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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to inaugurate the year-long Commemoration of 150 Years of the National Song "Vande Mataram" on 7th November 2025

The Ministry of Culture will organize the Inaugural Ceremony of the Commemoration of 150 Years of the National Song "Vande Mataram" on 7th November 2025 at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi. The occasion will be graced by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi as the Chief Guest. This event marks the formal launch of a year-long nationwide commemoration from 7th November 2025 to 7th November 2026, celebrating 150 years of this timeless composition which inspired India's freedom movement and continues to evoke national pride and unity.

2025 marks 150 Years of Vande Mataram. Our national song "Vande Mataram", by Bankimchandra Chatterji is believed to have been written during the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Navami which was on 7th November in 1875. Vande Mataram first appeared in the literary journal Bangadarshan as part of his novel Anandamath in a serialised manner and later as a standalone book in 1882. During that period, India was undergoing major social, cultural and political changes, and there was a growing consciousness of national identity and resistance to colonial rule. The song, invoking the Motherland as the embodiment of strength, prosperity and divinity, gave poetic expression to India's awakening spirit of unity and self-respect. It soon became an enduring symbol of devotion to the nation. On 24th January 1950, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Constituent Assembly, declared that "Vande Mataram", having played a historic role in the freedom struggle, shall be accorded equal honour with the National Anthem "Jana Gana Mana."

The celebrations will commence at 10:00 AM with a Mass Singing of the full version of "Vande Mataram" spread across public places and have participation of all citizens, school children, college students, officials, elected representatives, police personnel, doctors, teachers, drivers, shopkeepers and all other relevant stakeholders across all segments of society, in conjunction with the main event in the presence of the Prime Minister.

In recognition of its historic importance and national significance, the Union Cabinet, under the guidance and leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved the nationwide celebrations on 1st October 2025 to mark 150 years of the national song, Vande Mataram.

Subsequently, a year-long commemoration from 7th November 2025 to 7th November 2026 has been approved by the National Implementation Committee on 24th October 2025. The salient features of the inaugural ceremony will include:

- Cultural Programme before arrival of the Chief Guest.
- Curated Exhibition tour on the history of 150 Years of National Song Vande Mataram.
- Floral tribute to Bharat Mata.
- Vande Mataram: Naad Ekam, Roopam Anekam: Concert on Culture Stage in front of Chief Guest with approx. 75 musicians conducted by internationally acclaimed Violin Maestro Dr. Manjunath Mysore, featuring a confluence of diverse traditional Indian musical genres.
- Screening of a short documentary film 150 Years of Vande Mataram.
- Release of a Commemorative Stamp and Coin.
- Addresses by distinguished dignitaries and invited guests on the dais.
- Keynote Address by the Chief Guest.
- Mass Singing of Vande Mataram.

All States/UTs, Union Ministries/Departments, and their attached/subordinate offices will organize Mass Singing of "Vande Mataram" at 10:00 AM on 7th November 2025 at their respective office premises, synchronised with the inaugural ceremony. The live telecast of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Address will also be arranged for collective viewing in offices and institutions across the country.

A dedicated campaign website <https://vandemataram150.in/> has been launched by the Ministry of Culture wherein the following features will be made available for the public and institutional participation:

- Approved branding collaterals (hoardings, banners, web creatives).
- Short film and curated exhibition.
- Audio with lyrics of the full song for Mass Singing
- "Karaoke with Vande Mataram", feature which will enable citizens to record and upload their own rendition of the song on the campaign portal. Citizens from all walks of life are encouraged to participate and express their devotion to the Motherland.

All citizens of the country are earnestly encouraged to participate in large numbers, as a collective expression of patriotism and gratitude to honour our national song which continues to unite us in pride, reverence and shared identity.

Watch the live telecast of the commemorative programme here:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/RsxVb6cWB5I?si=tjBZSt7iZPLM6ynv>