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Report on the Commemoration of 150 Years of *Vande Mataram*

(20–26 January 2026)

The Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (CIHTS), Sarnath, solemnly and enthusiastically observed the 150 Years of *Vande Mataram* from 20 to 26 January 2026, in alignment with the directives of the Ministry of Culture and the Department of Higher Education, Government of India. The week-long commemoration was envisioned as an academic-cultural engagement aimed at revisiting the historical legacy, cultural memory, and contemporary relevance of *Vande Mataram* as a powerful symbol of India’s national consciousness, unity, and shared heritage.

The celebrations were organised under the guidance of the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wangchuk Dorjee Negi ji, and the Registrar, Dr. Sunita Chandra, whose constant encouragement and institutional support ensured the smooth and dignified conduct of all activities. The entire programme was coordinated by Dr. Dipti Agrawal, Nodal Officer for the 150 Years of *Vande Mataram* Commemoration, CIHTS.

Constitution of the Coordination Committee

To ensure effective planning, coordination, and execution, a Coordination Committee was constituted. The committee structure included Faculty Coordinators and Committee Members representing diverse academic and administrative roles within the Institute.

The Faculty Coordinators were Dr. Prashant Kumar Maurya and Mr. Kishan Shukla, who played a pivotal role in managing academic logistics and programme flow. The Committee Members included Dr. Urgyen, Dr. Jasmeet Gill, Dr. Krishna Pandey, Dr. Susheel Kumar Singh, Dr. Saurabh Dubey, Mr. Abhijeet Gupta, Ms. Aparupa Banerjee, and Mr. Saho Tamding. In addition, student coordination was supported by Ms. Phuntsok Choden (SWA President) and Ven. Pema Tsering (SWA Education Secretary), ensuring active student engagement and smooth communication. This collective effort contributed significantly to the success of the commemorative week.

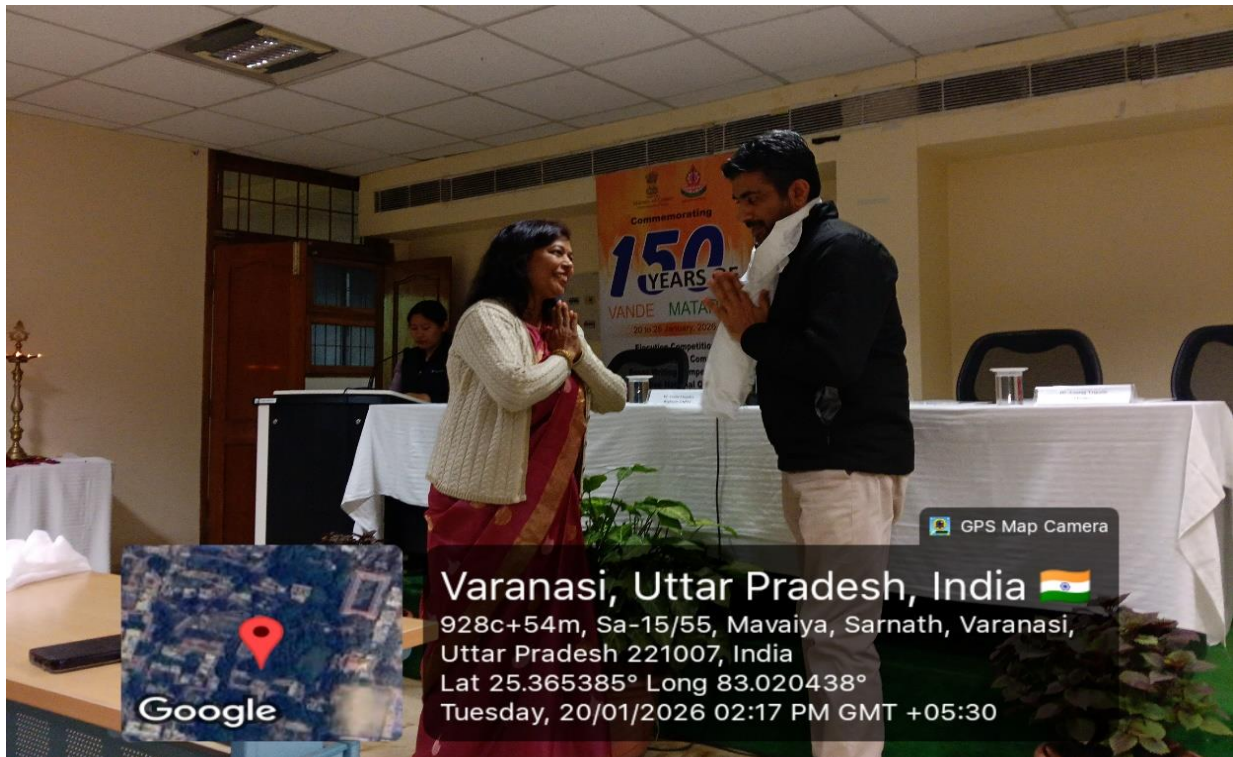
Inaugural Day: Elocution Competition (20 January 2026)

