

**‘VANDE MATARAM’ CONTINUES TO INSPIRE PEOPLE: CM
Inaugurates the year-long commemoration of the song ‘Vande Mataram’**

Panaji: November 07, 2025

The Chief Minister, Dr Pramod Sawant urged people especially the youth to draw inspiration from the patriotic song ‘Vande Mataram’ written by acclaimed Bengali writer Bankim Chandra Chatterjee. The Chief Minister was speaking at the inauguration of the year-long commemoration of the 150th of the song ‘Vande Mataram’, which has got the status of India’s National song, at a function at Kala Academy today.

“Each line of this song is in praise of our Mother India and this song still inspires us today to unite India, an India which is so diverse. Our freedom fighters drew inspiration from ‘Vande Mataram’ and gave their lives for the country. I call upon the youth to draw inspiration likewise from this song and live for the country which fought for its independence. Live for the progress of India, for the vision of a Vikasit Bharat 2047. The avenues available to grow and shine are vast and there are so many opportunities for the youth. Fulfil your dreams through the dreams of the nation and become nation builders,” Dr Sawant exhorted the youth.

Present were Chief Secretary, Dr V. Candavelou, IAS, Secretary, Art and Culture, Shri Santosh Sukhadeve, IAS, Collector and District Magistrate North Goa, Shri Ankit Yadav, IAS, Director, Directorate of Art and Culture, Shri Vivek Naik, Government officials, among others.

Speaking further, Dr Sawant said, “Today, everyone from Pernem to Cancona has sung this song ‘Vande Mataram’, a song which became the heartbeat of our nation giving inspiration to freedom fighters during India’s freedom movement, many who even went on to sacrifice their lives for the nation.”

Dr Sawant enumerated how education in Goa has become specialized and how this is adding to the growth of the State and thereby giving opportunities to the people. “The opportune time is now,” he said, “The next few decades are crucial and the youth have a huge role to play in it.”

Earlier, the gathering sang together the song ‘Vande Mataram’. Staff of Kala Academy played patriotic instrumental songs.

Secretary, Art and Culture, Shri Santosh Sukhadeve, IAS, while welcoming the gathering said the song ‘Vande Mataram’ was a battle cry of millions of Indians during the country’s freedom struggle and informed that the 150th Anniversary commemoration would continue throughout the year.

On the occasion, Bankim Chandra Chatterjee’s novel ‘Anandamath’, in which the song ‘Vande Mataram’ was part of, was released by the dignitaries. Later, the live

speech of the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi from New Delhi was telecasted to the gathering.

DI/DB/AXP/CR/2025/892

--

Issued by the Department of Information & Publicity

Department of Information & Publicity,

Government of Goa,

Udyog Bhavan, Third Floor,

Near Azad Maidan,

Panaji – Goa.