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Arrangements in full swing for Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations on Oct 31

Several events are scheduled to be held by various Ministries, Public Sector Undertakings and organisations across the country.

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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aonations towards the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund(PMNRF) and the National Defence Fund(NDF) are notified for 100% deduction from taxable income under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act,1961"" In New Delhi, the Run for Unity will be organised from Major Dhynachand Stadium which will be flagged off by Home Minister Rajnath Singh.

The Home Minister will also pay floral tributes at the statue of Sardar Patel in the Parliament Street.

The Ministry of External Affairs will organise pledge taking in Indian Missions. Essay and Quiz Competitions, debates, short films, photo exhibition etc. will be organised in offices of MEA and in the Indian Missions.



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It will arrange 'Talks' on life and contribution of Sardar Patel in cooperation with 'Friendship Societies' and 'Think Tanks'.

The Ministry of Railways will organise pledge and March Past at its Zonal and Divisional Headquarters.

Under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, various events such as Run for Unity, pledge, floral tribute, 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 essay, quiz competitions, lectures and symposium at 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, Run for Unity, pledge in 2000 Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas, drawing participation of a huge number of students.

The students will also be encouraged to speak simple sentences or words in constitutionally recognised 22 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 & Broadcasting will telecast the film 'Sardar' on Doordarshan, play radio and TV jingles and will run features on life and achievements of Sardar Patel.

Talk shows and interviews based programmes or live phone-in programmes on 'Integration of India will also be telecast by the Ministry.

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

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