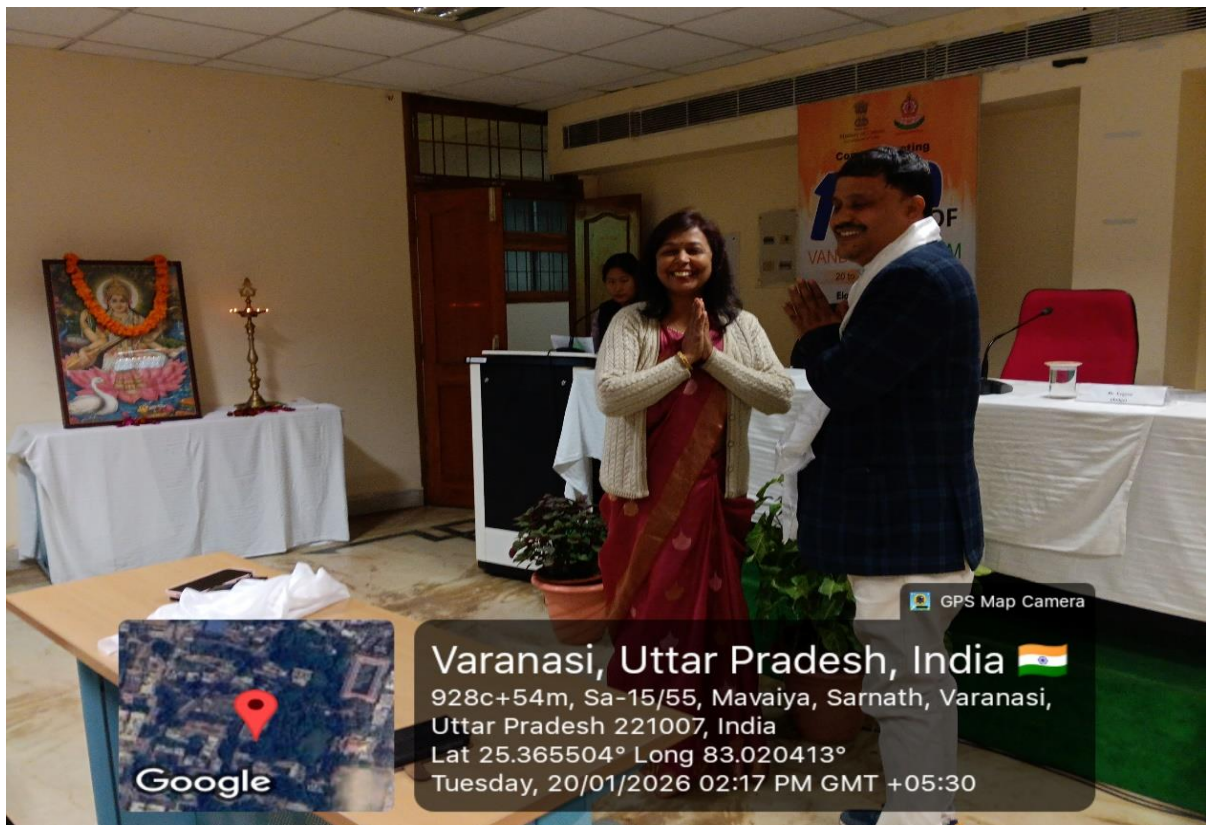
The celebrations commenced on 20 January 2026 with an Elocution Competition held at Sambhot Bhawan, marking the formal beginning of the commemorative week. The event began with a ceremonial lighting of the lamp, followed by reflections on the historical importance of *Vande Mataram*. The theme, “*The Unifying Power of Vande Mataram in Colonial India & Its Relevance in Contemporary India,*” encouraged students to engage with both historical and present-day perspectives critically. Students presented well-structured speeches in English and Hindi, speaking either for or against the motion, thereby demonstrating confidence, clarity of thought, and intellectual depth.

