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Ref.No.UCO(1)/30627/2025.

Dated: 17.12.2025.

To
The Director / Dean / Principal,
Of all the affiliated Institutions of this University.

Sir/ Madam,

Sub:	The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Guindy -UCO Section – Commemoration of 150 years of Vande Mataram – Organizing special Programmes in Universities including conduct of a one-day Seminar/ Workshop/Program on the theme “150 years of Vande Mataram and its relevance today for building Viksit Bharat” – Requested to conduct Essay competition for School and College Students - Regarding.
Ref:	Mail Dated:16.12.2025, received from Governors Secretariat, Lok Bhavan, Chennai.

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With reference to the above cited, I am forwarding herewith the letter received from the Principal Secretary to Governor, Tamil Nadu along with a copy of the Press Release and it is stated that, this year marks the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram, a milestone of profound historical and cultural significance, symbolizing the spirit of patriotism, unity and devotion to the nation.

The Hon'ble Governor-Chancellor of State Universities has directed that all the Institutions to organize a one-day Seminar/Workshop/program on the theme “**150 years of Vande Mataram and its Relevance today for building Viksit Bharat@2047**” and also has instructed to organize and conduct related activities / programmes throughout the year.

In Phase:I (To be conducted from December 2025 to March 2026)

- Essay Competition * Poster Making Competition * Rallies & Marathons * Mass Singing

In Phase:II (To be conducted from June to October 2026)

- Exhibitions *Poetry Competitions * Cultural Programmes * Elocution competition

Further, Lok Bhavan, Tamil Nadu has announced a state level Essay Competition for school and college students as a part of celebrations of the 150 years of Vande Mataram and requested circulate the above said information among the affiliated Institutions and the participants should send only the Hard Copy of the handwritten essays (not typed) on or before 5.00 p.m., 31st January 2026 to the following address:

**The Deputy Secretary to Governor (Universities),
Governor's Secretariat, Lok Bhavan,
Chennai- 600 22.**

The Topic of Essays for College Students and guidelines for submitting the Essays through Hardcopy is enclosed herewith for your kind reference.

I am directed to request that a brief report on the programmes conducted, along with the photographs be sent to this University *through* E-mail ID: **ucoug@tnmgrmu.ac.in** as well as hard-copy.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully


For REGISTRAR (FAC)

16/12/25

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR



GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

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Letter No. 7260/U1/2025-1, Dated : 15.12.2025

To
The Vice-Chancellors/Registrars of State Universities

Sir/Madam,



Sub : Commemoration of 150 Years of Vande Mataram-
Organising special programmes in Universities including
conduct of a one-day Seminar/Workshop/Program on the
theme "150 Years of Vande Mataram and its Relevance
today for Building Viksit Bharat" – Regarding.



Vande Mataram, composed by Thiru Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, occupies a unique and revered place in India's freedom movement and national consciousness. This year marks the 150th anniversary of *Vande Mataram*, a milestone of profound historical and cultural significance, symbolising the spirit of patriotism, unity and devotion to the Nation. Universities, as centres of higher learning and intellectual engagement, have a vital role in sensitising the youth about the legacy, relevance and enduring message of *Vande Mataram*.

I am to inform you that Hon'ble Governor-Chancellor of State Universities has directed that all the State Universities to organise a one-day Seminar/Workshop/program on the theme "**150 Years of Vande Mataram and its Relevance today for building Viksit Bharat @2047**". The program should feature lectures by eminent persons, panel discussions, student interactions, and presentations focusing on the historical, cultural, and national significance of Vande Mataram. Further, I am to inform you that the Hon'ble Governor would like to participate in the seminar/ workshop/ program if it is scheduled after ascertaining mutual convenience.

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I am also directed to instruct the Vice-Chancellors/Registrars to organise and conduct related activities/programmes throughout the year. The illustrative list of events/programs are as follows:-

In Phase : I (To be conducted from December 2025 to March 2026)

- ❖ Essay competition
- ❖ Poster Making competition
- ❖ Rallies & Marathons
- ❖ Mass Singing

In Phase : II (To be conducted from June to October 2026)

- ❖ Exhibitions
- ❖ Poetry Competitions
- ❖ Cultural Programmes
- ❖ Elocution competition

Lok Bhavan, Tamil Nadu has announced a State level Essay Competition for school and college students as a part of commemoration and I request you to circulate this information (Press Release enclosed), among the students and to encourage the students of your institution to participate in the competition.

