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Republic Day Celebrations 2024: Grand finale of National School Band Competition to be held in New Delhi on January 21 & 22, 2024; 16 teams to compete in four categories

The grand finale of National School Band Competition, jointly organised by Ministry of Defence & Ministry of Education as part of Republic Day celebrations, will be held at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi on January 21 & 22, 2024. A total of 16 band teams - four from each zone (East, West, South and North) – will vie for musical supremacy during the two-day event, which has been organised to popularise Indian music and tunes as envisioned by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The competition will be held in four categories (Boys Brass Band, Girls Brass Band, Boys Pipe Band and Girls Pipe Band). The list of the 16 teams is given below:

S No	School	Category
1.	Andhra Pradesh Social Welfare Residential School,Arugolanu, West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh	
2.	Maharaja Agarsain Public School, Ashok Vihar, North Delhi	Pipe Band Boys
3.	GovtMizo High School,Aizawl, Mizoram	
4.	PM SHRI School JawaharNavodayaVidyalaya, Suratgarh, Sriganganagar, Rajasthan	
5.	St. Teresa's Higher Secondary School, Kannur, Kerala	
6.	St. Xavier's Higher Secondary School,Pathaliaghat, Sepahijala, Tirpura	Brass
7.	City Montessori School, Kanpur Road Campus, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Band Girls

8.	Carmel Convent Senior Secondary School, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	
9.	Queen Mary's School, Tis Hazari, New Delhi	
10.	ShriSwaminarayanKanyaVidyaMandir, Bhuj, Gujarat	
11.	Droupadi Girls High School, Nishaposi, Mayurbhanj, Odisha	Pipe Band Girls
12.	PM SHRI KendriyaVidyalaya MEG & Centre, St. Johns Road Sivan Chetty Garden, Bengaluru, Karnataka	
13.	DAV Public School, Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh	
14.	Don Bosco High School & Junior College, Vikhroli, Mumbai, Maharashtra	Brass
15.	Amalorpavan Higher Secondary School, Vanarapet, Pondicherry, Puducherry	Band Boys
16.	Govt. Sr. Secondary School, West Point, Gangtok, Sikkim	

The top three teams in each category will be given a cash prize ( $1st - Rs\ 21,000$ .  $2nd - Rs\ 16,000$ ,  $3rd - Rs\ 11,000$ ), a trophy, as well as certificates. Consolation cash prize of Rs 3,000 each will be given to the remaining team in each category. The jury for the grand finale will be appointed by the Ministry of Defence including members from each wing of the Armed Forces.

The competition was organised at three levels viz. State, Zonal and conducted by all the States/Union Territories for all schools (CBSE, ICSE, KVS, NVS, and Sainik schools etc). 486 teams comprising of 12,857 children participated at State-Level Competition, while at the Zonal Level, 73 teams comprising 2,002 children took part. This initiative aims to rejuvenate the spirit of patriotism and unity amongst children in schools throughout the country and motivate them on the path of holistic education.

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