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The observance of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day on 31st October serves to reinforce our commitment to strengthen the security, unity and integrity of our country. It not only commemorates the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the architect of national integration of independent India, but also re-affirms the inherent strength and resilience of our people to withstand threats to the security, unity and integrity of the country.

The celebration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas has a special significance this year, as it marks the completion of the task of making Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh an integral part of India by abrogating Article 370. In a true sense, this represents the realisation of the dream of Sardar Patel for an integrated India.

It would be in the fitness of things, therefore, to undertake special events to mark the celebration of the National Unity Day. For the first time, The Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Parade, with participation from police forces across the country, is being organized on 31st October, 2019 at the Statue of Unity, Kevadiya, Gujarat, which will be held every year thereafter.

Government of India has instituted a prestigious national award viz. Sardar Patel National Unity Award, to recognize the tireless and selfless work done by citizens to promote the cause of national unity and integrity and to strengthen the fabric of the country as one nation. The award seeks to recognize the exemplary and outstanding contribution of such individuals, who work for promoting the unity and integrity of the country, so that they can serve as an inspiration to others, while reinforcing the idea of India as a strong and united nation. The nominations/recommendations for the Sardar Patel National Unity Award may be sent on the online portal www.nationalunityawards.mha.gov.in, in the given

format. I would urge you to kindly send nominations or recommendations for the Sardar Patel National Unity Award for 2019, at the earliest. A copy of the award scheme is enclosed.


Further, in keeping with the practice of past years, I request you to give appropriate directions and guidance for celebrating the National Unity Day on 31st October, 2019 in a befitting manner. Ministries are expected to undertake suitable activities to observe the occasion, which may include the following:

- a) A Pledge taking ceremony may be organized to mark the occasion; the text of the "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge" is enclosed.
- b) A "Run for Unity" may also be organized at appropriate locations, involving people from all sections of the society, so that a message of national unity permeates to every corner of the country.
- c) A March Past may be organized in the evening of 31st October by uniformed forces or formations wherever feasible.

I would urge you to kindly ensure that the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is celebrated with enthusiasm and fervour.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Amit Shah)

To

All Union Ministers of the Government of India.