

F. No. 17-19/2026-Coord
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of School Education & Literacy

21049, Kartavya Bhawan-2,
New Delhi, 04th June, 2026

To
Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/ Secretary, School Education
All States and UTs

Subject: Popularization of various competitions/contests/activities to be conducted on MyGov and MY Bharat portal during the Independence Day Ceremony, 2026 - reg.

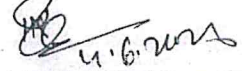
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that Ministry of Defence in association with MyGov and MyBharat is organizing various online contests/activities starting from 1st June, 2026 during the forthcoming Independence Day Ceremony-2026 as per **Appendix A**. Salient features and terms & conditions of the above contests/activities are also enclosed.

2. It is requested that wide publicity may be given to disseminate the information about these contests / activities across all schools in your jurisdiction to encourage maximum participation and to foster a sense of patriotism among school children.
3. This Department may also be apprised about further action taken in the matter.

[Encl: As above]

Yours faithfully,



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Room No. 25107, 5th Floor, Kartavya Bhavan-2,
New Delhi, the 27th May, 2026

To,

The Joint Secretary (Coordination and Media Bureau)
Department of School Education & Literacy

The Joint Secretary (HE)
Department of Higher Education

The Chairman,
CBSE

Sub: Popularization of various competitions/contests/activities to be conducted on MyGov and MyBharat Portal during the Independence Day Ceremony, 2026-reg.

The undersigned is directed to inform that as part of various events to be undertaken during the forthcoming Independence Day Ceremony-2026, Ministry of Defence in association with MyGov and MyBharat is organizing various online contests/activities during Independence Day Ceremony-2026 as per **Appendix A**. Salient features and terms & conditions of the above contests/activities are also enclosed.

2. Wider publicity of the above contests/activities is desirable for the maximum participation and for inculcating patriotic feeling among school children, youth and masses.

3. It is requested that appropriate action may please be taken to encourage the students of schools and colleges to participate in these contests/activities to be conducted through MyGov and MyBharat during IDC-2026 to inculcate patriotic feelings among them.

Encl: As above


(Sandeep Kumar)

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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS-2026

THESE COMPETITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON MyGov and MyBharat PLATFORMS.

Sl. No.	Competition/activity	Duration
(i)	Essay Competition Topic: - Role of AI in building a Viksit Bharat by 2047.	1 st June-15th July, 2026
(ii)	Painting Contest Topic: - India 1947 vs India 2047	1st June-15th July, 2026
(iii)	Series of Online quiz contests * Winners will be selected on the combined performance in all the Quizzes. Topics: (a) Constitution of India- Fundamental rights, duties, key articles, and makers. (b) Women in India's Freedom Movement-From Rani Lakshmibai to Sarojini Naidu and beyond. (c) Major milestones of Modern India: Technological progresses and achievement in Space Technology. (d) India's success story in Nuclear Technology.	10th June-15th July, 2026 (For all the Quiz Topics)

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**"ESSAY COMPETITION ON THE TOPIC
Role of AI in building a Viksit Bharat by 2047.**

As a part of Independence Day Celebrations-2026, an essay competition on the topic "Role of AI in building a Viksit Bharat by 2047" will be conducted by Ministry of Defence in coordination with MyGov and MyBharat during 01st June, 2026- 15th July, 2026 in order to create awareness among youth and masses regarding role of AI in building a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Salient features:

- (i) Participants are to write an essay on the topic "Role of AI in building a Viksit Bharat by 2047" in around 500-600 words showcasing its essence.
- (ii) Top three short listed winners will be awarded prize money of Rs. 15,000/- each.
- (iii) Top 200 participants along with one companion (spouse/guardian/relative etc.) would be issued e-invitation to witness Independence Day Celebration to be held on 15th August, 2026 at Red Fort, Delhi.

Terms & Conditions

- (a) Participant must be a Citizen of India.
- (b) The entries will be in English.
- (c) An individual can participate only one time.
- (d) Top 200 participants would be issued e-invitation for witnessing Independence Day Ceremony-2026 at Red Fort, Delhi along with one companion (guardian/ spouse/relative etc.)
- (e) The top 200 participants, selected for issuing e-invitation for Independence Day Ceremony-2026 at Red Fort, New Delhi are requested to provide following mandatory details in respect of self and one companion (guardian/ spouse/relative etc.)

Note: Children below 5 year will not be allowed as companion or otherwise.

