

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
ARUNACHAL PRADESH
ITANAGAR**

Press Communiqué

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas observed at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar

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Along with the Nation, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), which commemorates the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was observed at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 31st October 2020. The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) and First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra along with staff and officials of Raj Bhavan participated in the function. They paid floral tributes to the 'Iron Man of India' on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor urged upon the people of the State to continue the endeavour to reinforce the spirit of unity and nationalism. He called upon them to imbibe the ideals of Sardar Patel.

The Governor said that following the Nationalists higher wisdom, higher direction and higher coordination, India will prosper. He cautioned against vested interest approach and advised all to strengthen Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji in his mission of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'.

One of the few, who witnessed the first Independence Day of the nation, the Governor recalled the challenges of the people under British Rule and the nascent stage of the country's independence. He also recalled the proactive initiatives of Sardar Patel in ensuring the joining of Jammu & Kashmir and Hyderabad in the Indian Union.

The Governor said that many people contributed towards the Indian independence, but the most genuine and bold contribution was made by Sardar Patel.

The Governor, First Lady of the State and Commissioner to Governor Dr. Sagar Preet Hooda, IPS participated in 'Walk for Unity' along with the Raj Bhavan staff, officials and ITBP personnel, while the patriotic song 'Kadam Kadam Badhaye Ja' was being played and the 'Walk' was being joined by many.

The Governor, later, administered to all present the 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' pledge. The Pledge was in the spirit of unification of the country which was made possible by the vision and actions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The pledge made was of dedication to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and also make contribution to ensure internal security of the country.

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