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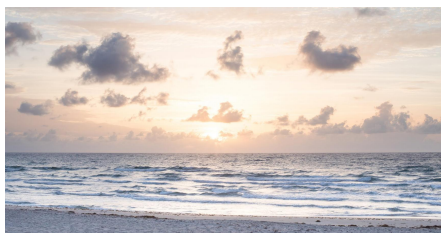
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Various ministries and departments will organise 'Run for Unity'

New Delhi: Arrangements are in full swing to celebrate the 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' on October 31, the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Several events are scheduled to be held by various ministries, PSUs and organisations across the country.

In the national capital all over the country, people will take a pledge to protect the unity and integrity of India and participate in the 'Run for Unity' programme.



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In Delhi, the run will be organised from Major Dhyanchand Stadium at 7 AM. It will be flagged off by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh. The Home Minister will also pay floral tributes at the statue of Sardar Patel in the Parliament Street.

Various ministries and departments will organise 'Run for Unity', march past and 'Ekta Diwas' pledge as well as other different activities on the occasion all over the country. These ministries include the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, External Affairs (MEA), Defence, Railways, Power, Housing & Urban Affairs, Shipping, Civil Aviation, Road,

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women, ex-servicemen, prominent sports personalities and others are expected to join the celebrations.

The MEA will organise pledge taking in Indian missions. Essays and quiz competitions, debates, short films, photo exhibitions, etc. will be organised in offices of the MEA and in the Indian Missions. It will arrange talks on the life and contribution of Sardar Patel in cooperation with 'Friendship Societies' and 'Think Tanks'.

The Ministry of Railways will organise a pledge and a march past at its zonal and divisional headquarters. Under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, various events such as 'Run for Unity', a pledge, a floral tribute, poetry and painting competitions involving all citizens of tier-I and tier-II cities including SMART and AMRUT cities and towns will be organised.

The Ministry of Culture will organise activities including essays, quiz competitions, lectures and a symposium at the Sahitya Academy and other programmes at Zonal Cultural Centres. The National School of Drama will organize a special play on Sardar Patel.

The Human Resource Development Ministry is organising essay competitions, debates, Run for Unity, pledge in 2000+ Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas, and drawing participation of a huge number of students. The students will also be encouraged to speak simple sentences in constitutionally recognised 22 official Indian languages for 22 consecutive days – one language every day.

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas will organise programmes in oil PSUs. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting will telecast the film 'Sardar' on DD, play radio and TV jingles and will run features on the life and achievements of Sardar Patel. Talk shows/interviews based programmes/live phone-in programmes on 'Integration of India' will also be telecast by the Ministry.

The Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) will actively participate in State-level and other field level functions and organise March pasts.

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