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Subject: Quiz Competitions on MyGov Platform during Republic Day Celebrations 2026-reg.

आदरणीय महोदया/महोदय,

As part of Republic Day Celebrations 2026, the Ministry of Defence, in association with MyGov, is organizing various online competitions, contests, and activities on the MyGov Portal. The details of the events are enclosed as Appendix 'A'.

All Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are requested to widely disseminate information about the competition among students and faculty members to ensure maximum participation, inculcate patriotic feelings, and make the Republic Day Celebrations, 2026 a great success.

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Appendix-'A'

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS-2026

THESE COMPETITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON MyGov.in

Sl. No	Competition/Contest/activity	Duration
i	Essay Competition **Topic: -** • स्वतंत्रता का मंत्र – वंदे मातरम्	20th November to 31st December, 2025.
ii	Painting Contest **Topic: -** • समृद्धि का मंत्र – आत्मनिर्भर भारत	20th November to 31st December, 2025
iii	Online quiz contests * Winners will be selected on the combined performance in all the Quizzes. **Topics: -** (i) The evolution of Vande Mataram: 150 Years of Patriotic Inspiration. (ii) India's Space Achievements. (iii) India's Achievements in Sports. (iv) Atmanirbhar Bharat: Mission to achieve self-reliance.	1st December to 31st December, 2025
iv	COMPETITION ON SINGING "**VANDE MATARAM**" IN VARIOUS RENDITIONS.	20th November to 31st December, 2025.
v	Poll on Best Tableau and Best Marching Contingent	26th January 2026 (Till 11:59 PM)

Essay Competition on the Topic "स्वतंत्रता का मंत्र – वंदे मातरम्"

As a part of Republic Day Celebrations, 2026, an Essay Writing Competition on the topic **"स्वतंत्रता का मंत्र – वंदे मातरम्"** will be conducted by Ministry of Defence in coordination with MyGov.in during **20th Nov to 31st December, 2025** in order to create patriotic feeling among youth and School Students.

Salient features:

(i) Participants are to write an essay on the topic **"स्वतंत्रता का मंत्र – वंदे मातरम्"** in around 500-600 words showcasing the essence of unity in diversity of Indian Culture

(ii) The Competition is bilingual i.e. in Hindi and English.

(iii) There will be cash prize of ₹10,000/- each for Top Three Winners.

(iv) There will be Twenty-Seven (27) Consolation Prizes of ₹5000/- each.

(v) Top 200 participants along with one companion (spouse/guardian/relative etc.) would be invited for witnessing the Republic Day Parade, 2026 at Kartavya Path, New Delhi.

Terms & Conditions

(a) Participant must be a Citizen of India.

(b) The entries will be bilingual i.e. in Hindi & English.

(c) An individual can participate only one time.

(d) Top 200 participants would be issued invitation cards for witnessing Republic Day Parade-2026 at Kartavya Path, New Delhi along with one companion (guardian/ spouse/relative etc.)

(e) The top 200 participants, selected for issuing invitation for Republic Day Parade-2026 at Kartavya Path, New Delhi are requested to provide following mandatory details in respect of self and one companion (guardian/ spouse/relative etc.)

SL. No.	Salutation (Mr./ Dr. /Sh. /Smt. etc.)	Name (in Hindi) & English	Date of Birth (DD-MM-YY)	Mob No.	Email ID	Nationality	Any Govt. ID Number (Adhaar Card /Voter ID Card/ Driving License etc.)	Residential Address
1. (Participant)								
2. (companion/ guardian/ spouse)								
Note: Children below 5 year will not be allowed as companion or otherwise. Incomplete entries will not be accepted.								

(f) Participant will, therefore, require to provide only valid e-mail & mobile as further correspondence, if any, seeking the details for issuing Invitation Card & payment of winning prize will only be made via e-mail. Therefore, participant is requested to keep regular watch on his/her e-mail.

(g) One mobile number & one email ID cannot be used by more than one participant for one competition/quiz/Contest during RDP-2026.

(h) On receipt of e-mail or call from Ministry of Defence three winners will require to submit requisite documents for releasing winning prize/payment viz. ID proof & Bank Details, copy of cancelled cheque etc.

