

Chapter- 7

FESTIVALS

STUDY NOTES**LET'S LEARN:****IMPORTANCE OF FESTIVALS:** -

Festivals are time for celebration and fun. Schools and offices remain closed on festivals. We dress in our best clothes. We prepare special food. We celebrate festivals with our family and friends.



FAMOUS FESTIVALS OF INDIA

**NATIONAL DAYS:** -

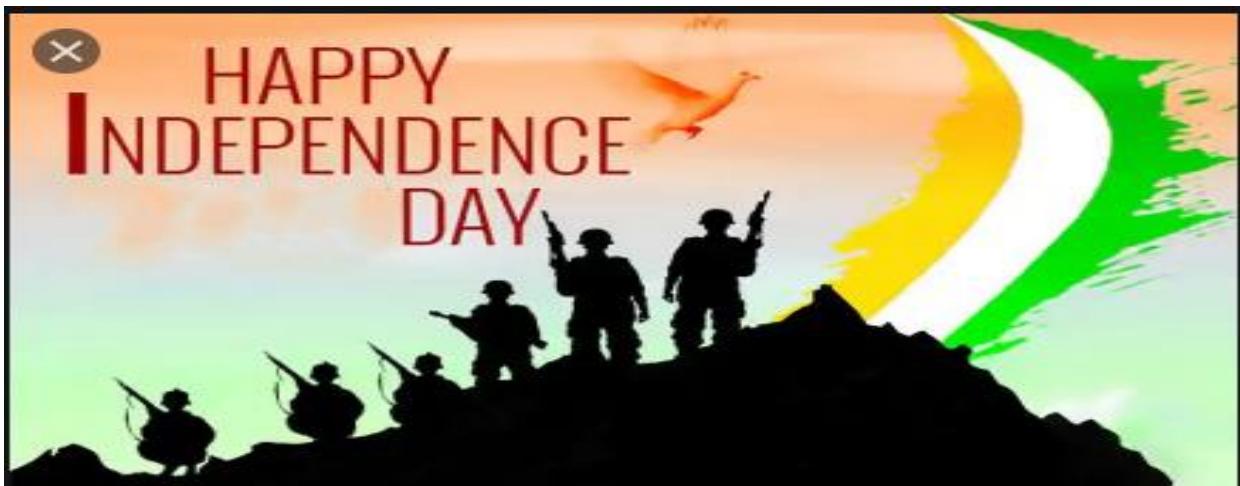
Some special days, such as Republic Day, Independence Day and Gandhi Jayanti are called National Days. They are celebrated all over India.

REPUBLIC DAY: -

We celebrate Republic Day on 26th January every year. On this day we salute our national flag. There is a grand parade in front of India Gate in New Delhi.

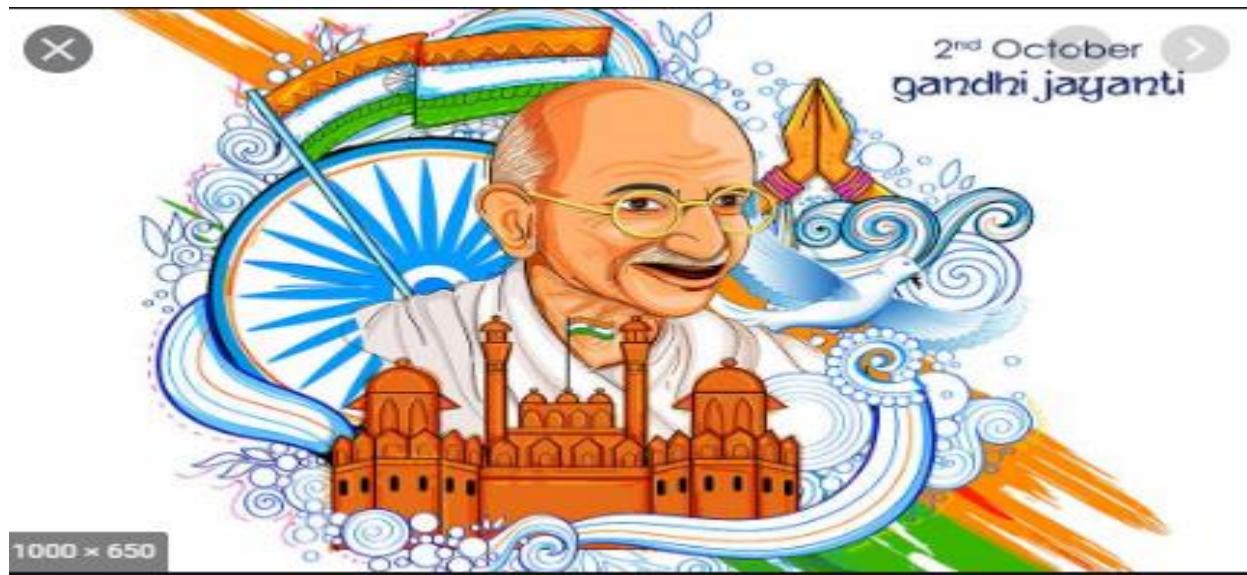
**INDEPENDENCE DAY: -***Changing your Tomorrow*

