

## **Press Release**

### **National Commission for Minorities**

#### **Celebration of Inaugural Ceremony of Commemoration of 150 Years of National Song “Vande Mataram”**

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The National Commission for Minorities (NCM) organized the Inaugural Ceremony of the celebration of Commemoration of 150 Years of National Song “Vande Mataram” on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at the Conference Hall, Block 3, CGO Complex, New Delhi.

Mrs. Alka Upadhyaya, Secretary, NCM, along with officials of the Commission, participated in the mass singing of “Vande Mataram” and the live telecast of the address by the Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

The year 2025 marks 150 years of “Vande Mataram”, composed by Bankimchandra Chatterjee. It is believed that the song was written on Akshaya Navami, which fell on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1875. The timeless national song inspired India’s freedom struggle and continues to evoke deep sentiments of patriotism, pride, and unity among citizens.

As part of the commemoration, the NCM will host a quiz programme next week to commemorate 150 years of National Song.

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