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**Sub.: "Nation Salutes Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Unifier of India" – observing the Birth Anniversary on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017 – reg.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Ministry of Human Resource Development vide its letter No. C-30021/09/2016-CDN dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017 has informed that it has been decided by Hon'ble HRM that all higher educational institutions in the country will observe "**Nation Salutes Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**" on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017 to honour the birth anniversary of Sardar Patel by conducting programmes & events built around the theme of unity, which reflect his decisive efforts in unifying a diverse country like India, so as to create a single political, socio-economic and administrative entity for governance under Independent India. The following is a list of events that can be carried in memory of the great "*Unifier*" that was Sardar Patel, by Higher Educational Institutions in the country:

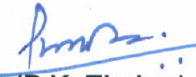
- i. **Unity Runs – in cities, towns and rural areas by students with the message of unified Bharat.**
- ii. Inter-Department competitions within every institution in the area of unity.
- iii. Dramas, Songs and Plays on the theme of unity with an award for most creative theme.
- iv. Historical essays on the character and contribution of Sardar Patel with prizes.
- v. Essay writing and elocution on "Relevance & Importance of Sardar Patel in today's India".
- vi. Competition of designing T-shirts and caps on the theme of unification.
- vii. Competition for writing /composing/singing original songs on the unity theme.
- viii. Mobilization and felicitation of freedom fighters in the region by students –recording of their stories/recollections of Sardar Patel and Views on current issues of unity.

In view of the above, you are requested to kindly ensure conducting of the above programmes & events in a befitting manner in your esteemed University and affiliated colleges. Photographs of the Unity Run and other activities undertaken on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017 may be sent through email at **sardarpatelhrd2017@gmail.com**. Local Doordarshan may be informed of the Unity Run for coverage.

**This important activity may be accorded Top Priority.**

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
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**The Vice-Chancellor of all Universities.**

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