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Dear

Sub : Sardar Patel's Birth Anniversary (31st October, 2014) : Spreading the message of Unity, Safety and Security.

As you are aware 31st October, 2014 is Sardar Patel's Birth Anniversary. Government of India have decided to observe this day as the "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" (National Unity Day). We are all aware of his contribution to India's unity, safety and security. As a mark of honour for his contribution in these spheres, I would like to request you to organize events on 31st October, 2014 to spread message of unity, safety and security. Colleges and Universities play a very vital role in building public opinion and in conveying important national messages to the wider civil society.

2. This 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. Students of Universities and Colleges may be administered the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledges (copies enclosed) to motivate them to strive to maintain unity and integrity of the country. The programme may conclude with collective singing the National Anthem.

3. The illustrative list of activities that may be taken up on 31st October are as follows :

- (i) A run for unity can be organized by the institutions where students of smaller outfits can join in. A Coordinator for the institution may be appointed for the purpose whose name can be put in the webpage of the College/University and be informed to UGC or AICTE.
- (ii) A panel discussion in the college/institute/University on the contribution of Sardar Patel to national unity, safety and security.
- (iii) Debate competition among College students on aspects of national security, safety and unity.
- (iv) There can be March Past of NCC before sunset.
- (v) The National Service Scheme and National Cadet Corps students could use this occasion to demonstrate their skills in promoting unity, safety and security in the respective institution premises.
- (vi) Organise pictorial exhibition on the contribution of Sardar Patel in the building of India specially with regard to its unity, safety and security, could be organized in institutions.
- (vii) Libraries in your institutions could publicize the works on Sardar Patel and by Sardar Patel prominently displaying his writings and writings about him for a fortnight starting 31st October, 2014.

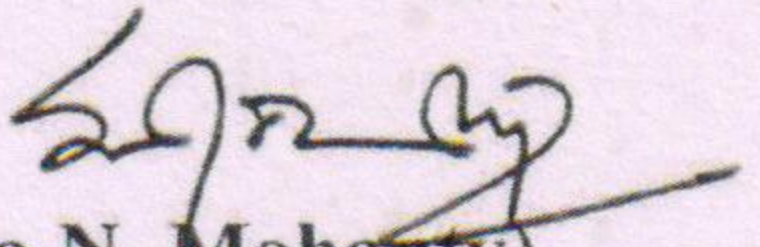
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(viii) Institutions may like to screen the documentary film of Sardar Patel made by Doordarshan to familiarize the students with the contribution made by him to national unity, safety and security.

4. The above list is illustrative. I am sure institutions could think of many other possibilities to spread the message of unity, safety and security on the occasion of Sardar Patel Birth Anniversary. I would request each one of you for a sincere effort to promote these ideals in your institution.

with warm regards.

Yours sincerely,


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To

All Central Universities.