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To
All the State Secretaries,
State Associations of
The Bharat Scouts and Guides,
INDIAN UNION



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SUB: CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL UNITY DAY OR RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS...REG.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters!

The **National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas** is celebrated every year on **October 31st** to commemorate the birth anniversary of India's first Home Minister, **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**. This year will mark the **148th** birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who is also known as the Iron Man of India.

The Rashtriya Ekta Diwas provides an opportunity to reaffirm the inherent strength and resilience of our nation towards upholding the unity, integrity, and security of our country. In honour of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the government of India constructed the world's tallest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel near the Narmada River in Gujarat which symbolizes the strength of unity in India. The main objective of the celebration is to uplift the nation's unity and spread awareness about Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's contribution to Indian history.

He played an important role in the integration of many Indian princely states to make an Indian federation. At the time of independence, he played the key role in convincing several princely states to align with the Indian Union. He also worked hard as a social leader for the independence of India. He is recognized as the real unifier of India for his colossal contribution to integrating and making India a united (**Ek Bharat**) and an independent nation. He requested the people of India to live together by uniting in order to create **Shresth Bharat (Foremost India)**. He is also remembered as the "Patron saint of India's civil servants" as he established the modern all-India services system.

The **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day** was introduced by the Indian government in the year 2014 to pay tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary for his extraordinary work in keeping India united. **The first Rashtriya Ekta Diwas** event was inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who flagged off a program, 'Run for Unity' in New Delhi in 2014.

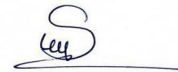
To Make the National Unity Day a successful event some, suggested activities are given hereunder.

- Unity Pledge (Enclosed)
- Fancy Dress Competition
- Poster making/Essay writing
- Unity Run/Bike Rally/Bicycle Rally
- Youth Parliament

Brief report with action photographs may kindly be forwarded to girlprogramme@bsgindia.org with a copy to info@bsgindia.org by 10th November 2023, so that the report can be published in BSG NHQ monthly magazine and BSG social media sites for the greater visibility of the movement.

Thanking you,

Yours in Guiding,



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