We celebrate Independence Day on 15th August. India became free from British rule on 15 August 1947. On this day, we raise the Indian Flag and sing the national anthem.



GANDHI JAYANTI: -

We celebrate Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October. It is the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. He is known as the Father of our Nation. He was also called Bapu.

**OTHER FESTIVALS****EID: -**

Eid is celebrated to end a month of fasting called Ramzan. People wish each other Eid Mubarak, and prepare sweets like sewain. They offer special prayers at the Mosque.

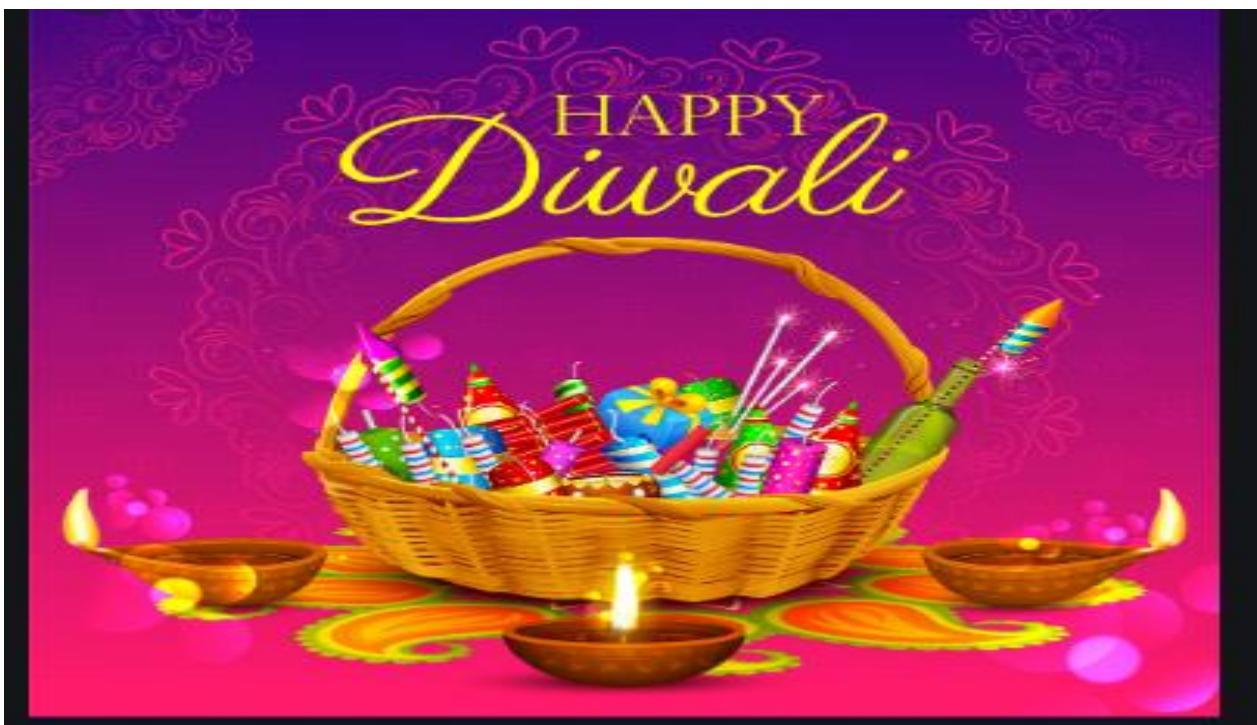


GURUPURAB: -

It is the festival of the gurus. People meet and pray at the gurudwara. They take out processions to celebrate the festival. Food is served to everyone.