The competition was evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges: Dr. Urgyen Ji, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Social Sciences; Dr. Anurag Tripathi, Assistant Professor of Hindi; and Dr. Jasmeet Gill, Assistant Professor of English, CIHTS. The judges were felicitated during the programme, and their insightful feedback added academic value to the event. The session concluded with encouraging remarks by the Registrar, Dr. Sunita Chandra.

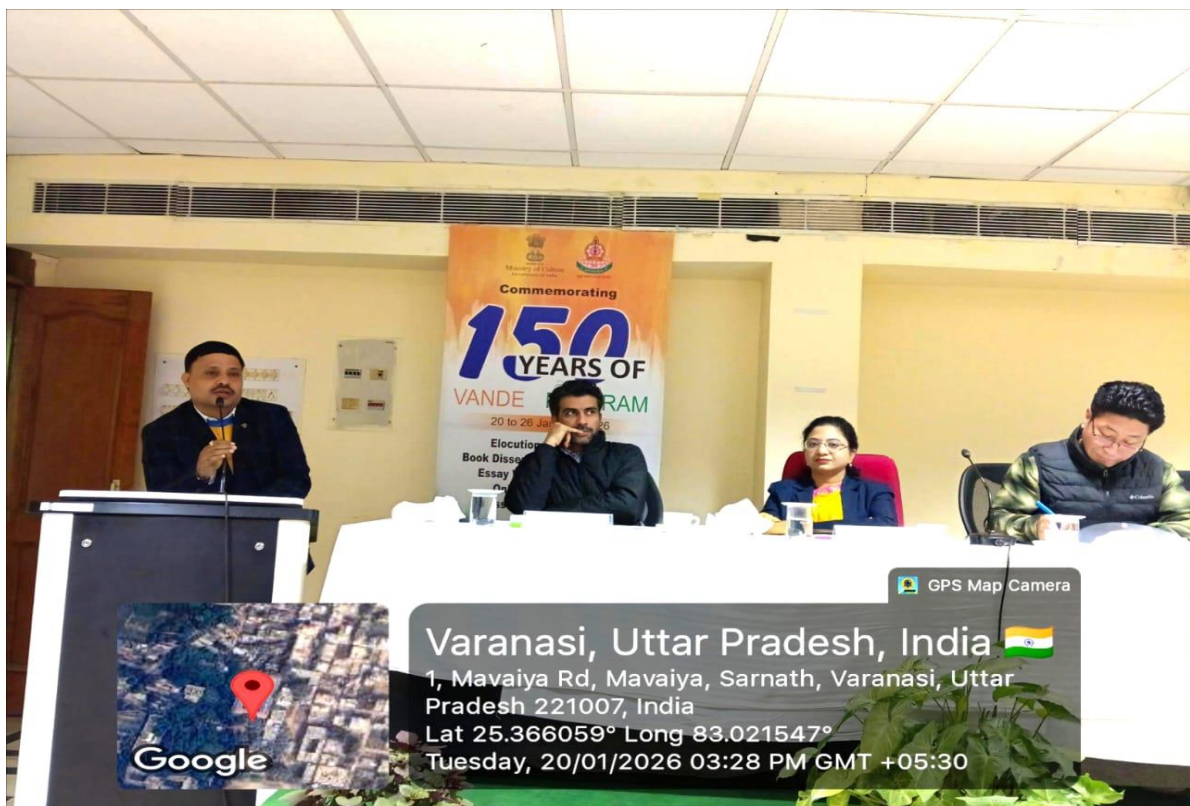














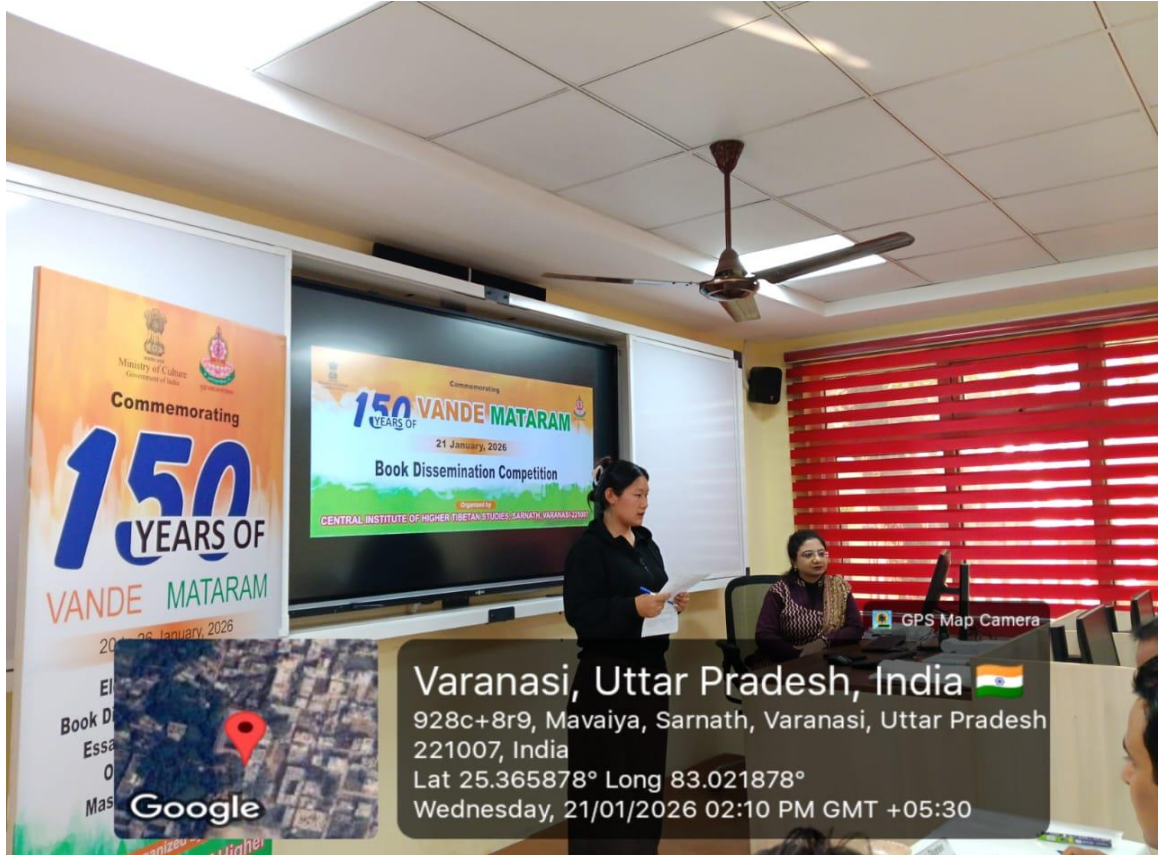




Day Two: Book Dissemination Competition (21 January 2026)

On 21 January 2026, the Institute organised a Book Dissemination Competition, focusing on critical reading, interpretation, and dissemination of texts related to *Vande Mataram*, nationalism, and cultural heritage. Students presented PPT-based oral presentations, highlighting the historical context, thematic relevance, and contemporary significance of selected books.

The competition was judged by Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Assistant Professor of English, CIHTS, and Dr. Jyoti Singh, Assistant Professor of Hindi, CIHTS and Dr. Jampa Thupten, Assistant Professor of Geography, CIHTS. The programme reinforced the importance of reading culture and scholarly engagement among students.



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[A Prisoner's Tribute to Mother India]
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1. About the Author:

- Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay was a great Indian writer, poet and journalist
- Born in June 27, 1838 in Bengal and died at April 8, 1894 at Kolkata
- Known as founder of modern Indian literature
- Wrote novels that inspired patriotism
- Anandamath is considered as his famous work

