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The Rise Of Nationalism In India

1. What steps did the French revolutionaries take to create a sense of collective identity among the French people?

Ans The following steps were taken to create a sense of collective identity among the French people :-

- i) The ideas of *la patrie* (the fatherland) and *le citoyen* (the citizen) emphasised the notion of a united community enjoying equal rights under a constitution.
- ii) A new French flag, tricolour flag was chosen to replace the formal royal standard.
- iii) The Estates General was renamed as National Assembly.
- iv) New hymns were composed, oaths taken and martyrs commemorated, all in the name of nation.
- v) French was made a common language of the nation.
- vi) Uniform laws for all citizens within the territory were formulated.