The programmes should be organised at the University, Constituent colleges and affiliated college levels, with active participation of students and faculty members.

I am directed to request that a brief report on the programmes conducted, along with photographs, may be forwarded to this office.

Yours faithfully,



Principal Secretary to Governor

**LOK BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU, ANNOUNCES STATE-LEVEL ESSAY
COMPETITIONS FOR SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS, STUDYING
IN TAMIL NADU AS PART OF CELEBRATIONS OF THE 150 YEARS OF
VANDE MATARAM**

Vande Mataram stands a powerful symbol of India's unity, cultural pride and the spirit of sacrifice that fuelled the Nation's freedom struggle. It remains a powerful source of nation's collective energy. In commemoration of the 150 years of the composition of the historic national song Vande Mataram by Thiru. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Lok Bhavan, Tamil Nadu, announces State-level Essay Competitions for school and University/college students across the State.

To honour this significant milestone, harness its potential energy for nation building and to inspire thoughtful engagement among the younger generation, students from schools, colleges/universities are invited to participate in the competition, aimed at deepening their understanding of the song's emotional, historical, and contemporary relevance.

Competitions will be held separately for school and college/university students both in Tamil and English. Students can send their entries either in Tamil or in English and the prizes will be given separately for both the entries.

The topics of the essay competitions, under the various categories are:

S. No	Category	Topics
1.	School Students (Class VI to IX)	<u>English</u> Role of Vande Mataram in India's Freedom Struggle
		<u>Tamil</u> இந்திய சுதந்திரப் போராட்டத்தில் வந்தே மாதரம் பாடலின் பங்களிப்பு
2.	School Students (Class X to XII)	<u>English</u> Vande Mataram: The Song that Awakened Bharat
		<u>Tamil</u> வந்தே மாதரம் பாடலால் விழித்தெழுந்த பாரதம்
3.	University / College Students	<u>English</u> Relevance of Vande Mataram in Building Viksit Bharat @2047
		<u>Tamil</u> 2047இல் வளர்ச்சியடைந்த பாரதத்தை உருவாக்குவதில் வந்தே மாதரம் பாடலின் பொருத்தப்பாடு

The essays should **ONLY** be handwritten (not typed) in A4 size white sheets written only on single side and the length of the Essays should be:

a) For School students - **maximum of 10 (TEN) pages** (with approximately 20 lines per page and a total of 1500 words to 2000 words).

b) For College students - **maximum of 15 (FIFTEEN) pages** (with approximately 20 lines per page and a total of 2500 words to 3000 words).

The participants should send only the '**Hard Copy**' of the handwritten essays (not typed) on or before **05.00 p.m., 31st January 2026** to the following address:

**The Deputy Secretary to Governor (Universities),
Governor's Secretariat, Lok Bhavan,
Chennai – 600 022.**

Entries received after the above date and time will not be considered. Entries should be sent only by post or courier and not to be brought / handed over in person.

Students should clearly mention their Name, Residential address, Class/Discipline in which they are studying, Address of the Educational Institution and Contact mobile number in a separate paper that shall be prefixed to / attached to the 1st page of the essay.

The entries should be accompanied by a Self-Declaration Certificate as follows:

Self - Declaration Certificate

I.....(S/o/D/o).....
studying(Class/year) in(Institution),
residing in (address) hereby declare
that, I have written this essay titledin
(English/Tamil) on my own and contents of my essay have not been copied from
any sources. I understand that if at a later date, any information provided by me
is found to be incorrect, I may be disqualified from the Competition.

Date:

Signature of the Student

Place:

(Name:)

In each category, the student who gets first prize will be given a cash award of ₹50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only), the student who gets the second prize will be given a cash award of ₹30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand only) and the student who gets the third prize will be given a cash award of ₹25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only).

The organisers reserve the right to publish the winning entries in the Tamil Nadu Lok Bhavan Official Website with appropriate / necessary editing. The prizes will be awarded at a program to be organized in Lok Bhavan, Chennai.

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Lok Bhavan, Chennai.

Date: 13.12.2025

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