



National School Band Competition strengthens discipline, teamwork and leadership -Shri Sanjay Kumar

National School Band Competition 2025–26 inaugurated as Part of Republic Day Celebrations 2026

18 school bands from across the nation, showcase their talent at a National Stage

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The Grand Finale of National School Band Competition (NSBC) 7, 2025–26, organised as part of the Republic Day Celebrations (RDC)–2026, has been inaugurated by Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, DoSEL and Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Defence at National Bal Bhavan, New Delhi today. This marks a significant milestone in promoting discipline, teamwork and musical excellence among school students across the country.

The DoSEL promotes holistic development of students in alignment with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 giving financial support to various programmes under Samagra Shiksha & PM SHRI scheme. The National School Band Competition 7.0 2025–26 brings together 18 school bands from across the nation, showcasing their talent at a national stage as part of the Republic Day Celebrations and continues to serve as a unique platform for fostering unity, discipline and cultural pride among India's youth. This year 18 band teams from 11 States have been shortlisted for the finale (list annexed) through State- and Zonal-level competitions. At the State-Level Competitions, 763 teams comprising 18013 children participated; while at the Zonal Level, 94 teams have been shortlisted.



Addressing the gathering, Shri Sanjay Kumar emphasised the significance of art integrated education including events such as the National School Band Competition in nurturing leadership, discipline, teamwork and holistic development among students. He reiterated the sustained commitment of Ministry of Education to promoting diverse talents beyond the classroom, in consonance with the vision and objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

He further noted that the tradition of school bands is deeply inspired by the armed forces, where music has historically served as a powerful symbol of valour, unity and morale. Even in the most challenging wartime conditions, military bands have played a vital role in motivating troops and strengthening bonds of camaraderie and collective spirit. He added that participation at the national level itself is a significant milestone, reflecting months of rigorous practice and dedication by students.

Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh in his address, appreciated the collaboration between the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Education in institutionalising the competition as part of Republic Day Celebrations and noted with satisfaction the increase in the number of schools & children participating in the competition over the years. He lauded the students for their dedication, precision and musical excellence, noting that such initiatives instil a deep sense of patriotism and national service among young learners.

Dr. Amarpreet Duggal, Joint Secretary, DoSEL presented the Vote of Thanks. She expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, participating schools, mentors and organising teams for their efforts in making the event a success.



List of Participating teams at Grand Finale: -

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of Schools	Name and Address of the School	Category	
				Band	Boys / Girls
1.	Chhattisgarh	1	The Great India Sainik School, Godhi Mandir Hasaud, Bhansoj Road, Nawagaon, Raipur.	Pipe Band	Boys
2.	Delhi	1	Govt. Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, Raj Nagar – II Extn., Palam Colony, New Delhi.	Pipe Band	Girls
		1	Govt. Boys Sr. Secondary School Badli.	Pipe Band	Boys
3.	Gujarat	1	Shree Swami Narayan Gurukul Kumar Vidyalaya, Gir Somnath.	Pipe Band	Boys
4.	Jharkhand	3	St. Xavier's High School Lupungutu, Chaibasa, West Singhbhum.	Brass Band	Boys
			Kairali School Sec-2, HEC Township, Dhurwa, Ranchi.	Pipe Band	Boys
			Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Kanke, Ranchi.	Pipe Band	Girls
5.	Karnataka	1	PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya ASC Centre, Bangalore.	Pipe Band	Girls
		1	SMT. PS Shiva Shankarappa EM Residential School, Davangere	Pipe Band	Boys
6.	Kerala	1	PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Periyar, Kasaragod.	Brass Band	Boys
		1	Providence Girls Higher Secondary School, Kozhikode.	Brass Band	Girls

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7.	Maharashtra	1	Sanjivini Sainik School & Junior College, Kopargaon, Dist. Ahilyanagar.	Brass Band	Boys
		1	Don Bosco High School & Junior College, Tagore Nagar, Vikhroli East, Mumbai.	Brass Band	Girls
8.	Rajasthan	1	PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Suratgarh, Sriganga Nagar.	Pipe Band	Girls
9.	Tripura	1	Holy Cross High School, Karbook, Gomati.	Brass Band	Girls
10.	Uttar Pradesh	1	St. Joseph College, Ruchi, Khand-1, Shardanagar, Aashiyana, Lucknow.	Brass Band	Girls
		1	City Montessori School Kanpur Road, LDA, Lucknow.	Brass Band	Boys
11.	Andhra Pradesh	1	Montessori Indus Residential School	Brass Band	Boys
Total	11 States/UTs	18			

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