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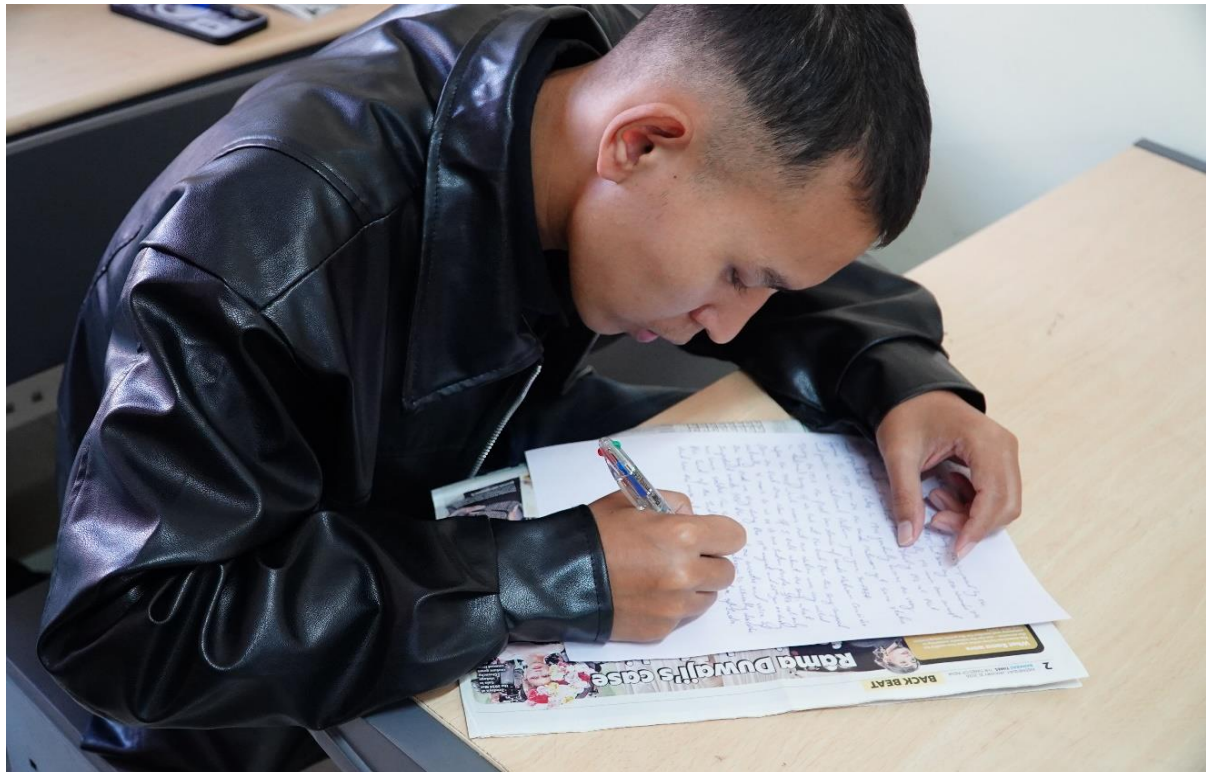




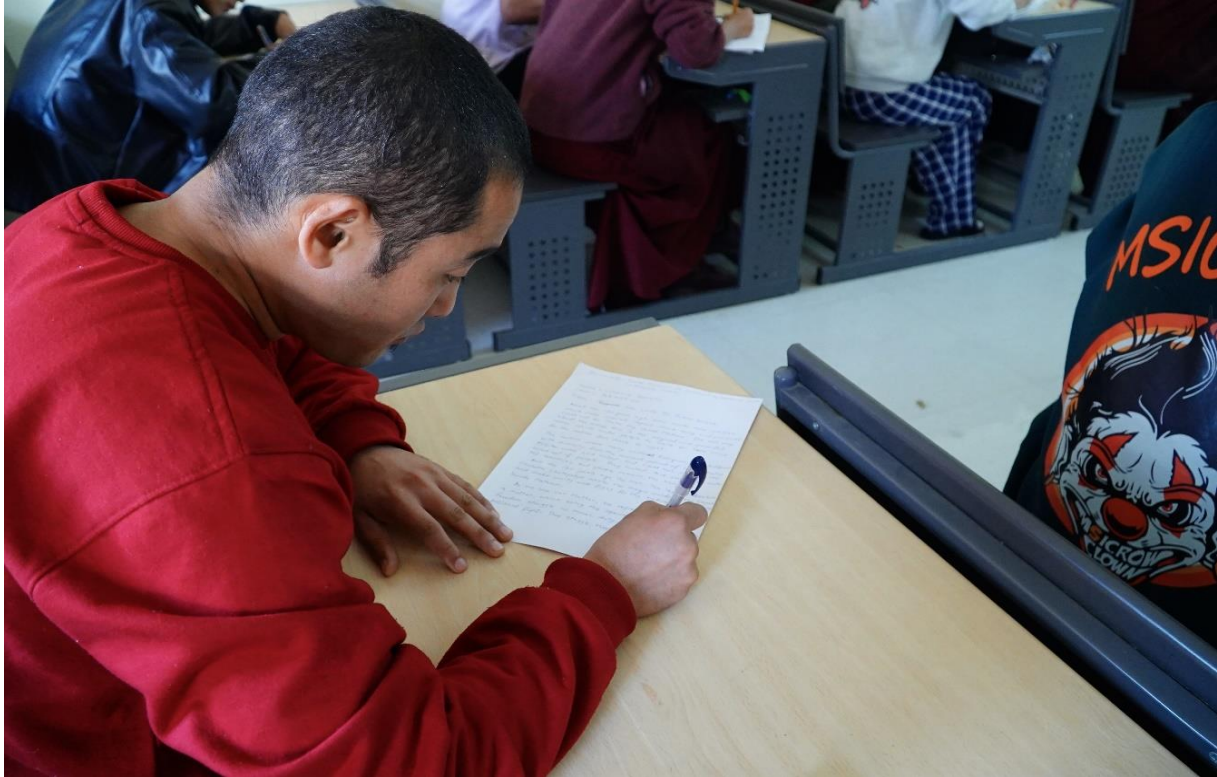
Day Three: Essay Writing Competition (22 January 2026)