**DIWALI: -**

Diwali is known as the festival of lights. People give sweets and gifts to each other. They light lamps to decorate their homes and pray to the Goddess. Some people also burst crackers.

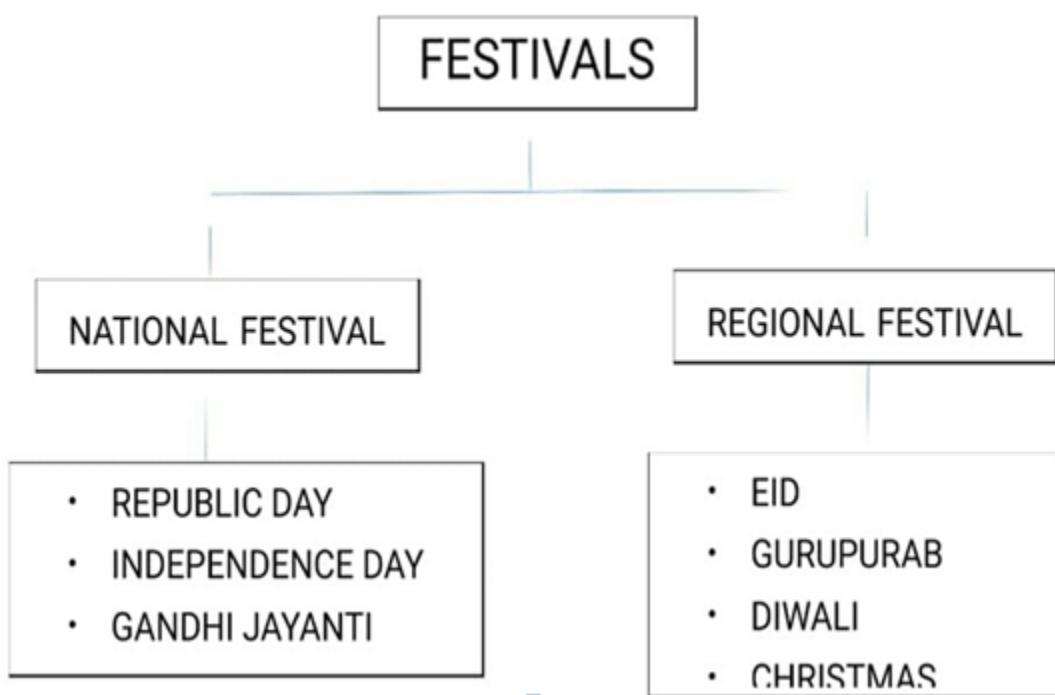


CHRISTMAS: -

Christmas is celebrated on 25th December. People decorate a Christmas tree, exchange gifts and prepare special food. They go to Church and offer special prayers.



ODM MEMORY MAP



LET'S KNOW MORE:-**Q1. Fill in the blanks.**

- a) _____ is the festival of colours.
- b) _____ are time for celebrations and fun.
- c) We celebrate Republic Day on _____.
- d) _____ is the festival of the gurus.
- e) On Christmas, people go to the _____.

LET'S DO:-**Q2. Match the festivals with the dates we celebrate them on.****Q3. Answer the following questions.**

- a) How is Republic Day celebrated?
- b) On Which day did India become free from British rule?
- c) When is Eid celebrated?
- d) What do people do during Diwali?
- e) When is Christmas celebrated?

TEACHER'S NOTE:-

- Paste the pictures of different festivals in the scrap book.

IMPROVE YOUR G.K:-

- Festivals bring happiness, joy and add colour to our lives.
- Festivals are an expressive way to celebrate glorious heritage, culture and traditions.
- They are meant to rejoice special moments and emotions in our lives with our loved ones.

ANSWER KEY:-**Q1.a)** Holi**b)** Festivals**c)** 26th January**d)** Gurupurab**e)** Church**Q2.a-iv****b-iii****c- i****d- ii****Q3.a)** In Republic day we salute to our national flag and a grand parade took place in front of India Gate.**b)** On 15th August India became free from British rule.**c)** Eid is celebrated to end a month of fasting called Ramzan.**d)** During Diwali, people decorate their homes and burst crackers.**e)** Christmas is celebrated on 25th December.