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Government of India  
Ministry of Rural Development  
Department of Land Resources  
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NBO Building, Nirman Bhawan  
New Delhi, the 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

**Circular**

The 148th Birth anniversary of Late Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is observed as "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day)" on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2023.

2. A pledge on the occasion of "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" will be administered by Secretary (LR) to the officials of this Department at NBO Building on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2023 at 11.00 A.M. in the Committee Room of the Department. Similarly, for the officials at Shivaji Stadium Annexe Building office and for the officials at Block No. 11, CGO Complex office, the pledge will be administered by JS(WM) and DDG(PME) respectively at the same time. A copy of the Pledge is enclosed.

3. Along with the pledge taking ceremony, it has been advised to celebrate the "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" by undertaking activities like organizing a "Run for Unity" programme. Accordingly, the Department has decided to participate in the "Run for Unity" programme being conducted by Department of Rural Development on 31.10.2023 (in morning) in which all officers are requested to participate.

4. LR and WM Divisions are requested to advise their respective State Level Nodal Agencies/ State Implementing Agencies for administering the "Pledge taking Ceremony" on "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" on 31.10.2023 and to actively organize various programmes on the occasion.

  
(Vivek Sabharwal)  
Under Secretary (Admn.)

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All employees of Department of Land Resources at NBO Building, CGO Complex office and Shivaji Stadium Annexe Building office.

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D.O. No. I-19034/01/2023-NI-II

20<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

Dear Secretary,

I am writing this letter in connection with the observance of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) on 31<sup>st</sup> October, the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, which is a special occasion to re-affirm the inherent strength and resilience of our people to withstand threats to the security, unity and integrity of the country.

2. The Union Home Minister has also written to the Union Ministers to celebrate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas-2023 with enthusiasm and fervour (copy enclosed). As in the past, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Parade, with participation from State Police Forces, Central Armed Police Forces and NCC cadets, is being organized on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2023 at the Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar, Gujarat, to mark the occasion. Further, a 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign is also being organized this year to honour the brave freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for our Independence. Alongwith the Pledge taking ceremony, it is suggested that suitable programmes during the National Unity Week (observed from 25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2023) may be organized in your Ministry/Department coinciding with grand culmination of the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign.

3. As advised by the Union Home Minister in his above mentioned letter, a Pledge taking ceremony may also be organized to mark the occasion. In this regard, the text of the "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge" is enclosed.

4. I, therefore, request you to give appropriate directions and guidance for celebration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas-2023 in a befitting manner.

With regards,

Encl: As above

Yours sincerely,

(Ajay Bhalla)

To  
The Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments of Government of India  
(As per list attached)

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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 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.