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स्पीड पोस्ट SPEED POST

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Government observes 31st October as 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' (National Unity Day), across the country to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The day is celebrated to pay tributes to Late Sardar Vallabhai Patel for his contributions towards preserving and strengthening the unity, integrity and security of our nation.

- 2. This occasion also provides an opportunity to re-affirm the inherent strength and resilience of our nation to withstand the actual and potential threats to the unity and integrity of our country.
- 3. I, therefore, request you to please instruct the ULBs in your State/UT, including the Tier-1 and Tier II cities to observe and celebrate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on 31st October 2017 in a befitting manner. A Pledge Taking Ceremony may be organized to observe the occasion in all the ULBs. The bilingual text of the "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge" is enclosed.
- 4. A 'Run for Unity' may also be organized involving people from all the sections of the society. ULBs may also organize programmes like rallies, essay writing competitions and cultural programmes so that the message of national unity permeates all sections of the society.
- 5. ULBs may also be instructed to use the occasion to disseminate the message of "Swachhata" in order to sensitize the citizens about the importance of hygiene and sanitation in the national development.
- 6. It is further requested that a note on the celebrations of "National Unity Day" made across the State/UT alongwith actual photographs and videos be sent to the undersigned by 7th November, 2017.

With regards,

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

Principal Secretary / Secretary (Urban Development /Local Self Government) of all States & UTs



राष्ट्रीय एकता दिवस शपथ

में सत्यनिष्ठा से शपथ लेता हूँ कि मैं राष्ट्र की एकता, अखंडता और सुरक्षा को बनाए रखने के लिए स्वयं को समर्पित करूंगा और अपने देशवासियों के बीच यह संदेश फैलाने का भी भरसक प्रयत्न करूंगा। मैं यह शपथ अपने देश की एकता की भावना से ले रहा हूँ जिसे सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल की दूरदर्शिता एवं कार्यो 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.