# GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION OLD SECRETARIAT, DELHI-110 054

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## Dated: 28./014

#### **CIRCULAR**

# Subject: Celebrating the Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31<sup>st</sup> October as Rashtriya Ekata Diwas (National Unity Day).

The nation is celebrating the coming Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2014 as the National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas). Born in Nadiad, Gujarat (then Bombay Presidency), Sardar Patel played a key role not only in he freedom struggle of the nation but also in uniting more than 500 self governing princely states into one India. Keeping in view his contribution in unifying the country, the Ministry of Human Resource Development has decided (letter dated 20.01.2014 enclosed) that the theme behind the celebrations to be held on the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas will be- Unity: Integrity: Safety & Security.

Heads of all Government and Government Aided Schools are hereby directed to organize the following activities to commemorate the day:

- Organize a Special Assembly in which, at least, two students (a boy and a girl child in Co-ed schools) speak about the contribution of Sardar Patel
  - (a) in the freedom movement in India, and
  - (b) in unifying India.
- 2. Heads of Schools or special invitees to address students and highlight the need to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the country.
- 3. Administer the Pledge (enclosed) to all students & staff.
- Organize a March Past within the school campus by NCC/NSS/Scout/Guide/Other students with a banner of राष्ट्रीय एकता दिवस in the hands of two students who lead the March Past.
- 5. Collective singing of National Anthem.
- 6. Local MLA or SMC members should be involved.

In addition to the above compulsory activities, the HOSs can also organize:

- House-wise/Class-wise Quiz Competition based on Freedom Struggle, North Eastern States of India, festivals and dances of India.
- Any collective activities requiring joint/team effort e.g. collective collage making, joint painting, etc.
- Indigenous team games e.g. kabaddi, kho-kho etc.

The basic idea is to enable students to appreciate the value of synergic effort rather than individual effort so that students go back to the society as ambassadors of unity, Peace and Safety. .

All Heads of Schools will mail Compliance Reports (including names of students who participated in different activities) to their respective District DDEs on 31.10.2014 itself.

All the District DDEs and Education Officers are directed to visit, at least, two schools in each of their respective areas (separately) and mail Inspection Reports to Addl. DE (School) in respect of the activities observed.

Heads of all Unaided Recognized Private Schools are also advised to organize the aforesaid activities to celebrate the 'National Unity Day'.

This issues with the prior approval of the Competent Authority.

Dr. (Mrs.) SUNITA S. KAUSHIK)
Addl. Director of Education (School)

Heads of all Government/ Govt. Aided/Unaided Recognized Schools of the Directorate of Education

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Copy to:

- 1. Spl.Secy. to Hon'ble LG.
- 2. PS to Chief Secretary.
- 3. Principal Secretary (Edn.)
- 4. All Spl. DEs/Addl. DEs, Directorate of Education.
- 5. All RDEs/DDEs/EOs, Directorate of Education.
- 6. OS (IT) to upload the circular on the website of the Deptt in pop up mode.

(Usha Rani)

Dated: 28 10.14

A.D.E. (School)

### 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 late Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. I also solemnly resolve to make my own contribution to ensure internal security of my country.

### राष्ट्रीय एकता दिवस शएय

में सत्यनिष्ठा से शपथ लेता हूं 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 ते रहा हूं जिसे स्वर्गीय सरदार बल्लभ भाई 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।