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The **Har Ghar Tiranga** campaign concluded nationwide with a musical concert in New Delhi marking the 150th anniversary of **Vande Mataram**, while the **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** issued heavy rainfall and strong-wind warnings across 19 states, including Delhi-NCR, Odisha and West Bengal.

HAR GHAR TIRANGA 2026 CONCLUDES WITH NEW DELHI CONCERT, MARKING 150 YEARS OF VANDE MATARAM

The **fifth edition** of the **Har Ghar Tiranga** movement, running **August 9-17, 2026**, concluded with a grand musical concert in **New Delhi**, this year dedicated to the **150th anniversary of the National Song, Vande Mataram**.

Background

Launched by PM Modi in **2022** under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the campaign has grown into what officials describe as a people's movement. The 2026 edition included Vice President **C.P. Radhakrishnan's** flag bike rally with Members of Parliament on August 12, and the global "**Suryapath Tiranga**" initiative, under which Indian missions abroad hoisted the flag in succession from east to west.

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HAR GHAR TIRANGA 2026:

Campaign window: August 9-17, 2026; 5th edition; launched 2022

2026 theme link: 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram

Global component: "Suryapath Tiranga" (Indian missions abroad, east to west)

VP Radhakrishnan's flag bike rally with MPs: August 12, 2026

IMD ISSUES HEAVY RAINFALL AND STRONG WIND WARNINGS ACROSS 19 STATES

The **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall and wind gusts of **80-85 km/h** across **19 states** on **August 17, 2026**, driven by a **low-pressure area** over the **northwest Bay of Bengal**.

Background

The core impact belt covers **Gangetic West Bengal, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand** (heavy to very heavy rainfall), with **Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi** forecast for widespread rain. Lightning and landslide warnings were also issued for eastern and hilly states.

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IMD WARNING, AUGUST 17, 2026:

Trigger: low-pressure area, northwest Bay of Bengal / West Bengal-Odisha coast

Core impact belt: Gangetic West Bengal, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand

Wind gusts: up to 80-85 km/h

Coverage: 19 states, including Delhi-NCR

Sources: Ministry of Culture, India Meteorological Department, PIB

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