



**Rajiv Mehrishi**

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**HOME SECRETARY**  
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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

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29 September 2016

*Dear Secretary,*

It has been decided to observe the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day)" on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2016. This occasion provides us opportunity to re-affirm the inherent strength and resilience of our nation to withstand the actual and potential threats to the unity, integrity and security of our country.

2. The Home Minister has already written to the Minister / Chief Minister in this regard. A copy of the self-explanatory letter is enclosed.

3. It is requested that action may be taken accordingly please.

*Warm regards,*

Yours sincerely,  
*Rajiv Mehrishi*

(Rajiv Mehrishi)

Encl: as above

Shri Rajiv Gupta,  
Secretary,  
Department of Youth Affairs,  
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports,  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

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RAJNATH SINGH



गृह मंत्री  
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HOME MINISTER  
INDIA  
NEW DELHI-110001

Dear Sh. Vijay Goelji,

The Government observes **31<sup>st</sup> October, 2016** all over the country as a day of special occasion, to foster and reinforce our dedication to preserve and strengthen unity, integrity and security of our nation, by celebrating it as **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day)** to commemorate the **birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**.

2. The occasion provides us an opportunity to re-affirm the inherent strength and resilience of our nation to withstand the actual and potential threats to the unity, integrity and security of our country.

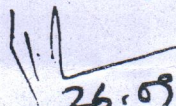
3. I, therefore, request you to give appropriate directions and guidance to all concerned so that the **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day)** could be organized and celebrated in a befitting manner. A **Pledge taking ceremony** may be organized to mark the occasion. The bi-lingual text of the **"Rashtriya Ekta Diwas"** Pledge is enclosed.

4. A **"Run for Unity"** may also be organized at the State/District Headquarters, involving people from all sections of the society, so that a message of national unity permeates to every part of the nation and the society.

5. In order to boost sentiments that our nation will not countenance any force that seeks to threaten the unity, integrity and security of our nation, a **March Past** may be organised in the evening of 31<sup>st</sup> October by the Police and other agencies.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

  
26.09.16  
(Rajnath Singh)

Encl: as above.

**Shri Vijay Goel,**  
MoS for Youth Affairs & Sports (IC) and MoS for Water Resources,  
River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation,  
Government of India,  
'C' Wing, Shastri Bhawan,  
New Delhi-110 001.

## राष्ट्रीय एकता दिवस शपथ

मैं सत्यनिष्ठा से शपथ लेता हूँ कि मैं राष्ट्र की एकता, अखंडता और सुरक्षा को बनाए रखने के लिए स्वयं को समर्पित करूँगा और अपने देशवासियों के बीच यह संदेश फैलाने का भी भरसक प्रयत्न करूँगा। मैं यह शपथ अपने देश की एकता की भावना से ले रहा हूँ जिसे सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल की दूरदर्शिता एवं कार्यों द्वारा संभव बनाया जा सका। मैं अपने देश की आंतरिक सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए अपना योगदान करने का भी सत्यनिष्ठा से संकल्प करता हूँ।

## RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS PLEDGE

I solemnly pledge that I dedicate myself to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and also strive hard to spread this message among my fellow countrymen. I take this pledge in the spirit of unification of my country which was made possible by the vision and actions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. I also solemnly resolve to make my own contribution to ensure internal security of my country.