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INDIAN NAVAL ENSIGN REPLACES THE WHITE ENSIGN.  
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New Delhi, January 19, 1950 -- The Indian Navy's celebrations for January 26, when India becomes a Republic, will include the hoisting of the Indian Naval Ensign. The White Ensign will be hoisted at colours as usual at eight o'clock that morning but an hour later, it will be struck and the Indian Naval Ensign hoisted, accompanied by appropriate ceremony. Ships parading guard and band will play the Indian National Anthem 'Jana-Ganana-Mana' when the Indian Naval Ensign is hoisted.

Shore establishments will discontinue the practice of flying the Indian National Flag as well as the White Ensign with the introduction of the new Naval Ensign.

The White Pendant at the masthead, the Admiral's Flag and the Broad Pendants will remain unaltered.  
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