(i) It may be noted that all the expenses related to travel, lodging, food etc. to visit Delhi for witnessing Republic Day Ceremony at Kartavya Path on 26th January, 2026 will be borne by the individual himself/herself.

(j) However, travelling in Delhi Metro toward to & fro journey for witnessing the Parade will be free of charge on showing e-invitation at any of Delhi Metro Station.

(k) Winners will be announced on the basis of screening of the essays by a designated Screening Committee in Ministry of Defence. The essays beyond the prescribed limit (less than 500 words and more than 600 words) will not be considered by the screening committee.

(l) Decision of the Screening Committee may not be challenged further in any mode.

(m) Use of any unfair/spurious means/ malpractices including but not limited to impersonation, double participation etc. during the participation in the competition, will result rejection of participation.

(n) No copy right material should be used and an undertaking regarding the same to be furnished. Non-furnishing of the same will render the selection null and void. Furthermore, the organizers of the competition or any agency acting on their behalf reserves all rights in this regard.

(o) Employees, directly or indirectly connected with organizing the competition, are not eligible to participate in the contest. This ineligibility also applies to their immediate family members.

(p) Winners will be announced on the basis of screening of the entries by a designated Screening Committee in Ministry of Defence. The essays beyond the prescribed limit (less than 500 words and more than 600 words) will not be considered by the screening committee. Decision of the Screening Committee may not be challenged further in any mode.

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Painting Contest on the theme "समृद्धि का मंत्र – आत्मनिर्भर भारत"

As a part of Republic Day Celebrations, 2026, a Painting Competition on the theme "**समृद्धि का मंत्र – आत्मनिर्भर भारत**" will be conducted by Ministry of Defence in coordination with MyGov.in during **20th Nov to 31st December, 2025** in order to create patriotic feeling among youth and school students.

Salient features:

(i) Participants are to showcase painting(s) depicting creativity on the theme **समृद्धि का मंत्र – आत्मनिर्भर भारत** by submitting sketches/drawings/pictures etc.

(ii) The Contest is bilingual i.e. in Hindi and English.

(iii) There will be cash prize of ₹10,000/- each for Top Three Winners.

(iv) There will be Twenty-Seven (27) Consolation Prizes of ₹5000/- each.

(v) Top 200 participants along with one companion (spouse/guardian/relative etc.) would be invited for witnessing the Republic Day Parade, 2026 at Kartavya Path, New Delhi.

Terms & Conditions

(a) Participant must be a Citizen of India.

(b) The entries will be bilingual i.e. in Hindi & English.

(c) An individual can participate only one time.

(d) Top 200 participants would be issued invitation cards for witnessing Republic Day Parade-2026 at Kartavya Path, New Delhi along with one companion (guardian/ spouse/relative etc.)

(e) The top 200 participants, selected for issuing invitation for Republic Day Parade-2026 at Kartavya Path, New Delhi are requested to provide following mandatory details in respect of self and one companion (guardian/ spouse/relative etc.)

SL. No.	Salutation (Mr./ Dr. /Sh. /Smt. etc.)	Name (in Hindi) & English	Date of Birth (DD-MM-YY)	Mob No.	Email ID	Nationality	Any Govt. ID Number (Adhaar Card /Voter ID Card/ Driving License etc.)	Residential Address
1. (Participant)								
2. (companion/ guardian/ spouse)								
Note: Children below 5 year will not be allowed as companion or otherwise. Incomplete entries will not be accepted.								

(f) Participant will, therefore, require to provide only valid e-mail & mobile as further correspondence, if any, seeking the details for issuing Invitation Card & payment of winning prize will only be made via e-mail. Therefore, participant is requested to keep regular watch on his/her e-mail.

(g) One mobile number & one email ID cannot be used by more than one participant for one competition/quiz/Contest during RDP-2026.

(h) On receipt of e-mail or call from Ministry of Defence three winners will require to submit requisite documents for releasing winning prize/payment viz. ID proof & Bank Details, copy of cancelled cheque etc.

(i) . It may be noted that all the expenses related to travel, lodging, food etc. to visit Delhi for witnessing Republic Day Ceremony at Kartavya Path on 26th January, 2026 will be borne by the individual himself/herself.

