

Grand Finale of National School Band Competition 6.0 starts at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium

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The Grand Finale of the National School Band Competition 6.0 was inaugurated today at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi. Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education, Shri Sanjay Kumar; Defence Secretary, Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh; Additional Secretaries, DoSEL, Shri Anil Kumar Singhal and Shri Anandrao V. Patil; Chairperson, CBSE, Shri Rahul Singh; Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Smt. Nidhi Pandey; Joint Secretary, DoSEL, Dr. Amarpreet Duggal; Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Shri Amitabh Prasad, and other officials of Ministry of Education and Ministry of Defence were present at the event.

Shri Sanjay Kumar, in his address, highlighted the significant importance of a band, particularly in fostering a sense of discipline and teamwork among participants, which nurtures a collective spirit to excel. He further emphasized the relevance of this collective spirit in educational pursuits. He noted that more schools would join the Band System, with support from the Army Regional Centres, opening new opportunities for children. Shri Sanjay Kumar also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Ministry of Defence for their invaluable support and assistance.





Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, while addressing the gathering, highlighted the rich tradition of military music in the Armed Forces, which boosts morale, adds dignity to ceremonies, and provides talented individuals with an opportunity to showcase their prowess. He also mentioned how, since 2023, the Government has been involving and encouraging talented school children to actively participate in the Republic Day celebrations. The objective of organizing the National School Band Competition, he added, is to inspire a sense of unity, esprit de corps, and a profound feeling of belonging among school children towards their schools and the nation.



Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence, is organising the grand finale of

National School Band Competition 6.0 on 24-25 January 2025 at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi. This year 16 band teams from 13 States with 463 children have been shortlisted for the finale (list annexed) through State- and Zonal-level competitions. At the State-Level Competitions, 568 teams comprising 13,999 children participated; while at the Zonal Level, 84 teams comprising 2,337 children took part.

For the first time:

1. Band Teams from three government schools have got the opportunity to participate in the Republic Day Parade.
2. PM SHRI KGBV Patamda, Purbi Singhbhum, Jharkhand school students will be giving their performance at the rostrum in front of the Presidential stage.
3. Two band teams (Kendriya Vidyalaya and Government Sr. Sec. School West Point, Sikkim) will be performing at Vijay Chowk in the Republic Day Parade.
4. In tandem with the “whole of Government approach”, initiative has been taken for training of PM SHRI school band teams by the band instructors/teams of Army Regimental Centres. Training has begun in 11 States/UTs and will commence shortly in the rest of the States/UTs. This is a step towards imparting holistic education to students of PM SHRI schools and developing them into well-rounded personalities.

The National Education Policy 2020 is the first education policy of the 21st century and aims at large-scale transformational reforms in the education sector. In that direction, this program will not only instil a sense of patriotism and national pride but will also enhance the musical skills of the students and inculcate discipline among them. This initiative aims to rejuvenate the spirit of patriotism and unity amongst school students throughout the country and help in the furtherance of holistic education.

List of Participating Teams at the Grand Finale

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of Schools	Name and Address of the School	Category	
				Band	Boys/Girls
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1	Monte CBSE School Kurnool, Pandipadu Village, Kallur Mandal-Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh	Pipe	Girls
2.	Chhattisgarh	1	St. Xavier's English Medium School, Pathalgaon, Chhattisgarh	Brass	Boys
3.	Himachal Pradesh	1	Pinegrove School, Kuthar Road, Subathu, Distt. Solan, Himachal Pradesh	Brass	Boys
4.	Jharkhand	1	PM Shri KGBV Patamda, Purbi Singhbhum, Jharkhand	Pipe	Girls
5.	Karnataka	1	PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No.2 Belagavi Cantt, Karnataka	Pipe	Boys
6.	Kerala	1	St Joseph's Anglo Indian Girl's Higher Secondary School, Kozhikode, Kerala	Brass	Girls
7.	Madhya Pradesh	1	St. Joseph's Convent Sr. Sec. School, Edgah hills, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	Brass	Girls
8.	Maharashtra	2	Bhonsala Military School Girls, Nasik, Maharashtra	Pipe	Girls
			RBP Military School Sports Academy Sangli, Maharashtra	Pipe	Boys
9.	Rajasthan	1	Prince Lotus Valley Sikar, Rajasthan	Brass	Boys

10.	Sikkim	2	Government Sr. Sec. School West Point, Gangtok, East Sikkim, Sikkim	Brass	Girls
			North Sikkim Academy, Nangan (private CBSE affiliated), North Sikkim, Sikkim	Pipe	Boys
11.	Tripura	1	St. Xaviers Higher Secondary School, Pathaliyaghat, Sepahijala, Tripura	Brass	Boys
12.	Uttarakhand	1	Gayatri Vidyapeeth, Shantikunj, Haridwar, Uttarakhand	Brass	Girls
13.	Uttar Pradesh	2	Shri Thakurdwara Balika Vidyalaya, Hapur Mod Tiraha, G.T Road, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh	Pipe	Girls
			City Montessori School, Kanpur Road Campus, Sec - D LDA Colony Kanpur Road, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Pipe	Boys
Total	13 States / UTs	16			

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