

# Difference Between National Anthem and National Song

The terms National Song and National Anthem are often used interchangeably, but these two mean different. A detailed difference between National Anthem and National Song is as follows-

National Anthem	National Song
A national anthem reflects the tradition, culture, and history of a country.	A national song presents the relevance to the country's population based on various factors.
It is a musical composition with a particular tune, timing, lyrics, and rules that should be adhered to while singing.	It can have many variations which depend on the language and traditional factors.
"Jana Gana Mana" is the national anthem of India. It was composed by Rabindranath Tagore in the year 1911.	"Vande Mataram" is the national song of India. It was composed by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee in the 1870s.
According to Article 51A of the Indian Constitution, it is the duty of every Indian citizen to respect and honour the national anthem.	It does not have such constitutional privileges. It is not listed as a fundamental duty.
The Indian Parliament has made the singing of the national anthem compulsory during all public occasions.	The National song is given equal importance as the national anthem, but it is not compulsory to sing it on every occasion.

## National Song and National Anthem

Key features of the national anthem of India are as follows:

- The time duration of the national anthem is fifty-two seconds.
- Jana Gana Mana is the national anthem of India.
- It was originally written in the Bengali language.
- Everybody must pay respect and stand while singing the national anthem.

Key features of the national song of India are:

- Vande Mataram is the national song of India.
- It was considered the national cry for freedom.
- There are three different versions of 'Vande Mataram.' All these versions are of different timings and tunes.
- It was originally written in the Sanskrit language.

Both national song and national anthem are patriotic songs that relate to the diversity of a country. The national anthem is a formally adopted song by the government. Not every country has both. Countries that do not have national songs consider the national anthem as their national song.

