

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma has extended warm greetings to the people of the State on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, which commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The Governor expressed his hope that the National Unity Day celebration will further strengthen the spirit of oneness, peace and amity in the State and Nation.

In his message to the people, the Governor said that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, an ardent patriot, a distinguished administrator and one of the great social leaders of India is the epitome of unity. He was instrumental in integration of over 500 princely States into the Indian Union at the time of Indian Independence. It was his persistence and strong commitment that inspite of diverse cultural attributes, the country adorns and enjoys exceptional characteristics of Unity in Diversity. The Governor wished that every Indian reaffirms to the inherent strength and resilience of the nation to withstand the actual and potential threats to the unity, integrity and security of the country.

On the occasion, the Governor appealed to the people of the State and Country, youth in particular to love and respect fellow Indians as their own brothers and sisters. He exhorted all to pledge to uphold the spirit of unity and fraternity amongst the people as a tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

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Arunachal Pradesh  
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