(j) However, traveling in Delhi Metro toward to & fro journey for witnessing the Parade will be free of charge on showing e-invitation at any of Delhi Metro Station.

(k) Use of any unfair/spurious means/ malpractices including but not limited to impersonation, double participation etc. during the participation in the competition, will result rejection of participation.

(l) No copy right image should be used and an undertaking regarding the same to be furnished. Non-furnishing of the same will render the selection null and void. Furthermore, the organizers of the competition or any agency acting on their behalf reserves all rights in this regard.

(m) Employees, directly or indirectly connected with organizing the competition, are not eligible to participate in the contest. This ineligibility also applies to their immediate family members.

(n) Winners will be announced on the basis of screening of the entries by a designated Screening Committee in Ministry of Defence. Decision of the Screening Committee may not be challenged further in any mode.

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"SERIES OF ONLINE QUIZ CONTEST ON VARIOUS TOPICS "

As a part of Republic Day Celebrations-2026, a series of online quiz competition on the following topics will be conducted by Ministry of Defence in coordination with MyGov during **01st – 31st December,2025** in order to create Republic Day Fervor and inculcating patriotic feelings among Citizens especially the youths and school students: -

Topic	Duration of the quiz
(i) The evolution of Vande Mataram: 150 Years of Patriotic Inspiration	1st -31st December,2025
(ii) India's Space Achievements	
(iii) India's Achievements in Sports.	
(iv) Atmanirbhar Bharat: Mission to achieve self-reliance.	

Salient features:

(i) Each of the quiz will be in bilingual format i.e. in Hindi and English.
(ii) Duration of each of the quiz will be 5 minutes (300 seconds), during which a maximum of 20 questions can be answered.
(iii) Winners of the contest will be announced on the basis of combined performance in all the above quizzes. However, participants will be allowed in all the above quizzes without round-wise elimination.
(iv) There will be cash prize of ₹10,000/- each for Top Three Winners.
(v) There will be Twenty-Seven (27) Consolation Prizes of ₹5000/- each.
(vi) All participants to the Quiz will get an online generated certificate of participation by MyGov.in

Terms & Conditions

(a) All Indian Citizens can participate in the quiz.
(b) The criteria for selection of successful winners will be "Maximum Correct Answers in the Shortest Time" collectively in all the four quizzes, subject to the stipulation of 20 questions attempt and 05 minutes' duration in each of the quizzes.
(c) An individual is permitted to participate only once in each of the quizzes.
(d) Top 200 participants would be issued invitation cards for witnessing Republic Day Parade-2026 at Kartavya Path, New Delhi along with one companion (guardian/ spouse/relative etc.)
(e) The top 200 participants, selected for issuing invitation for Republic Day Parade-2026 at Kartavya Path, New Delhi are requested to provide following mandatory details in respect of self and one companion (guardian/ spouse/relative etc.)

SL. No.	Salutation (Mr./ Dr. /Sh. /Smt. etc.)	Name (in Hindi) & English	Date of Birth (DD-MM-YY)	Mob No.	Email ID	Nationality	Any Govt. ID Number (Adhaar Card /Voter ID Card/ Driving License etc.)	Residential Address
1. (Participant)								
2. (companion/ guardian/ spouse)								
Note: Children below 5 year will not be allowed as companion or otherwise. Incomplete entries will not be accepted.								

(f) Participant will, therefore, require to provide only valid e-mail & mobile as further correspondence, if any, seeking the details for issuing Invitation Card & payment of winning prize will only be made via e-mail. Therefore, participant is requested to keep regular watch on his/her e-mail.

(g) One mobile number & one email ID cannot be used by more than one participant for one quiz at a time.

(h) On receipt of e-mail or call from Ministry of Defence top 10 winners will require to submit requisite documents for releasing winning prize/payment viz. ID proof & Bank Details, copy of cancelled cheque etc.

(i) It may be noted that all the expenses related to travel, lodging, food etc. to visit Delhi for witnessing Republic Day Ceremony at Kartavya Path on 26th January, 2026 will be borne by the individual himself/herself.

(j) However, traveling in Delhi Metro toward to & fro journey for witnessing the Parade will be free of charge on showing e-invitation at any of Delhi Metro Station.