The Essay Writing Competition, held on 22 January 2026, provided students with an opportunity to express their ideas through reflective and analytical writing. The theme, “*Cultural Memory, Collective Identity and Inclusivity: Vande Mataram in Colonial Resistance and Contemporary India,*” invited participants to explore *Vande Mataram* as a cultural text shaping India’s national identity.

Students wrote essays in English, Hindi & Tibetan languages, demonstrating originality, coherence, and critical engagement. The competition fostered academic writing skills and encouraged deeper reflection on India’s cultural and historical narratives.





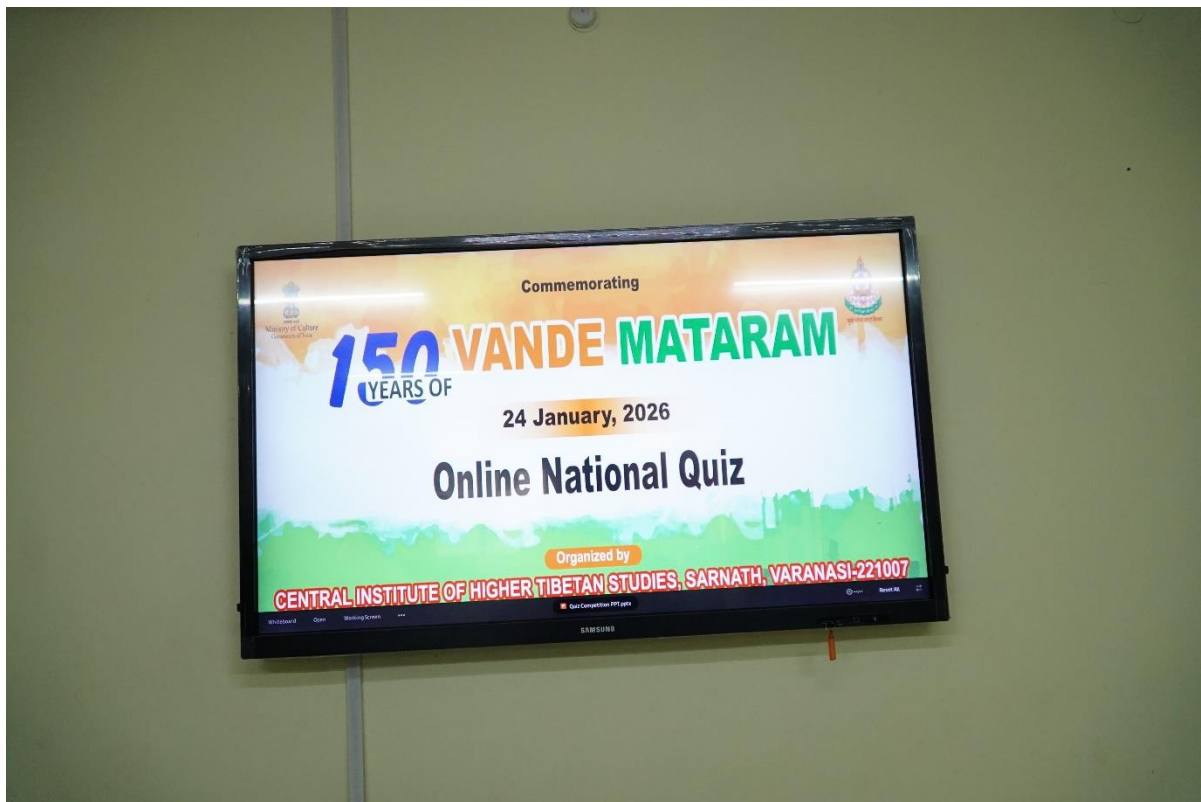




