



Vigilance Awareness Week and National Unity Day 2024 Report

IIT Bombay observed Vigilance Awareness Week and National Unity Day, commemorating the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel during October 28th - November 3rd, 2024. The Institute reaffirmed its commitment to promoting ethics, integrity and national unity. This year's theme for the Vigilance Awareness Week campaign is "सत्यनिष्ठा की संस्कृति से राष्ट्र की समृद्धि," which translates to "*Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity.*"

A number of events were organised on the occasion by various sections of IIT Bombay as below:

1. Administration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) Pledge:



On the occasion of **Vigilance Awareness Week** observed during October 28 - November 3, 2024 and **National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) 2024**, the Institute employees undertook the Integrity and Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledges on October 28, 2024, at the Registrar's Conference Room in the Nandan Nilekani Main Building.

Mr. Akhouri Ashutosh Sinha, Assistant Registrar (HRM)-II, Administration Section, IIT Bombay administered both pledges to IIT Bombay employees in Hindi while **Ms. Falguni Banerjee Naha**, Public Relations Officer, administered them in English.

Additionally, the **Vigilance Cell of IIT Bombay**, organised an essay-writing competition for the campus community on the theme “*Role of educational institutes in the fight against corruption.*”

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2. PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, IIT Powai:



Commemorating the birth anniversary of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**, PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, IIT Powai celebrated the **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas** in November 2024.

During the morning assembly, students took a Unity Pledge, reaffirming their commitment to uphold unity, integrity, and national security.

The occasion featured various activities centered around the theme of unity. Students presented thought-provoking speeches, shared inspiring quotes and quizzes, all reflecting the life and contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Teachers emphasized the importance of celebrating National Unity Day and encouraged students to embrace values such as unity, tolerance and mutual respect.

The highlight of the celebration was the spirited "**Run for Unity**," a symbolic event designed to embody the enduring spirit of togetherness and the importance of national solidarity reflecting the legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's vision for a united India. **Mr. V.S. Wankhede**, Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya, flagged off the run.

The celebrations truly marked a tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India, instilling a sense of national integrity and unity amongst the students.

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3. IIT Bombay Campus School:



The **IIT Campus School and Junior College** celebrated **National Unity Day** on November 26, 2024, at its premises. The day began with an oath-taking ceremony where staff and students pledged to uphold the principles of unity within the community, promoting peace and harmony.

As part of the celebration, various competitions were held, including drawing, quiz, poetry and elocution, all highlighting the significance of unity in diversity. Principal **Mrs. Valsala Kumari**, Principal **Ms. Geeta Shewde** and other staff members were present on the occasion. The event was well-coordinated by the primary in-charge, **Ms. Ruby Samy**.

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