(k) Discovery/detection/noticing of use of any unfair/spurious means/ malpractices, including but not limited to impersonation, double participation etc. during the participation in the quiz, will result in the participation being declared null and void and hence, rejected. The organizers of the quiz competition or any agency acting on their behalf reserves the right in this regard.

(l) Employees, directly or indirectly connected with organizing the quiz, are not eligible to participate in the quiz. This ineligibility also applies to their immediate family members.

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COMPETITION ON SINGING "VANDE MATARAM" IN VARIOUS RENDITIONS.

As a part of Republic Day Celebrations, 2026, a Singing Competition on the theme **VANDE MATARAM SINGING IN VARIOUS RENDITIONS** will be conducted by Ministry of Defence in coordination with MyGov.in during **20th Nov to 31st December, 2025** in order to create patriotic feeling among youth and school students.

Salient features:

(i) The participants have to record a video while singing and shall submit their entry on Official 'MyGov' Portal ensuring accessible link.
(ii) Video file/song should not exceed more than 2 minutes.
(iii) A participant can submit only one entry.
(iv) There will be cash prize of ₹10,000/- each for Top Three Winners.

Terms & Conditions

(a) All Indian Citizens can participate in the competition.
(b) Submission of the Singing videos must be original and should not violate any provision of the Indian Copyright Act,1957. If any entry found infringing on others, the entry will be disqualified from the competition.
(c) Top 200 participants would be issued invitation cards for witnessing Republic Day Parade-2026 at Kartavya Path, New Delhi along with one companion (guardian/ spouse/relative etc.)
(d) The top 200 participants, selected for issuing invitation for Republic Day Parade-2026 at Kartavya Path, New Delhi are requested to provide following mandatory details in respect of self and one companion (guardian/ spouse/relative etc.)

SL. No.	Salutation (Mr./ Dr. /Sh. /Smt. etc.)	Name (in Hindi) & English	Date of Birth (DD-MM-YY)	Mob .No.	Email ID	Nationality	Any Govt. ID Number (Aadhar Card /Voter ID Card/ Driving License etc.)	Residential Address
1. (Participant)								
2. (companion/ guardian/ spouse)								
Note: Children below 5 years will not be allowed as companion or otherwise. Incomplete entries will not be accepted.								

(e) Participant will, therefore, require to provide only valid e-mail & mobile as further correspondence, if any, seeking the details for issuing Invitation Card & payment of winning prize will only be made via e-mail. Therefore, participant is requested to keep regular watch on his/her e-mail.
(f) One mobile number & one email ID cannot be used by more than one participant for one competition at a time.

(g) On receipt of e-mail or call from Ministry of Defence top 3 winners will require to submit requisite documents for releasing winning prize/payment viz. ID proof & Bank Details, copy of cancelled cheque etc.

(h) It may be noted that all the expenses related to travel, lodging, food etc. to visit Delhi for witnessing Republic Day Ceremony at Kartavya Path on 26th January, 2026 will be borne by the individual himself/herself.

(i) However, traveling in Delhi Metro toward to & fro journey for witnessing the Parade will be free of charge on showing e-invitation at any of Delhi Metro Station.

(j) Discovery/detection/noticing of use of any unfair/spurious means/ malpractices, including but not limited to impersonation, double participation etc. during the participation in the competition, will result in the participation being declared null and void and hence, rejected. The organizers of the competition or any agency acting on their behalf reserves the right in this regard.

(k) Employees, directly or indirectly connected with organizing the competition, are not eligible to participate in the quiz. This ineligibility also applies to their immediate family members.

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"Online Poll on Best Tableau and Best Marching Contingent"

As a part of Republic Day Celebrations, 2026, an online poll is conducted on MyGov to take visitors feedback on the best tableaux and best marching contingents on display. The purpose of this survey is that citizens can vote for their favourite tableaux from States and Central Govt. Ministries/Departments and also amongst the marching contingents to select the Top 3 amongst popular choice category. The poll will be live on the day of event i.e. 26th January 2026 till 11:59 P.M.

Terms & Conditions

(a) Participant must be a Citizen of India.
(b) An individual can participate only one time.
(c) One mobile number & one email ID cannot be used by more than one participant for one competition/quiz/Contest during RDP-2026.