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Subject: Commemoration of 150 years of Vande Mataram-reg.

आदरणीय महोदया/महोदय,

The Government of India has decided to commemorate 150 Years of Vande Mataram through year-long commemorative activities across the country from 7th November 2025 to 7th November 2026. The commemoration provides opportunity to highlight the contribution of Shri Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and to reaffirm the values of unity, sacrifice and love for the motherland that the song embodies. In this connection, a copy of the D.O. letter No. CM- 21/1/2025-C&M dated October 27, 2025 received from Shri Vivek Aggarwal, Secretary (Culture), is enclosed. As per the commemorative activities and action plan approved by the National Implementation Committee, the Higher Education Institutions have to undertake activities as contained in the **Annexure-I** (copy enclosed). The commemoration will start on 7th November, 2025 with mass singing of Vande Mataram across all over India in all colleges, universities, educational institutions of higher education. etc.

Further, as per the directions received from the Ministry of Education, the time schedule for the event and other details may be seen at **Annexure II** (copy enclosed).

The Higher Education Institutions are requested to upload the activities undertaken by them on google sheet- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Mh9I115Bp6UUCAXnrK0dDrl-OQHMTdT3UJkVwNP_f-4/edit?usp=sharing

All Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) are requested to encourage the active participation of students, faculty members, and staff in the year-long commemoration of 150 years of Vande Mataram.

सादर,

भवदीय,

(सुदीप सिंह जैन)

संलग्नक: उपरोक्तानुसार

सेवा में,

सभी विश्वविद्यालयों के कुलपति।

सभी महाविद्यालयों के प्राचार्य।

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D.O. No CM-21/1/2025-C&M

Dear Shri Joshi,

As you are aware, our national song "Vande Mataram", by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee is believed to have been written during the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Navami which in 1875 was on 7th November. 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.

2. The popularity of Vande Mataram grew rapidly in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. On 24th January 1950, while announcing the adoption of the Constitution, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the First President of independent India and also as President of the Constituent Assembly, stated that the song Vande Mataram, which had played a historic part in the struggle for India's freedom, shall be honoured equally with Jana Gana Mana and have equal status with it. Since Independence, Vande Mataram has continued to hold a place of special honour in official ceremonies, public events and educational institutions, representing the ideals of patriotism, unity and service to the nation.

3. In recognition of its historic importance and national significance, the Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 1st October 2025 approved the nationwide celebrations to mark 150 years of the national song, Vande Mataram. The commemoration provides an opportunity to highlight the contribution of Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and to reaffirm the values of unity, sacrifice and love for the Motherland that the song embodies.

4. In the above context, Government of India has decided to commemorate 150 Years of Vande Mataram through year-long commemorative activities across the country from 7th November 2025 to 7th November 2026. The commemorative activities and action plan has been approved by the National Implementation Committee on 24th October 2025.

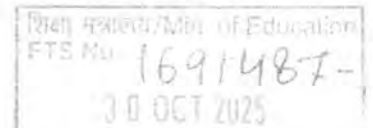
5. Further, in accordance with the directions of the National Implementation Committee (NIC), the Department of Higher Education, is requested to direct UGC, AICTE and Centrally Funded Institutions (CFIs) to advise Universities and Higher Educational Institutions under their jurisdiction to undertake to implement the activities in connection with the Commemoration of 150 Years of Vande Mataram as highlighted in **Annexure 1**.

6. In this regard, it is requested to nominate a Nodal Officer from your Department to coordinate with the Ministry of Culture for effective implementation to commemorate 150 Years of Vande Mataram.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Vivek Aggarwal)



Annexure 1
Commemoration of 150 Years of Vande Mataram

Commemoration phases:

Phase 1	7-14 November, 2025
Phase 2	19 -26 January 2026 (Around Republic Day)
Phase 3	7-15 August 2026 (Along with Har Ghar Tiranga 2026)
Phase 4	1-7 November 2026 (Closing Week)

List of activities for Department of Higher Education

Sl. No.	Timeline	Activity
1.	7 th November 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass singing of Vande Mataram to be organized across colleges, universities, institutes of higher education, etc. and same to be uploaded on the campaign website.• Colleges, universities, institutes of higher education, etc. across the country to organize Vande Mataram concerts in line with the national programme on 7th November 2025.
2.	Year long	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encouraging students to participate in national quiz on Vande Mataram theme via the MyGov platform in coordination with MeitY (MyGov).• For student outreach, activities like essay competitions, debates, poster making etc., dedicated to Vande Mataram to be organized in colleges, universities, institutes of higher education, etc across the country.• Vande Mataram music programmes to be organized by bands of colleges, universities, institutes of higher education, NCC etc., in campuses across the country.• Display of exhibition on Vande Mataram to be put up across all the colleges, universities, institutes of higher education, etc., in the country.

Annexure II

Coinciding with the inaugural ceremony, all HEIs are requested to carry out the following activities:

1. Organize a Mass Singing of the full version of "Vande Mataram" at the institution premises at 09:50 AM on 7th November 2025, in conjunction with the Inaugural Ceremony wherein Mass Singing will be done in the presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi.
2. Arrangements be made for the live telecast of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's address scheduled at 10:25 AM, during the inaugural programme.
3. An address by the Head of the Institution highlighting the significance and contribution of "Vande Mataram" to India's freedom movement and national identity.
4. Students and faculties may be encouraged to record Vande Mataram in their own voice and upload on the campaign portal: <https://vandemataram150.in> under the digital activation campaign "Karaoke with Vande Mataram".
5. Details of all events and participation may be uploaded on the campaign portal : <https://vandemataram150.in> with special mention of participation of people in numbers.
6. The activities undertaken by the HEIs may be uploaded in the google sheet - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Mh9I1I5Bp6UUCAXnrK0dDrI-OQHMTdT3UJkWWNP_f-4/edit?usp=sharing

Live Streaming :

The live streaming of the event will be **one way only** for the commemoration event scheduled on 07th November 2025. The process for accessing the live streaming is as under:-

Live streams are usually hosted by either **DD News** or **Shri Narendra Modi's** official **YouTube channel**. The links to both these channels and YouTube channel of Ministry of Culture are provided below for reference :

DD News: <https://www.youtube.com/@DDnews/streams>

Narendra Modi :

<https://www.youtube.com/@NarendraModi/streams>

Ministry of Culture:

<https://www.youtube.com/@MinistryofCultureGovtofIndia>