpose of saying "Atithi Devo Bhava" as well as enhance the glory of the occasion. Indian army do republic day parade and take salute of the National Flag. There is also a big exhibition of the Indian culture and tradition takes place by the different Indian states to show the Unity in Diversity in India.

Jai Hind, Jai Bharat