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On **Wednesday, 21st January 2026**, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, **organised** a special commemorative programme to mark **150 years of “Vande Mataram”** at the college campus. The event aimed to highlight the historical, cultural, and national significance of **Vande Mataram**, a song that played a crucial role in India’s freedom struggle and continues to inspire patriotism and unity even today.

The programme was graced by **Professor Balaram Pani**, eminent academician and **Dean of Colleges, University of Delhi**, as the **Chief Guest**. The event witnessed active participation from students, faculty members, and various college societies, making it a meaningful and memorable cultural gathering.

The event began with a warm welcome of the Chief Guest and dignitaries by NCC cadets and faculty members, followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by **Principal Prof. (Sr.) Molly K.A** and **Professor Balaram Pani**, symbolising knowledge, unity, and national consciousness.



This was followed by an address by Principal Prof. (Sr.) Molly, who spoke about the historical relevance of Vande Mataram and its importance in strengthening national values, collective identity, and a sense of responsibility among the youth.

One of the key highlights of the programme was the **collective rendition of “Vande Mataram”** by students from **NSS, NCC, Peace Society, WSC Society, Tarannum, Echo, and the JMC Choir**. The powerful and harmonious performance created a deeply patriotic atmosphere and reflected the spirit of unity across societies.



After the musical performance, **Professor Balaram Pani** delivered an insightful address on the importance of “Vande Mataram” in India’s freedom movement and its continued relevance in contemporary society. He emphasized how the song evolved into a symbol of resistance, sacrifice, and national pride, encouraging students to internalise its values beyond ceremonial occasions.

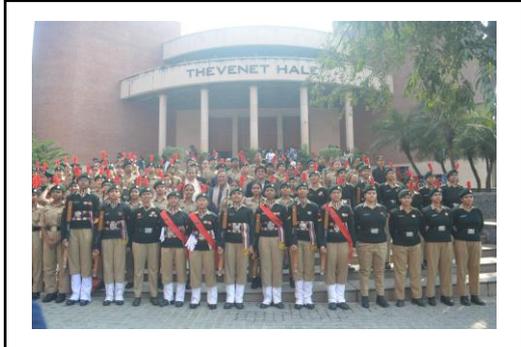


The programme concluded with the **National Anthem**, led collectively by all the music societies of the college. The entire gathering stood united, marking the end of the event on a solemn and respectful note.

A total of **78 students** participated in the musical and choral performances for Vande Mataram and the National Anthem, representing various societies of the college. Their coordinated efforts contributed significantly to the success of the event.

The **commemoration of 150 years of Vande Mataram** served as a meaningful reminder of India’s rich national heritage and the enduring power of collective

expression. The event successfully instilled a sense of patriotism, unity, and cultural awareness among the participants and reaffirmed the college's commitment to nurturing responsible and conscious citizens.



The NSS Unit expresses gratitude to **Prof. (Sr.) Molly K.A, Principal** for their constant encouragement and support in conducting these meaningful activities.

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