Ministry of Railways Concludes Year-Long Celebrations Marking 150 Years of Vande Mataram

Mass Singing, Essay Competition, Quiz and Tiranga Rally Organised as Part of Four-Phase Celebrations

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The Ministry of Railways organised a cultural programme at Rail Bhawan, today, marking the fourth phase (closing week, 1-7 November 2026) of the year-long celebrations commemorating 150 years of Vande Mataram. The programme was attended by the Chairman and CEO of Railway Board Shri Satish Kumar, Board Members, Director Generals and other senior railway officials.



The year-long celebrations were organised in four phases through a series of activities highlighting national unity, patriotism and India’s rich cultural heritage associated with the National Song.



First Phase: Mass Singing of Vande Mataram

The first phase commenced with a mass singing of Vande Mataram on 7 November 2025 at Conference Hall, Rail Bhawan. The programme was attended by the Union Minister for Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw.

Second Phase: Essay Competition

An essay competition on the theme *"Vande Mataram: The Spirit of Unity in India's Diversity"* was organised at Railway Board on 22 January 2026, providing participants an opportunity to reflect on the significance of the National Song and its message of unity.

Third Phase: Quiz Competition and Tiranga Rally

A quiz competition based on the 150-year journey of Vande Mataram was organised at Railway Board on 10 August 2026. A Tiranga Rally, led by the Union Minister for Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, was also conducted within the premises of Rail Bhawan. The Chairman and CEO, Railway Board, Shri Satish Kumar, Board Members, Director Generals and other senior officials participated in the rally.

Fourth Phase: Felicitation of Winners and Closing Programme

During the programme held on 5 November 2026, the winners of the Essay Competition conducted during the second phase and the Quiz Competition organised during the third phase were felicitated with prizes and merit certificates.



The Railway Board Cultural Group was also felicitated for its contribution to the successful organisation of various programmes throughout the year-long celebrations. The group was awarded a prize along with a merit certificate in recognition of its efforts.



The spirit of Vande Mataram continues to inspire the values of unity, dedication and collective effort. These values are also reflected in the functioning of Indian Railways. The celebrations reaffirmed the commitment of railway officials to discharge their duties with utmost sincerity, integrity and efficiency, while contributing towards taking Indian Railways to greater heights.

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