Day Four: National Quiz and Documentary Screening (24 January 2026)

On 24 January 2026, CIHTS facilitated student participation in the “Vande Mataram – 150 Years Quiz”, a national-level initiative hosted on the MyGov platform. The quiz enhanced students’ awareness of the historical, cultural, and patriotic significance of *Vande Mataram*.

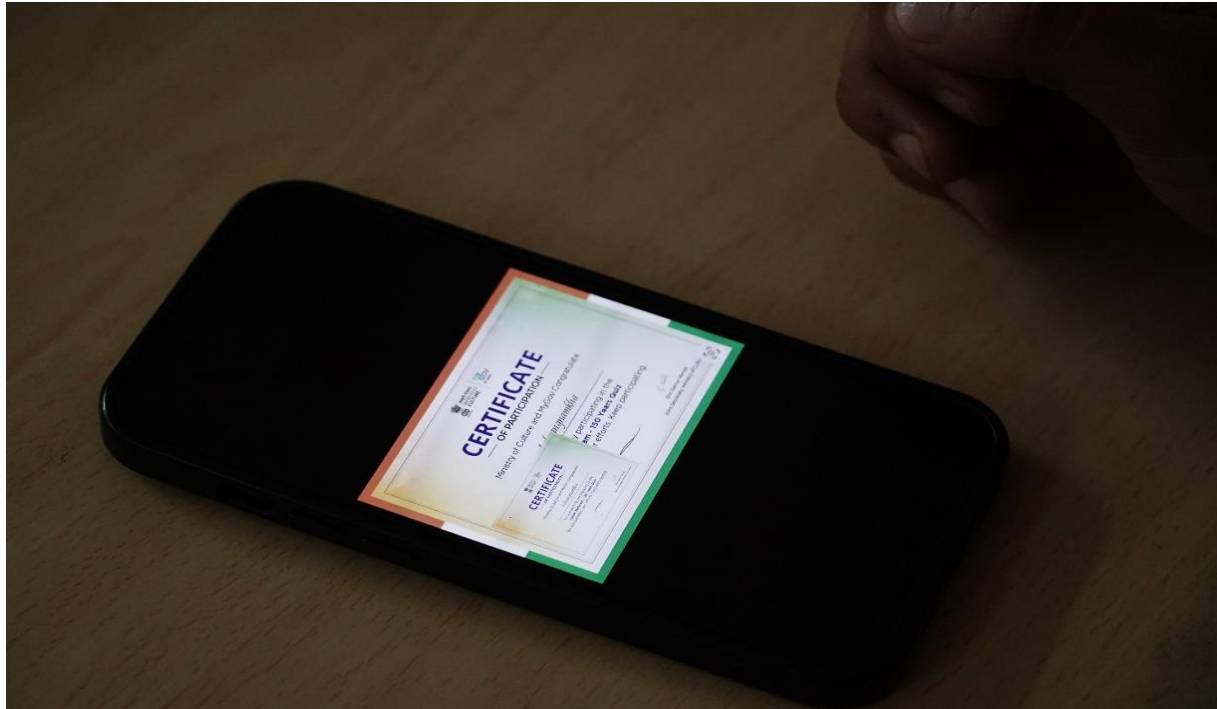
The quiz was followed by a documentary screening that traced the journey of *Vande Mataram* from its composition to its role in India’s freedom movement and its relevance today. The session proved informative and inspiring, encouraging reflection and discussion among students.

