

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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PRESS RELEASE

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas observed at Raj Bhavan

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Governor**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) participated in the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebration at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 31st October 2019. He also administered the National Unity Day pledge to all members of Governor's establishment and ITBP personnel posted at Raj Bhavan.

Greeting the people on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, which commemorates the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Governor recalled the contributions of Sardar Patel, who is credited with achieving political integration of India immediately after the Independence and accomplished the colossal task of obtaining accession of over 562 princely States in India. He said that Sardar, popularly known as Iron Man of India as the First Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of India gave the present geographical visible shape to India.

The Governor exhorted the assembly to strengthen the spirit of unity and integrity amongst the people of the State and the country. He said that for strong global political importance, it is the duty of every citizen to maintain the unity and integrity passed down to the present generation by the founding leaders of Indian Freedom struggle particularly Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel.

To reinforce the commitment of the people, Governor administered Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge. The officers and officials pledged to dedicate themselves to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the Nation and also strive hard to spread the message of National Unity among our fellow countrymen. They also took the pledge in the spirit of unification of the country which was made possible by the vision and actions of late Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. They resolved to make their own contribution to ensure the internal security of India.

The Governor led the Rashtriya Ekta March, accompanied by the First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra, officers and officials of Governor Secretariat, staff from various departments attached to Raj Bhavan and personnel of Arunachal Pradesh Police and Indo Tibetan Border Police. The Ekta March with patriotic songs concluded with the slogan of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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