

**SPECIAL PHASE OF VANDE MATARAM's 150TH COMMEMORATION
FROM MARCH 23-30**

Panaji: March 20, 2026

The Government of India is commemorating 150 Years of the national song "Vande Mataran" through year-long activities across the country from November 07, 2025 to November 07, 2026. Citizens have been called upon to actively participate in the Special Phase (Third Phase) of the commemoration of the 150 Years of the National Song 'Vande Mataram' which will commence from March 23, 2026 to March 30, 2026. The celebrations in this phase will be centred around 'Shaheedi Diwas' and the focus will be on commemorating the brave hearts of India's freedom struggle, particularly those associated with the history and legacy of "Vande Mataram."

The Directorate of Art and Culture, Govt. of Goa have been appointed as the nodal department for coordination of the celebrations to be held across the state. They will organize various cultural programmes at Ravindra Bhavans during the commemorative week, a Vande Mataram cultural exhibition and launch a one-minute Vande Mataram Frame reel making competition.

Schools will conduct mass singing of Vande Mataram on March 23, 2026 marking Shaheedi Diwas.

The Department of Panchayats shall facilitate organization of programmes at village level through local bodies and encourage community participation by identifying suitable public spaces for observance.

The National Implementation Committee under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation has urged people to take part in various activities during this Special Phase in each district through the involvement of educational institutions and local bodies to ensure maximum citizen participation and to give prominence to the history and legacy of "Vande Mataram".

Citizens have been asked to actively participate in the campaign including engagement with features such as 'Sing Along, Click and Selfie, and uploading their renditions of "Vande Mataram". Audio and video creatives related to Vande Mataram may be downloaded from the official portal <https://www.vandemataram150.in> which also provides sing-along and selfie features, which departments shall promote to enhance citizen participation and digital outreach.

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