GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAILWAY BOARD

No. E(G) 2021/CL-4/9

The General Managers,
All India Railways, PUs and PSUs,
All Centralized Training Institutes,
RDSO, Metro & CORE.

New Delhi, dated: 28.10.2021

Sub: Observance of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) on 31st October 2021 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Ref: Board’s letter of even number dated 26.10.2021.

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In continuation to Board’s letter of even number dated 26.10.2021 on the above subject, please find enclosed a copy of D.O. No. 281/1/7/2017-TS dated 22.10.2021 alongwith its enclosures (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge) received from Cabinet Secretary, Government of India addressed to CRB & CEO/ Railway Board and D.O. No. I-19034/01/2021-NI-II dated 11.10.2021 of Shri Amit Shah, Hon’ble Home and Cooperation Minister addressed to all the Union Ministers of the Government of India, on the above subject, for information and strict compliance.

DA: As above

Copy for information and necessary action to:

DG/RPF/ Railway Board

ED/IP/Railway Board

(Anita Gautam)
Director, Estt. (Genl.)
Railway Board
We have been celebrating 31st October, the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, every year, as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas with great passion and warmth throughout the country. The occasion provides us with an excellent opportunity to reinforce our commitment to strengthen the security, unity and integrity of the nation.

As you are aware, we are also celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, which is an initiative to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. We are fortunate that this year we can celebrate both the events together.

The Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Parade is being organized on 31st October 2021 at the Statue of Unity, Kevadiya, Gujarat, with participation from the State Police Forces and the Central Armed Police Forces. We will pay homage on behalf of the people of the nation at the statue of Sardar Patel with 'Pad Puja'.

I request you to instruct your administration appropriately to organize the following programmes as well as other appropriate programmes to celebrate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on 31st October 2021 with zeal and verve:

i. A Pledge taking ceremony may be organized to mark the occasion of the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas. The text of the 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' pledge is enclosed herewith.

ii. A March Past may be organized by the State Police and other uniformed forces and agencies to bolster the sentiments of unity, integrity and security. Cycle rallies/motorcycle rallies etc. may also be organised in the run-up to the celebrations covering different regions of the State/UT, culminating in the State/UT capital on 31st October 2021. This will help in spreading the message and spirit of Rashtriya Ekta and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav throughout the country.

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I am sure that together we can take our nation to even greater heights. With this hope, I would request you to kindly ensure that Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is celebrated with enthusiasm and fervour keeping in mind the Covid-19 guidelines.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Amit Shah)

All the Union Ministers of the Govt. of India
राष्ट्रीय एकता दिवस शपथ

मैं सत्यनिष्ठा से शपथ लेता हूँ कि मैं राष्ट्र की एकता, अखंडता और सुरक्षा को बनाए रखने के लिए स्वयं को समर्पित करूंगा और अपने देशवासियों के बीच यह संदेश फैलाने का भी भरसक प्रयत्न करूंगा। मैं यह शपथ अपने देश की एकता की भावना से ले रहा हूँ जिसे सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल की दूरदर्शिता एवं कार्यों द्वारा संभव बनाया जा सका। मैं अपने देश की आंतरिक सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए अपना योगदान करने का भी सत्यनिष्ठा से संकल्प करता हूँ।

RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS PLEDGE

I solemnly pledge that I dedicate myself to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and also strive hard to spread this message among my fellow countrymen. I take this pledge in the spirit of unification of my country which was made possible by the vision and actions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. I also solemnly resolve to make my own contribution to ensure internal security of my country.
As you are aware, the Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is observed as “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas” (National Unity Day) on 31st October, every year. This is an occasion to foster and reinforce our commitment to strengthen the unity, integrity and security of the nation. This year, we are also celebrating “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”, an initiative to commemorate 75 years of Independence and the glorious history of our people, culture and achievements.

2. The Union Home Minister has already written to Chief Ministers of all State Governments/Administrator of UTs, for celebrating the occasion in a befitting manner (copy enclosed).

3. As in the past, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Parade, with participation from State Police Forces and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), is being organized on 31st October, 2021 at the Statue of Unity, Kevadia, Gujarat, to mark the occasion. This year, to celebrate the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2021 and the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav together, two cross country rallies (Cycle and Motorcycle rallies) have been organized which will converge at Kevadia on October 31, 2021.

4. I would request you to issue appropriate instructions to all concerned to celebrate the “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas” by undertaking suitable activities that may include administering a Pledge (copy enclosed) and holding a “March Past” by the Police Forces and other uniformed forces and agencies on 31st October, 2021. Cycle/motorcycle rallies etc. may also be organized in the run up to the celebrations covering different regions of the State/UT, culminating in the State/UT capital on 31st October, 2021.

5. While organizing various programmes/activities for the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations, it is imperative that Covid-19 protocols as prescribed and recommended by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, are followed.

6. The events may be given adequate publicity, so that the message of national unity and awareness about Sardar Patel’s stellar contributions to the building of modern India is reinforced.

Yours sincerely,

(Rajiv Gauba)

Encl. As above

Shri Suneet Sharma
Chairman & CEO,
Railway Board