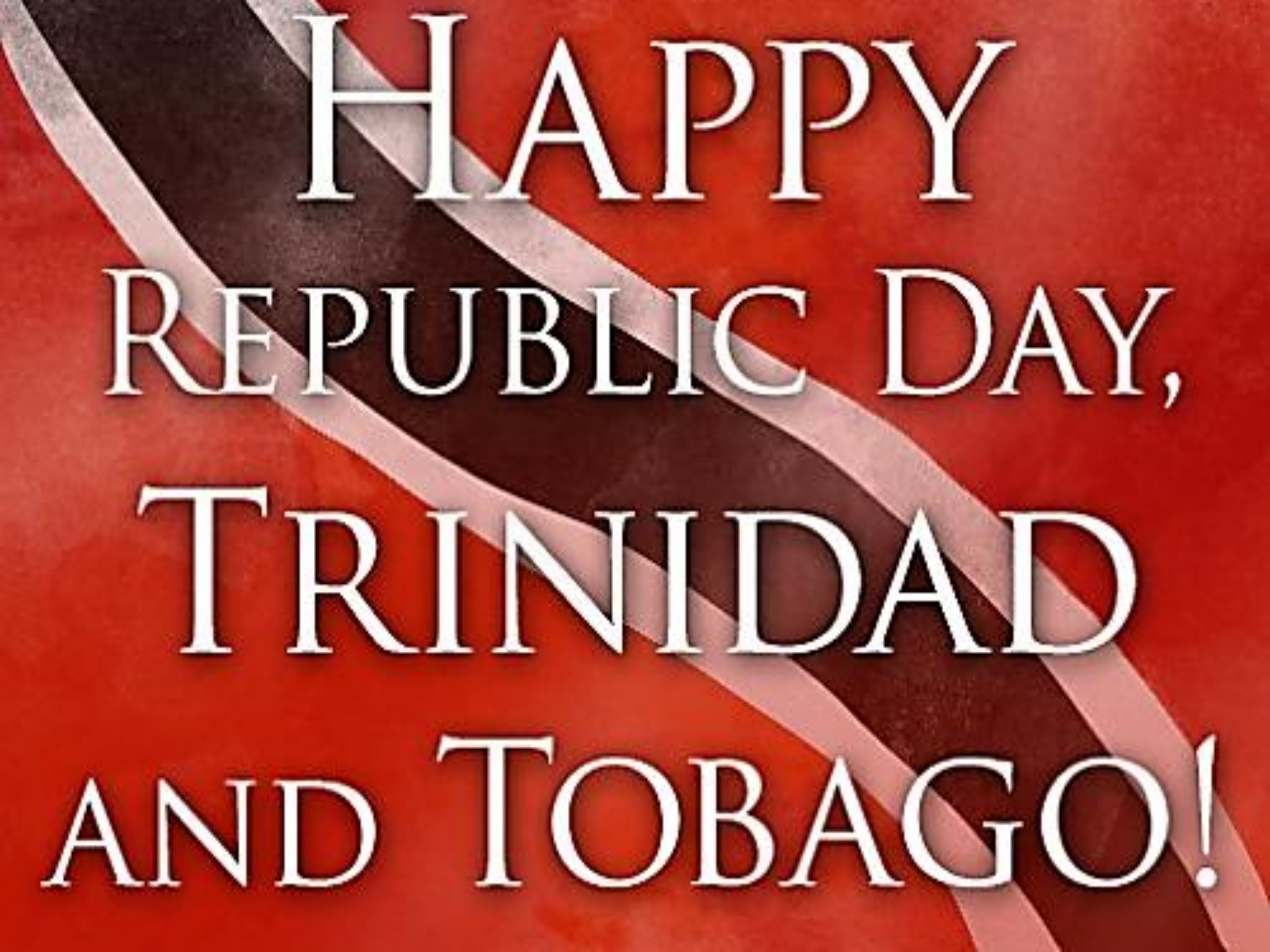

HAPPY
REPUBLIC DAY,
TRINIDAD
AND TOBAGO!

What does it mean?

A **republic** is a form of **government** in which the people of the nation **elect** or **choose** their leaders. The people **vote** for who they want their leaders to be.

Why is it celebrated?

Trinidad and Tobago celebrates Republic Day because it is the anniversary of when we became a republican state or nation.

Why is it celebrated?

When Trinidad and Tobago became a Republican State, the Queen was no longer our Head of State. We got our first Head of State, Sir Ellis Clarke. We also got our own currency (money).

Why is it celebrated?





Why is it celebrated?

Sir Ellis Clarke was our country's first President or Head of State.



Happy Republic Day

Did you know?

Trinidad and Tobago became a Republic on August 1st, 1976.

September 24th is the date the first Parliament met under the new Republican constitution.

When is it celebrated?

Fourteen (14) years after Independence, Trinidad and Tobago became a Republic on 1st August, 1976.



When is it celebrated?



When is it celebrated?

It is celebrated on the 24th of September because our first Republican Parliament met on that date in 1976.



