

Rajya Sabha Passes Bill to Protect National Song Vande Mataram

The Rajya Sabha passed a bill extending the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act to cover Vande Mataram.

A parliamentary bill extending legal protection and penalties for disrespecting the National Song Vande Mataram.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Rajya Sabha** passed a bill amending the **Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act** to include the National Song **Vande Mataram**.
- Under the proposed provisions, deliberate insults to **Vande Mataram** can attract imprisonment for up to **three years** or a fine, or both.
- The legislation aims to afford legal protection to the **National Song** on par with the **National Flag** and **National Anthem**.
- **Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act** was originally enacted in **1971** to prohibit disrespect to national symbols.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Vande Mataram was written by **Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay** in his **1882** Bengali novel **Anandamath**.

Vande Mataram was sung for the first time at a political meeting at the **1896 Calcutta** session of the Indian National Congress by **Rabindranath Tagore**.

Constituent Assembly adopted Vande Mataram as the National Song of India on **January 24, 1950**.

Article 51A(a) of the Constitution states that it is the **fundamental duty** of every citizen to abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals, Institutions, National Flag and National Anthem.

Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act 1971 protects the National Flag, Constitution of India, and the National Anthem.

Jana Gana Mana was composed originally in Bengali by **Rabindranath Tagore** and adopted as the National Anthem on **January 24, 1950**.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Rajya Sabha passed a bill extending Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act 1971 protection to Vande Mataram.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Unit 5 Polity (Acts & Symbols) and Unit 7 Freedom Struggle.

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