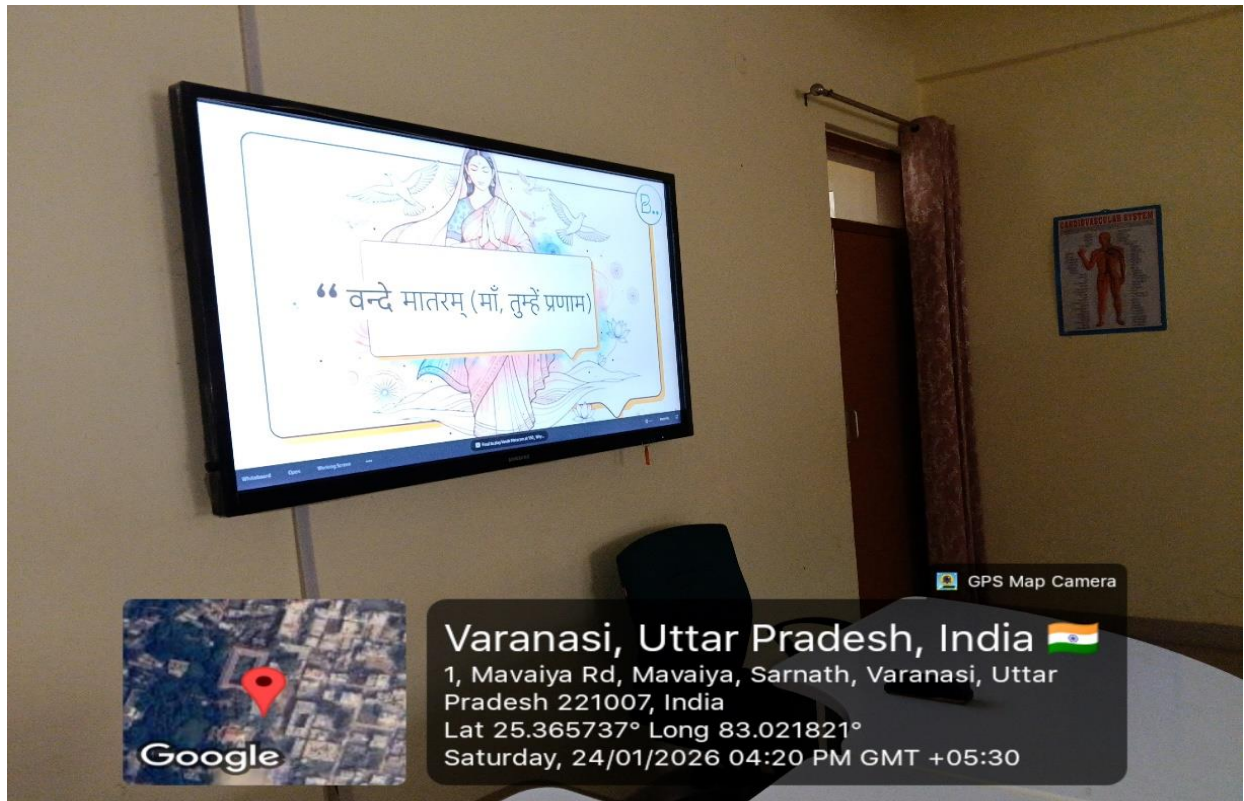


















Culmination: Mass Singing and Prize Distribution (26 January 2026)

The commemoration concluded on 26 January 2026, coinciding with Republic Day, with a Mass Singing of *Vande Mataram* organised after the Flag Hoisting and National Anthem. Faculty members, students, and staff collectively participated, creating a powerful and emotionally resonant moment of unity and national pride.

Following the mass singing, a Prize and Certificate Distribution Ceremony was held for the winners and participants of all competitions conducted during the week. The respected Registrar (CIHTS), Dr. Sunita Chandra, graciously distributed the prizes and certificates, appreciating the enthusiasm and academic engagement of the students.

Conclusion

The 150 Years of *Vande Mataram* Commemoration at CIHTS was a meaningful blend of academic inquiry, cultural celebration, and national reflection. Through elocution, book dissemination, essay writing, quizzes, documentary screening, and collective singing, the programme successfully reaffirmed *Vande Mataram* as a living symbol of India's unity, cultural memory, and shared national identity. The collective efforts of the administration, faculty, students, and committee members ensured the dignified and impactful completion of this significant national observance.

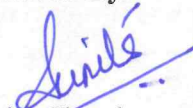
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