

AWARENESS FOR NATIONAL ANTHEM AMONG CHILDREN IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

The National Anthem of India is entitled 'Jana Gana Mana'. It generally helps citizens relate to the country's spiritual and philosophical sentiments, its rich culture and colorful history. The national anthem presents a country's identity to the world and it acts as an instrument of unity among its citizens. Every citizen should remember and respect it. It is possible by learning since childhood that's why in school education, starting of day with national anthem is compulsory. Awareness about national anthem is essential among school students. Present study is targeted to primary and middle school students for finding of awareness regarding national anthem.

INTRODUCTION

The national anthem was originally composed in Bengali by India's first Nobel laureate Rabindra Nath Tagore on 11 December 1911 and was formally adopted as India's national anthem in 1950. National Anthem refers to a musical composition that has been selected by an authorized government body and is meant to represent a country's patriotic ethos. The national anthem presents a country's identity to the world and it acts as an instrument of unity among its citizens. The National Anthem conveys the spirit of 'Unity in Diversity', which lies at the core of India's cultural heritage.

The National Anthem is one of the most potent declarations of a country's independent status. India is a nation of multiple languages and dialects therein. Jana Gana Mana is understood unequivocally throughout India and thus brings forth the spirit of unity among these diverse languages. Our National Anthem conveys very aptly the traditions and values that still hold strong as the backbone of the country. It helps reinforce the accepting and assimilating nature of Indian culture along with its tolerance. It appeals to the country's patriotic emotions and helps unifying the different races, castes and creeds by solemn singing of the hymn-like verses.

For any citizen of any country respect, dedication and devotion for nation is essential. Govt. of almost all countries instructs their citizens to honor nation and national things. These feelings should inculcate among children at home, at school and everywhere. India is a country of diversity in terms of languages, castes, religions, culture and states. To keep integrate them national anthem plays important role. Awareness among kids about national anthem is necessary.

OBJECTIVE OF STUDY

- Finding of awareness for national among anthem among primary students
- Finding of awareness for national among anthem among middle students

HYPOTHESIS

1. There is no significant awareness for national anthem among primary students
2. There is no significant awareness for national anthem among middle students

METHODOLOGY

Descriptive survey method was adopted for present study. 200 rural and 200 urban students were randomly selected as sample. In both category 50% male and 50% female students were taken. They were tested for awareness using self-prepared test paper. Collected data was tabulated and comparatively analyzed using mean, standard deviation and t value as statistical tools.

FINDING AND ANALYSIS

Table: Awareness among Students for National Anthem

Category	Locality	Male		Female		t Value
		Mean Value	Std. Deviation	Mean Value	Std. Deviation	
Primary	Rural	63	1.24	66	1.07	0.92
	Urban	67	1.06	71	0.88	0.78
Middle	Rural	68	0.92	72	1.01	0.86
	Urban	73	1.03	76	0.91	0.84

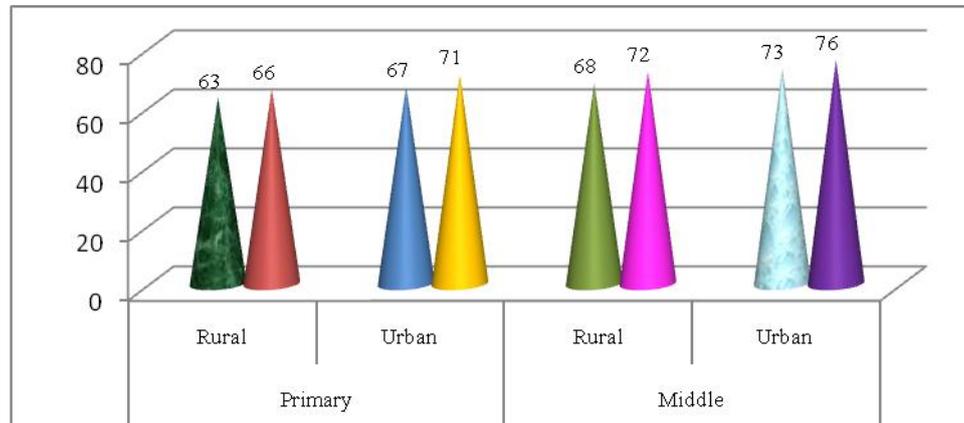


Chart: Awareness among Students for National Anthem

Data shows significant awareness among primary and middle school students. Among primary rural male students mean value is 63 while for female is 66 with t value 0.92. For urban male students mean value is 67, for female is 71 with t value 0.78. Thus hypothesis 1, there is no significant awareness for national anthem among primary students is rejected.

Among middle school students for rural male, mean value is 68 while for female mean value is 72 and t value is calculated as 0.86. Among urban male mean value is 73 and for urban female is 76 with t value 0.84. Hence hypothesis 2, there is no significant awareness for national anthem among middle students is rejected.

CONCLUSION

Awareness found in study shows need to do more in this respect. National anthem is a matter of pride for citizens. To make responsible citizens, students should be practically trained for national concerns since childhood. They should learn to respect nation, national flag, national anthem, national song, constitution. Efforts to disrespect nation should be prevented and patriotism should be appreciated.

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