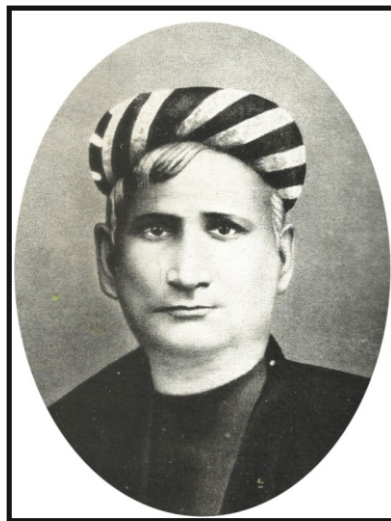


Lesson-7

NATIONAL SONG AND ANTHEM

Our country, India attained freedom on 15th August, 1947. With a view to maintain the freedom and to instill the sentiments of unity and zeal, the two songs given recognition are '*Jana-Gana-Mana*' and '*Vande Mataram*'. Both the songs are deeply associated with the struggle for the freedom of country.



Bankim Chandra Chatterjee

Vande-Mataram

This song was written in the book '*Anand Math*' in 1882 by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee. In 1896 the Indian National Congress recited it for the first time on a political occasion. Its music was composed by Rabindra Nath Tagore.

The song is as follows :-

Vande Mataram
Sujalam Suphalam Malayaj-Sheetalam
Shasya Shyamalam Mataram.
Vande Mataram

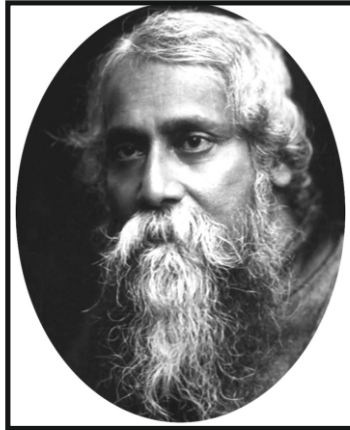
Shubhrajyotsna Pulkita Yaminim
Phula kusumit Drumadala Shobhinim
Suhasini Sumadhura Bhashinim
Sukhdam Vardam Mataram
Vande Mataram

The meaning of the National song is as below:

O! Mother Bharat, we salute you.

Your water is very pure. You are laden with beautiful flowers. The breezy winds of the South fascinate our minds. Hey ! Motherland, we salute you time and again.

Dear Mother! Your nights are brightened by the white blooming light of the moon. And we derive pleasure out of it. The whole of you are laden with flowers and the green and fresh trees lend grace to you. Your smiles and your words bless us with



Rabindranath Tagore

Jana-Gana-Mana This Anthem was composed by Rabindranath Tagore.

This Anthem was recited on 27th December, 1911, at a political meeting of the Congress. On 24th January, 1950, the constitution approved the *Jana-Gana-Mana* as the National Anthem. The Anthem runs as below:-

*Jana-Gana-Mana adhinayak jaya hai,
Bharat-bhagya vidhata.
Punjab, Sindh, Gujrath Maratha
dravid utkala vanga
Vindhaya Himachal Yamuna, Ganga
uchchala jaladhi Taranga
tav shubh naame jage
tav shubh aashish maghe
gahe tava jaya gaatha
Jan-Gan-Mangal-dayak-jaya hai
Bharata bhagya vidhata
jaya hey, jaya hey, jaya hey
jaya jaya jaya jaya hey!*

Its theme is

O Lord! You are the master of the minds of innumerable people and the architect of the destiny of India. Further, illustrating the picture of the dear land it has been said that the people of our provinces-Punjab, Sindh, Gujrat, Maharashtra, Orissa, Bengal and Dravid, our mountains Vindhayachal and the Himalayas, and our holy rivers, Ganga, Yamuna and the rising waves of the vast ocean, recite your (God's) name. We pray to receive your blessings and sing the glory of your countless qualities.

O God! You impart joy to everybody. Be you always victorious! You are the architect of India's destiny. We always sing your glory.

The duration of the recitation of the whole anthem of *Jana-Gana-Mana* should be between 48 seconds and 52 seconds. In brief recitation, it should not take more than 20 seconds.

Though both the song and Anthem have been given equal recognition. Yet, *Jana-Gana-Mana* has become more popular, because of its simple language and easy recitation. The tune of the National Anthem is played on special occasions, as mentioned below:-

1. On 15th August at the time of unfurling the National Flag.

2. On 26th January, the Republic Day celebrations at the time of unfurling the National Flag.
3. At the time of salutation to the President and Governor.
4. At the time of giving prizes to the winning Indian players at International sports matches.
5. At some vast national congregation, at the time of giving honour to the presiding officer.

Precautions to be used at the time of the recitation of National Anthem of playing its tune:

1. The singers of the National Anthem and listeners should stand to attention.
2. Physical movement and discussion during its recitation is an insult.

EXERCISES

1. Write the National Anthem - *Jana-Gana-Mana*.
2. Write the National song - *Vande Mataram*.
3. What is the significance of the Anthem - *Jana-Gana-Mana*?
4. What is the meaning of '*Vande Mataram*'?

5. Fill up the blanks :-
 - a. Jana-Gana-Mana has been composed by (Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore, Subash Chander Bose)
 - b. 'Vande-Matram' has been written by (Sarojini Naidu, Jawahar Lal Nehru, Bankim Chandra Chatterjee).
6. On what occasions can the tune of the National Anthem be played ?

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