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Sub: Observance of “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas” (National Unity Day) on 31st October, 2019.

Respected Sir/Madam,

The Government of India has decided to observe the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the architect of national integration of independent India as “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day)” on 31st October 2019. This occasion provides us an opportunity to re-affirm the inherent strength and resilience of our nation and its people to withstand the actual and potential threats to the unity, integrity and security of our country.

To mark the celebration of the National Unity Day, all Higher Educational Institutions are requested to undertake special events/activities to observe the occasion, which may include the following:

a) A Pledge taking ceremony may be organised, the text of the “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge” is enclosed.

b) A “Run for Unity” may also be organised at appropriate locations, involving students, teachers, staff and all officials, so that a message of national unity permeates to all.

c) A March Past may be organised in the evening of 31st October by formations wherever feasible.

The Government has also instituted a prestigious national award viz. Sardar Patel National Unity Award, to recognize exemplary and outstanding individual contribution and tireless and selfless work done by citizens to promote the cause of national unity and integrity to strengthen the fabric of the country as one nation. The nominations/recommendations for the Sardar Patel National Unity Award may be sent on the online portal www.nationalunityawards.mha.gov.in. The format for sending nominations for the award is mentioned on the above website.

The universities and all affiliated colleges are requested to celebrate the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas with enthusiasm and fervour. The action taken in this regard may kindly be uploaded on the University Activity Monitoring Portal (UAMP) (https://www.ugc.ac.in/uamp/) of UGC latest by 10:00 AM on 1st November, 2019.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajnish Jain)

The Vice-Chancellor of all Universities.

The Principal of all Colleges

Encl: As above.