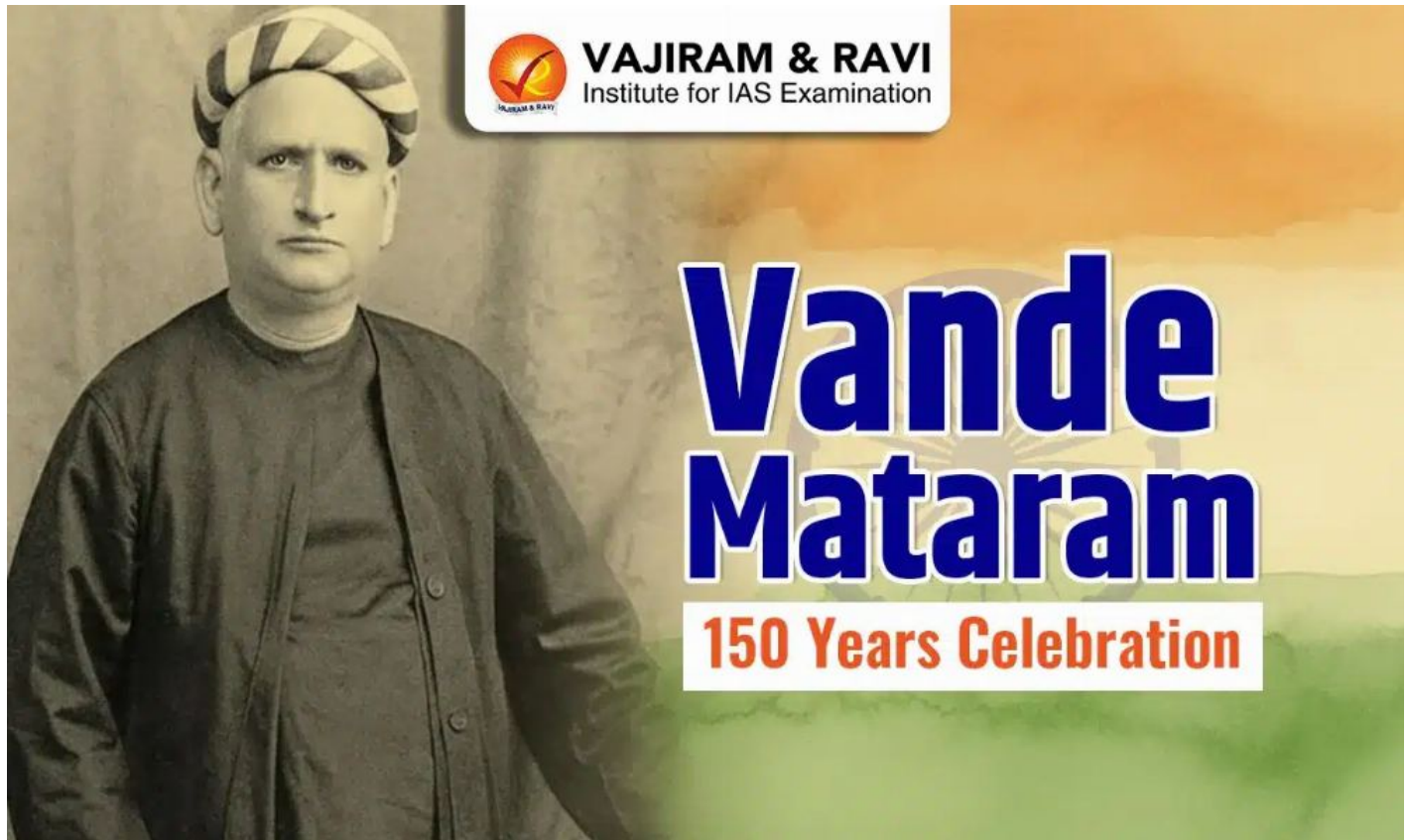


Vande Mataram 150 Years Celebration

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Vande Mataram 150 Years Celebration Latest News

The Prime Minister of India will inaugurate the year-long commemoration of 150 years of the National Song “Vande Mataram” in New Delhi.

About Vande Mataram 150 Years Celebration

- “Vande Mataram,” written by **Bankim Chandra Chatterjee** in a blend of Sanskrit and Bengali, is the **National Song of India**.
- It was first featured in **his novel Anand Math in 1882**, with its tune composed by **Yadunath Bhattacharya**.
- It became a **symbol of patriotism** during India’s freedom struggle.

Historical Background of Vande Mataram

- It was initially composed independently and later included in **Bankim Chandra Chatterjee’s novel “Anandamath”** (published in 1882).

- It was first sung by **Rabindranath Tagore** at the **1896** Congress Session in Calcutta.
- Vande Mataram, as a **political slogan**, was first **used on 7 August 1905**.
- In 1907, **Madam Bhikaji Cama** raised the **tricolour flag** for the first-time outside India in Stuttgart, Berlin.
The words **Vande Mataram** were written on the flag.
- On **24 January 1950**, the **Constituent Assembly** adopted Vande Mataram as **the National Song of India**.
- The National Song is held in equal reverence to the national anthem, but it is not mandatory to sing it at any given occasion.

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