When is it celebrated?



Who celebrates it?

Republic Day is celebrated by all the people or citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.



How is it celebrated?

Various celebrations take place throughout the country and at schools. Patriotic songs such as "Our Nation's Dawning" and "God Bless Our Nation" are sung.

How is it celebrated?



How is it celebrated?

In the evening, there is a **National Awards Ceremony**. These awards honour persons who made **outstanding achievements** in our country.

How is it celebrated?

National Awards



What kind of celebration is it?

Republic Day is a **National celebration**. The entire country gets a **public holiday** on this day.



Changes on becoming a Republic

Office of **Governor General** was replaced by that of **President** of the Republic.



Changes on becoming a Republic

Trinidad and Tobago ceased (stopped) being a Monarchy.

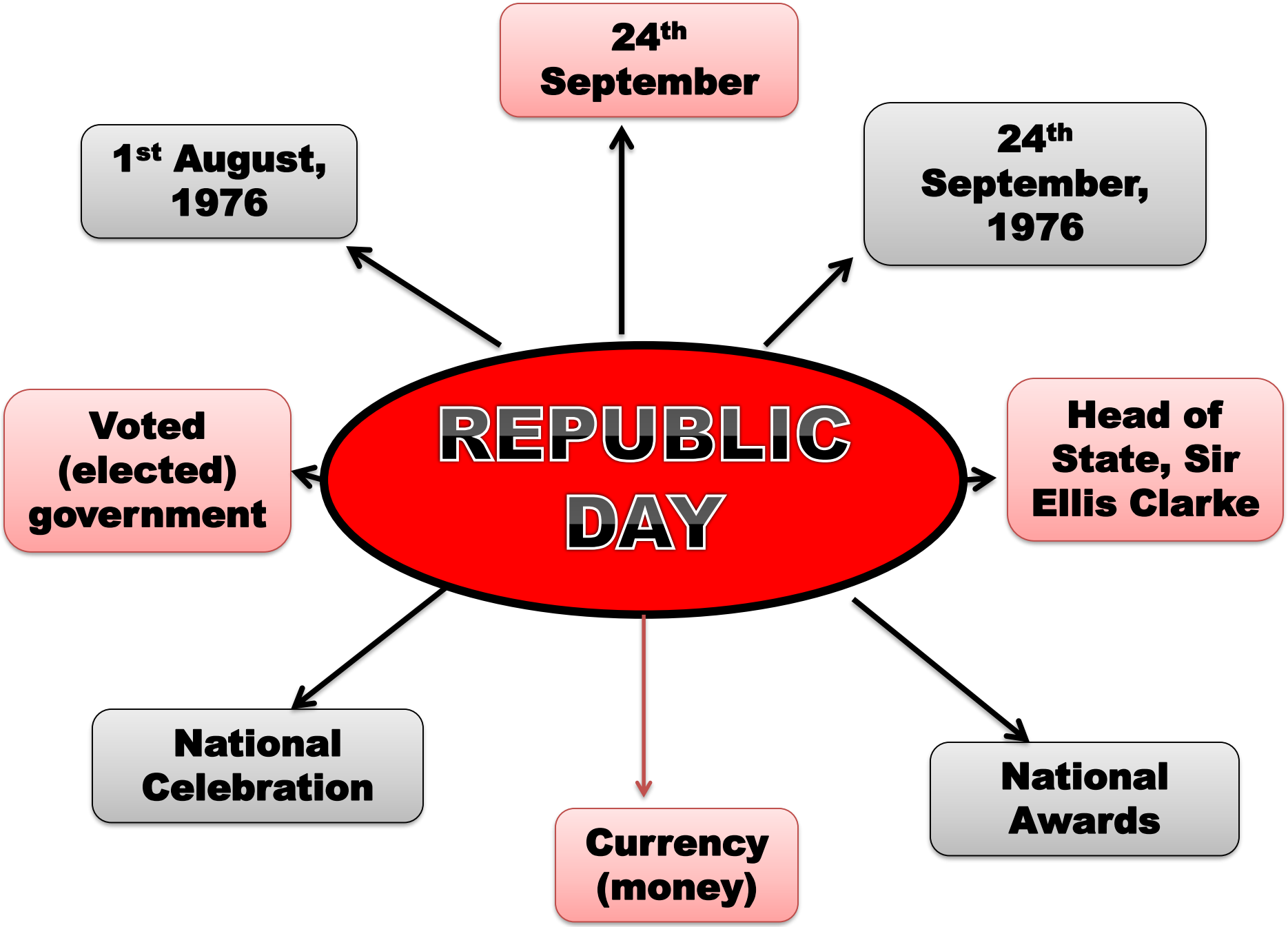


Changes on becoming a Republic

Trinidad and Tobago began to print its own **currency**. The **Coat of Arms** replaced the Queen's picture.






24th September
1st August, 1976
24th September, 1976
REPUBLIC DAY
Voted (elected) government
Head of State, Sir Ellis Clarke
National Celebration
Currency (money)
National Awards

Republic Day Videos

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