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गृह मंत्री भारत नई दिल्ली-110001 HOME MINISTER INDIA NEW DELHI-110001

## Dear

With a view to foster and reinforce our dedication to preserve and strengthen unity, integrity and security of our nation, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) will be observed all over the country on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2015 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

- 2. The occasion provides us an opportunity to re-affirm the inherent strength and resilience of our nation to withstand the actual and potential threats to the unity, integrity and security of our country.
- 3. I, therefore, request you to give appropriate directions and guidance to all concerned so that the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) could be organized and celebrated in a befitting manner.
- 4. A Pledge taking ceremony may be organized. The bi-lingual text of the "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge" is enclosed. As 31<sup>st</sup> October this year falls on a Saturday, the Pledge Taking Ceremony may be organized on the day prior, that is on 30<sup>th</sup> October at the time of closing of the offices/institutions concerned.
- 5. A "Run for Unity" may be organized at the State/District Headquarters, involving people from all sections of the society, so that a message of national unity could permeate every part of the nation and the society.

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6. In order to boost the sentiments that our nation will not countenance any force that seeks to threaten the unity, integrity and security of our nation, a ceremonial parade including a March Past may also be held in the evening of 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> October by the Police and the Para-military Force personnel.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

(Rajnath Singh)

Encl: as above.

All Ministers in Union Government Chief Ministers of all State Governments (As per list attached)