

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

As part of celebrations of the 150 years of Vande Mataram , under the guidance of Hon'ble Governor, Lok Bhavan, Tamil Nadu announced the State-Level Essay Competition for School and University/College students across Tamil Nadu. This initiative aimed at deepening the understanding of emotional, historical and contemporary relevance of the Vande Mataram song among the youths.

The Competition was conducted in both Tamil and English, invited school students (in 2 levels) and University/College students to write on relevant topics. For school students, the topics were "*Role of Vande Mataram in India's Freedom Struggle*" [*இந்திய சுதந்திரப் போராட்டத்தில் வந்தே மாதரம் பாடலின் பங்களிப்பு*] (Level 1) and "*Vande Mataram :The Song that Awakened Bharat*" [*வந்தே மாதரம் பாடலால் விழித்தெழுந்த பாரதம்*] (Level 2), while University / College students wrote on "*Relevance of Vande Mataram in Building Viksit Bharat @ 2047*" [*2047இல் வளர்ச்சியடைந்த பாரதத்தை உருவாக்குவதில் வந்தே மாதரம் பாடலின் பொருத்தப்பாடு*].

After precise evaluation by a panel of experts, the following participants have been declared winners:

SCHOOL CATEGORY : LEVEL-1 (6TH – 9TH STANDARD)

Position	Tamil	English
1st Prize (2 winners)	R.Asifa, 6 th Std, Wilhelm High School, Thondi, Ramanathapuram	S.Manu Shreeya, 9 th Std, Hosur Public School, Karapalli, Hosur, Krishnagiri.
2nd Prize (2 Winners)	R. Sharmi, 9 th Std, Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Tiruchengode, Namakkal.	R.Aradhana, 7 th Std, D.A.V-SM Fomra School, Kelambakkam, Chennai.
3rd Prize (3 Winners)	K.Muthu Sriram, 8 th Std, Govt.High School, Meenakshipuram, Nagercoil.	1. Namitta Vishnu Joshi, 7 th Std, D.A.V School, Pallikaranai, Chennai. 2. B.Sasikumar, 8 th Std, The New John Dewey Matriculation High School, Panruti.

SCHOOL CATEGORY : LEVEL-2 (10TH – 12TH STANDARD)

Position	Tamil	English
1st Prize (2 winners)	M.Divyadarshini, 11 th Std, John Dewey Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Panruti.	N.Sakthi Ujjaini, 12 th Std, Sri Jayendra Swamigal Silver Jubilee Matric Higher Secondary School, Tirunelveli.
2nd Prize (2 winners)	Anura.M, 11 th Std, Hindu Senior Higher Secondary School, Triplicane, Chennai.	S.S.Raagavarshini, 11 th Std, DAV Girls Senior Secondary School, Gopalapuram, Chennai.
3rd Prize (1 winner)	S. Samikshaa, 10 th Std, Sri Kalaivani Matric Higher Secondary School, Thiruvengadam, Tenkasi.	-
Special Prize (2 winners)	-	1. A.Tilda Caroline, 10 th Std, Thambu Higher Secondary School, Press Colony, Coimbatore. 2. Anushika GV, 11 th Std, Jaigopal Garodia Vivekananda Vidyalaya CBSE, Anna Nagar, Chennai.

UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE CATEGORY

Position	Tamil	English
1st Prize (2 winners)	Ms.B.Subathira, BPT 2 nd Year, Adiparasakthi College of Physiotherapy, Melmaruvathur, Chengalpattu.	Ms.H.Deepashri, B.A., English 1 st Year, John Dewey College of Arts and Science for women, Pulavanur, Panruti.
2nd Prize (3 winners)	Ms. Shenbagavalli.B, Post Basic B.Sc.,(N), 1 st Year, Government College of Nursing, Govt. Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College, Salem	1. Ms. Vaishnavi.R, B.Pharm 4 th Year, KMCH College of Pharmacy, Coimbatore. 2. Ms.Vasundra.P, B.Com 3 rd Year, Dr.N.G.P Arts and Science College, Vilankurichi, Coimbatore.
3rd Prize (2 winners)	Ms.Manimozhi.G, B.A., Tamil 3 rd Year, Thiruvalluvar Govt.Arts College, Rasipuram, Namakkal.	Ms.Gayathri. K.J, B.Sc.(Hons)Agriculture 3 rd Year, Agricultural College and Research Institute, Vazhavachanur, Tiruvannamalai.

The Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu extends heartfelt congratulations to the winners of State-Level Essay Competition and appreciation to all participants, whose enthusiastic and thoughtful contributions have made this competition truly meaningful.

The winner of the first, second and third prizes for both school and college category will be awarded with Cash prizes of **₹50,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Thousand), **₹30,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Thousand) and **₹25,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) respectively along with citations. Special Prize winners will be felicitated with citations.

The Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu will felicitate the winners along with parents and the Principals of the Schools/Colleges with Cash Prizes and Citations during the **Independence Day - 2026 "At Home" celebration at Lok Bhavan, Chennai on 15th August 2026.**

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