SL. No.	Salutation (Mr./ Dr. / Sh. /Smt. Etc.)	Name in English	Date of Birth (DD- MM- YY)	Mob No.	Email ID	Nationality	Any Govt. ID Number (Adhaar Card Voter ID Card/ Driving License etc.)	Residential Address
1. (Participant)								

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2. (companion/ guardian/ spouse)								

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(f) Participant will, therefore, require to provide only valid e-mail & mobile as further correspondence, if any, seeking the details for issuing e-Invitation & payment of winning prize will only be made via e-mail. Therefore, participant is requested to keep regular watch on his/her e-mail.

(g) One mobile number & one email ID cannot be used by more than one participant for one competition/quiz/Contest during IDC-2026.

(h) On receipt of e-mail or call from Ministry of Defence three winners will require to submit requisite documents for releasing winning prize/payment viz. ID proof & Bank Details, copy of cancelled cheque etc.

(i) It may be noted that all the expenses related to travel, lodging, food etc. to visit Delhi for witnessing Independence Day Ceremony at Red Fort on 15th August, 2026 will be borne by the individual himself/herself.

(j) However, traveling in Delhi Metro toward to & fro journey for witnessing the Parade will be free of charge on showing e-invitation at any of Delhi Metro Station.

(k) Use of any unfair/spurious means/ malpractices including but not limited to impersonation, double participation etc. during the participation in the competition, will result rejection of participation.

(l) No copy right material should be used and an undertaking regarding the same to be furnished. Non-furnishing of the same will render the selection null and void. Furthermore, the organizers of the competition or any agency acting on their behalf reserves all rights in this regard.

(m) Employees, directly or indirectly connected with organizing the competition, are not eligible to participate in the contest. This ineligibility also applies to their immediate family members.

(n) Winners will be announced on the basis of screening of the entries by a designated Screening Committee in Ministry of Defence. The essays beyond the prescribed limit (less than 500 words and more than 600 words) will not be considered by the screening committee. Decision of the Screening Committee may not be challenged further in any mode.

(o) Competition is being simultaneously held on MyGov as well as MyBharat platform. A single combined result of winners will be issued for both the platforms i.e. MyGov and MyBharat. Participants are required to participate in only of these platforms.

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PAINTING CONTEST ON THE THEME

India 1947 vs India 2047

As a part of Independence Day Celebrations-2026, a painting Contest on the theme "India 1947 vs India 2047" will be conducted by Ministry of Defence in coordination with MyGov and MyBharat during 01st June-15th July, 2026 in order to create awareness about the recent developments and achievements of our nation encompassing all significant domains.

Salient features:

- (i) Participants are to showcase painting(s) on the theme "India 1947 vs India 2047" depicting developments and achievements of India.
- (ii) Top three short listed winners will be awarded prize money of Rs. 15,000/- each.
- (iii) There will be Twenty (20) Consolation Prizes of ₹5000/- each.
- (iv) Top 200 participants along with one companion (spouse/guardian/relative etc.) would be issued e-invitation to witness Independence Day Celebration to be held on 15th August, 2026 at Red Fort, Delhi.

Terms & Conditions

- (a) Participant must be a Citizen of India.
- (b) An individual can participate only one time.
- (c) Top 200 participants would be issued e-invitation for witnessing Independence Day Ceremony-2026 at Red Fort, Delhi along with one companion (guardian/ spouse/relative etc.)
- (d) The top 200 participants, selected for issuing invitation for Independence Day Ceremony-2026 at Red Fort, Delhi are requested to provide following mandatory details in respect of self and one companion (guardian/ spouse/relative etc.)

Note: Children below 5 year will not be allowed as companion or otherwise.

SL. No.	Salutation (Mr./ Dr. / Sh. /Smt. etc.)	Name in English	Date of Birth (DD-MM-YY)	Mob No.	Email ID	Nationality	Any Govt. ID Number (Adhaar Card Voter ID Card/ Driving License etc.)	Residential Address
1. (Participant)								

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2. (companion/ guardian/ spouse)								

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(e) Participant will, therefore, require to provide only valid e-mail & mobile as further correspondence, if any, seeking the details for issuing e-Invitation & payment of winning prize will only be made via e-mail. Therefore, participant is requested to keep regular watch on his/her e-mail.

(f) One mobile number & one email ID cannot be used by more than one participant for one competition/quiz/Contest during IDC-2026.

(g) On receipt of e-mail or call from Ministry of Defence three winners will require to submit requisite documents for releasing winning prize/payment viz. ID proof & Bank Details, copy of cancelled cheque etc.

(h) It may be noted that all the expenses related to travel, lodging, food etc. to visit Delhi for witnessing Independence Day Ceremony at Red Fort on 15th August, 2026 will be borne by the individual himself/herself.

(i) However, traveling in Delhi Metro toward to & fro journey for witnessing the Parade will be free of charge on showing e-invitation at any of Delhi Metro Station.

