

## ‘Rastriya Ekta Diwas’ observed in City

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**Bhubaneswar, Oct 31:** The DAV Public School, Kalinga Nagar, Bhubaneswar, observed the Rastriya Ekta Diwas on its premises to commemorate the 145th birth anniversary of the country's first Deputy Prime Minister and freedom fighter Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who is fondly remembered as the 'Iron Man of India'.

As a mark of respect to the great patriot, the principal and teachers offered floral tributes to Sardar Patel and took the National Unity Day pledge. At a meeting organised on the occasion, the principal of the school Bipin Kumar Sahoo highlighted the great contribution and commendable efforts of Sardar Patel in securing India's freedom from the British rule and his decisive role in the unification of the princely states to form a strong Indian federation. Different online competitions were organ-

ised among the students to mark the occasion. The programme was smoothly conducted by the harmonious co-ordination of the staff members of the observing the guidelines of Covid-19 pandemic.

Rshtriya Ekta Diwas was also observed at IIT Bhubaneswar on its campus. On this occasion, a floral tribute was offered by the director R V Raja Kumar and the staff members took pledge on this occasion to preserve unity, integrity and security of the nation. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. RV Raja Kumar emphasised the role played by Sardar Vallabhai Patel's in the national integration. Prof Kumar also reiterated that IIT Bhubaneswar has always believed in creating a feeling of 'One Nation' and the best example of this was the successful completion of "Ek Bharat, Shresht Bharat" programmes which were completed as per the mandate from the Ministry of Education (MoE).