



## **‘Rashtriya Ekta Diwas’ observed at IIT Bhubaneswar amidst Pandemic**

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Bhubaneswar, Oct 31: IIT Bhubaneswar observed “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas” to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31st Oct, 2020 at its campus. The event was initiated with a floral ceremonial tribute by Prof. R. V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar.

The Faculty, Officers and Staff members took the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge on the solemn occasion, in which they pledged to dedicate themselves to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and also strive hard to spread this message among fellow countrymen in the spirit of unification of the country, which was made possible by the vision and actions of late Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the founding leaders of Republic of India.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. R. V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, emphasised the actions of “Sardar Vallabhai Patel”, the monumental efforts and the groundwork put by, The Iron Man of India who was instrumental for the national integration as one India. He also reiterated that at IIT Bhubaneswar, we have always believed in creating a feeling of One Nation and the best example was the successful completion of “Ek Bharat Shresht Bharat” programs which were completed as per the mandate from the Ministry of Education (MoE). Govt. of India in a spirited manner. Prof. Kumar also mentioned that Sardar Patel is an inspiring role model for every Indian for his patriotic fervour with determination and stressed that all the citizens of the country should derive inspiration and dedicate themselves to the sovereignty, security and integrity of the nation.

The Institute observed this day in a simple function by adhering to all the social distancing parameters in view of the ongoing pandemic. Various competitions ranging from Quiz, Art Competition, Article Writing and Slogan writing were organized online by the Socio-Cultural Council, Student Gymkhana, IIT Bhubaneswar on this occasion. Also present on the occasion were Prof. V.R. Pedireddi, Dean Student Affairs, Col (Dr.) Subodh Kumar, Registrar and Dr. Sankarsan Mohapatro, President, Student Gymkhana along with faculty, officers and staff of the Institute.

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