



## National Service Scheme

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India is a diverse country where people belong to different cultures, region, religion, caste, ethnicities and more. To commemorate the birth anniversary of Ace leader and politician Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, National Unity Day is being celebrated on October 31 across the country. „National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas“ is celebrated today, i.e. October 31 since 2014, in regard to the birth anniversary of the 'Iron Man of India', Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

To respect his unimaginable efforts, the Government of India introduced National Unity Day on his birth anniversary. In 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the tallest statue in the world - Statue of Unity of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, which is about 182 cm tall, stating that it is the symbol of integrity and resolve. Sardar Patel played a major role in the Integration of India (Ek Bharat) from over 560 princely states.

To celebrate the 143<sup>rd</sup> birth anniversary of the Iron man of India, Sardar Patel a “Run for Unity” was organized by NSS unit of Polytechnic in Agricultural Engineering, AAU, Dahod at College campus on 03/11/2022. The very purpose of the celebration is to make people aware of the ideas of staying together and uplifting society. In the beginning, NSS volunteers (40 nos.) took an oath to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation in the spirit of unification of the county.

### **The following pledge was administered to students:**

*“I solemnly pledge that I dedicate myself to preserve the unity, integrity and security of Nation and also strive hard to spread this message among my fellow countrymen. I take this Pledge in Spirit of unification of my country which was made possible by the vision and actions of late Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. I also solemnly resolve to make my own contribution to ensure internal security of my Country”*

The programme ended with Run for Unity by the students. The Whole programme was framed and circulated by Prof. Sachin S.Chinchorkar, NSS Programme Officer under the guidance of Dr. M.M.Trivedi, Principal,PAE,AAU, Dahod.



**Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved. – Mattie Stepanek**