

**Director Public Instructions (Colleges), Punjab, Chandigarh
(College Education Branch)**

To

1. Registrar,
Panjab University, Chandigarh.

2. Registrar,
Punjabi University, Patiala.

3. Registrar,
Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

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Subject:- "Nation Salutes Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Unifier of India"- nation-wide campaign of "Rashtriya Ekta Saptah" from October 31- November 6- 2016.


Government of India has decided to hold a nation-wide campaign "Nation Salutes Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 'Rashtriya Ekta Saptah' on 31st October, 2016 and subsequently upto 6th November, 2016 to hobnour the memory of Sardar Patel by conducting programmes & events which reflect his decisive efforts in unifying a diverse country like India, so as to create a single political, socio-economic and administrative entity for governance under Independent India. The activities/events which are to be conducted by Higher Educational Institutions and Schools in the country need to be built around the theme of unification, strengthening and bonding of the nation. The following is a list of events that can be carried in memory of the great 'Unifier' that was Sardar Patel, by Higher Educational Institutions in the country:

- i. Unity Runs-in cities, towns and rural areas by students with the message of a unified Bharat.
- ii. Institutions to bring out creative short clips on Unification- the best three would be selected for presenting to PMO.
- iii. Inter-Department competitions within every institution in the area of unity.
- iv. Dramas, songs and Plays on the theme of unity with an award for most creative theme.
- v. Historical essays on the character and contribution of Sardar Patel with prizes.
- vi. Essay writing and elocution on "Relevance & Importance of Sardar Patel in today's India.
- vii. Competition of designing T-shirts and caps on the theme of Unification.
- viii. Most creative slogan contest on the Unity theme.
- ix. Competition for writing/composing/singing original songs on the unity theme.

- x. Mobilisation and felicitation of former freedom fighters in the region by students- recording of their stories/recollections of Sardar Patel and views on current issues of unity.

Photographs of activities undertaken on 31st October and beyond may be sent through email in order to display to Honourable Minister immediately after 6th November, 2016. The email id operational for the campaign is dpioffice1@gmail.com.

You are requested to hold these events in Higher Educational Institutions and inform the department accordingly.


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