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Dated: 27th October, 2023

Dear Sir/ Madam,

As you are aware, October 31 is celebrated across the country as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the architect of national integration of independent India. It is a special occasion to foster and reinforce our dedication to preserve and strengthen the unity, integrity and security of our nation.

2. In this regard, it is to inform that Run for Unity may be organised in each and every school preferably before the assembly on 31.10.2023. It has been decided, to initiate a pledge taking ceremony to mark the occasion. The text of the pledge is enclosed. Other activities as deemed appropriate may also be organized.

3. In view of the above, it is requested that necessary action may kindly be taken to celebrate the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day, 2023) in a befitting manner. Schools may be advised to coordinate with the local office of the Sports and Youth Affairs Department and MY-BHARAT platform.

4. Further, it is requested that a plan of action including location where the Unity Run is being organized be intimated to this Department by 28th October 2023. Following the event, an action taken report including following details may please be sent to this Department:

(i) No. of schools under your organization;

(ii) No. of schools & students participated in the Unity Run and the Pledge taking ceremony;

(iii) No. of schools which uploaded photographs of the event on social media.

5. I look forward to participation of the schools from your State/UT and your personal intervention to ensure the successful conduction of the event.

Regards

Yours sincerely,


(Vipin Kumar) 23/10/23

To

Principal Secretary/ Secretary, School Education, all States/UTs

Copy to:

State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, all States/UTs

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 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।

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.