'Vande Mataram' is the National song of India written by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay in 1882. Originally it was in two languages Bengali and Sanskrit. National song is sung on any National occasion. This song inspired freedom fighters a lot during the Indian Independence movement. It was first sung in 1896 in a political meeting of Indian National Congress. The song shares the same status as the National Anthem 'Jana Gana Mana' barring certain official dictates. The phrase 'Vande Mataram' itself was mantra of revolutionaries and nationalist leaders during the country’s struggle for freedom. The poem features in Bankim Chandra Chattopadhya’s patriotic novel 'Ananda math'.

**OBJECTIVE**

After practicing this lesson the learner will be able to:

- explain the background history of National Anthem and National song;
- state the lyrics of National Anthem and song;
- describe the rules of National Anthem during singing;
- sing the National Anthem and song in a proper laya and rhythm.

**Vande Mataram**

Vande maataram..
vande maataram..
maataram..
sujalaam sufalaam malayaj sheetalaam
sasyashyaamalaam maataram vande..
shubhrajyotsna pulakit yaaminiiim
phulla kusumita drumadal shobhiniim
suhaasinim sumadhura bhaashhinim sukhadaam varadaam
maataram.. vande maataram

—Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
Vande Mataram

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1. **Vande Mataram** is the ______________ song.

2. National song was written in two languages __________ and __________.

National Anthem

National Anthem of the India is a song sung by the people of India on National occasions. National Anthem of India starts from “Jana Gana Mana” and ends with Jaya he. It was written in the highly sanskritised language Bengali by Rabindranath Tagore. The lyrics and music of the National Anthem was given by Rabindranath Tagore in 1911. The first stanza of the song was adopted by constituent Assembly of India as the National Anthem on 24 January 1950.

Jana gana mana adhinayaka, jaya he
Bharata bhaagya vidhata,
Punjab Sindhu Gujarata Maratha
Dravida Utkala Banga
Vindhya Himachala Yamuna Ganga
Uchchhala jaladhi taranga,
Tava shubha naame jaage,
Tava shubha aashisha maage,
Gaahe tava jaya gaatha,
Jana gana mangala daayaka, jaya he
Bhaarata bhaagya vidhata
Jaya he! Jaya he! Jaya he!
Jaya jaya jaya, jaya he!

—Rabindra Nath Tagore
Hindustani Music

Jana Ganga Mana Adhinayak

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INTEXT QUESTIONS 7.2

1. Write the starting notes of National Anthem.
2. Who was given the music and lyrics of National Anthem.
3. In the poetry, which stanza was adopted by constituent Assembly of India as the National Anthem.

WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNT

- "Vande Mataram" is the National song of India Written by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay.
- National Song sung on any National Occasion.
- The phrase Vande Mataram itself was mantra of revolutionaries and nationalist leaders during country's struggle for freedom.
- Jana Gana Mana is the National Anthem of India.
- National Anthem was written in the highly sanskritised language, Bengali by Rabindranath Tagore.

TERMINAL EXERCISE

1. Write the background theme of National Song.
2. Write in brief about the National Anthem.
3. Write the lyrics of the National Anthem.

ANSWERS TO INTEXT QUESTIONS

7.1

1. National
2. Bengali, Sanskrit
3. Freedom, National
7.2

1. Jana Gana Mana Adhinayaka, Jaya he.
2. Rabindranath Tagore.
3. First.