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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Akashvani stations to broadcast the full version of the National Song of India “Vande Mataram” w.e.f. 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.**

Since Independence, it has been a tradition for Akashvani stations to open their morning broadcast with the iconic signature tune followed by the two stanza version of the National Song “Vande Mataram” (which has duration of 65 seconds).

In view of the Ministry of Home Affairs guideline dated 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 on the National Song containing six stanzas, all stations of Akashvani will start broadcasting the new version of the Song with effect from 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. The new version has duration of 3 minutes 10 seconds.

The initial version to be broadcast is sung by renowned Hindi Classical Vocalist Pt. Chandrashekhar Vaze in Raga Desh.

Several other versions of the National Song are also being recorded to accommodate regional variety of musical instruments. These versions will be adopted by Akashvani stations located in respective states.

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