(j) Use of any unfair/spurious means/ malpractices including but not limited to impersonation, double participation etc. during the participation in the competition, will result rejection of participation.

(k) No copy right image should be used and an undertaking regarding the same to be furnished. Non-furnishing of the same will render the selection null and void. Furthermore, the organizers of the competition or any agency acting on their behalf reserves all rights in this regard.

(l) Employees, directly or indirectly connected with organizing the competition, are not eligible to participate in the contest. This ineligibility also applies to their immediate family members.

(m) Winners will be announced on the basis of screening of the entries by a designated Screening Committee in Ministry of Defence. Decision of the Screening Committee may not be challenged further in any mode.

(n) Competition is being simultaneously held on MyGov as well as MyBharat platform. A single combined result of winners will be issued for both the platforms i.e. MyGov and MyBharat. Participants are required to participate in only of these platforms.

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" SERIES OF ONLINE QUIZ CONTEST ON VARIOUS TOPICS "

As a part of Independence Day Celebrations-2026, a series of online quiz Contest on the following topics will be conducted by Ministry of Defence in coordination with MyGov and MyBharat during 10th June, 2026- 15th July, 2026 in order to create patriotic feelings among youth and masses:

SI No.	Topics details	Duration of the quiz
1	Constitution of India Fundamental rights, duties, key articles, and makers.	10th June, 2026-15th July, 2026
2	Women in India's Freedom Movement-From Rani Lakshmbai to Sarojini Naidu and beyond.	
3	Major milestones of Modern India: Technological progresses and achievement in Space Technology.	
4	India's success story in Nuclear Technology.	

Salient features:

- (i) Each of the quiz will be in English.
- (ii) Duration of each of the quiz will be 5 minutes (300 seconds), during which a maximum of 20 questions can be answered.
- (iii) Winners of the contest will be announced on the basis of combined performance in all the above quizzes. However, participants will be allowed in all the above quizzes without round-wise elimination.
- (iv) Top three short listed winners will be awarded prize money of Rs. 15,000/- each.
- (v) There will be Fifty (50) Consolation Prizes of ₹5000/- each.
- (vi) Top 200 participants along with one companion (spouse/guardian/relative etc.) would be issued e-invitation to witness Independence Day Celebration to be held on 15th August, 2026 at Red Fort, Delhi.
- (vii) All participants to the Quiz will get an online generated certificate of participation by MyGov.in.

Terms & Conditions

- (a) All Indian Citizens can participate in the quiz.
- (b) The criteria for selection of successful winners will be "Maximum Correct Answers in the Shortest Time" collectively in all the four quizzes, subject to the stipulation of 20 questions attempt and 05 minutes' duration in each of the quizzes.
- (c) An individual is permitted to participate only once in each of the quizzes.
- (d) Top 200 participants would be issued e-invitation for witnessing Independence Day Ceremony-2026 at Red Fort, Delhi along with one companion (guardian/ spouse/relative etc.)

(e) The top 200 participants, selected for issuing e-invitation for Independence Day Celebrations-2026 at Red Fort, Delhi are requested to provide following mandatory details in respect of self and one companion (guardian/ spouse/relative etc.)

Note: Children below 5 year will not be allowed as companion or otherwise.

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(f) Participant will, therefore, require to provide only valid e-mail & mobile as further correspondence, if any, seeking the details for issuing e- Invitation & payment of winning prize will only be made via e-mail. Therefore, participant is requested to keep regular watch on his/her e-mail.

(g) One mobile number & one email ID cannot be used by more than one participant for one quiz at a time.

(h) On receipt of e-mail or call from Ministry of Defence cash prize winners will require to submit requisite documents for releasing winning prize/payment viz. ID proof & Bank Details, copy of cancelled cheque etc.

(i) It may be noted that all the expenses related to travel, lodging, food etc. to visit Delhi for witnessing Independence Day Ceremony at Red Fort, Delhi on 15th August, 2026 will be borne by the individual himself/herself.

(j) However, traveling in Delhi Metro toward to & fro journey for witnessing the Parade will be free of charge on showing e-invitation at any of Delhi Metro Station.

(k) Discovery/detection/noticing of use of any unfair/spurious means/ malpractices, including but not limited to impersonation, double participation etc. during the participation in the quiz, will result in the participation being declared null and void and hence, rejected. The organizers of the quiz competition or any agency acting on their behalf reserves the right in this regard.

(l) Employees, directly or indirectly connected with organizing the quiz, are not eligible to participate in the quiz. This ineligibility also applies to their immediate family members.

(m) Competition is being simultaneously held on MyGov as well as MyBharat platform. A single combined result of winners will be issued for both the platforms i.e. MyGov and MyBharat. Participants are required to participate in only of these platforms.