

## Year Long Activities

The year 2025 marks 150 years of *Vande Mataram*, a significant composition that continues to inspire generations. To observe this milestone, schools will conduct simple and meaningful activities throughout the year. These activities aim to help students understand the message, history and values reflected in *Vande Mataram*. Schools may also consider capturing photos or short videos of the activities for documentation and reflection.

Month	Activity	Activity Details
November	Launch Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school will begin the morning assembly with the instrumental version of <i>Vande Mataram</i>.</li> <li>A brief introduction (2–3 lines) about the song's 150-year history will be shared by the principal/teacher.</li> <li>Students will read the stanza.</li> <li>The school will announce the yearly activity schedule.</li> </ul>
December	Quiz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers may prepare short questions on the poem, its author, and its historical relevance.</li> <li>Encourage participation in the National quiz on My gov portal.</li> <li>The quiz will be conducted class-wise or house-wise.</li> <li>Small recognitions (badges/certificates) can be given.</li> </ul>
January	Poster Making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will prepare posters on themes such as:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freedom Struggle &amp; National Pride</li> <li>Symbols of India's Unity and Diversity</li> <li>Values Reflected in Vande Mataram</li> <li>My India, My Pride</li> </ul> </li> <li>Posters will be displayed in classrooms or school corridors.</li> </ul>

April	Speech	<p>Teacher announces <b>theme-based speech topics</b>, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meaning of Vande Mataram</li> <li>• My Love for My Motherland</li> <li>• India's Beauty Through My Eyes</li> <li>• Values That Make Us Proud Indians</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students prepare short speeches and present them in class or during the morning assembly.</li> <li>• Teachers may use simple rubrics (clarity, voice modulation, confidence).</li> <li>• Selected students can present again on Independence day.</li> </ul>
August	Music by the band	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school band will practice the <i>Vande Mataram</i> tune using available instruments such as side drums, bass drum, trumpets, flutes, bugles, cylindrical drums or the school keyboard.</li> <li>• On Independence Day, the band will perform the tune.</li> </ul>
September-October	Essay Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announce topics related to <i>Vande Mataram</i> and inform students about the word limit, time duration, and basic instructions.</li> <li>• Review the essays and display them on the school notice board or exhibition area.</li> </ul>
November	School Exhibition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School creates a simple exhibition including: Posters, Recitation/Drama photos, Writing samples, etc.</li> <li>• Community members will walk through the exhibition.</li> <li>• Participation certificates will be presented at the closing assembly, and the winners for the best displays will be rewarded</li> </ul>