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Date 20-10-21

D.O. No. 19034/01/2021-NI-II

Dear Servetony,

As you are aware, October 31 is being observed across the country as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. It is a special occasion to foster and reinforce our dedication to preserve and strengthen unity, integrity and security of our nation, by reinforcing the value of a strong and united India.

2. This year, the celebration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas also coincides with the celebrations of 75 years of our Independence, and the glorious history of the people, the culture and the achievements of progressive India.

3. The Union Home Minister has already written to the Union Ministers to celebrate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas-2021 with enthusiasm and fervour (copy enclosed).

4. As in the past, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Parade, with participation from State Police Forces and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), is being organized on October 31, 2021 at the Statue of Unity, Kevadia, 'Gujarat, to mark the occasion.

5. This year, as a special initiative, as part of the joint celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, two rallies (Cycle Rally and Motorcycle Rally) have been organized which will converge at Keyadia on October 31, 2021. The Cycle Rally is celebrating the spirit of SAZadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav with participation from CAPFs (BSF, CISF, CRPF, ITBP and SSB) from different parts of the country such as Leh (Indo-China Border), Jaigaon (Indo-Bhutan Border, West Bengal), Barmer (Indo-Pakistan Border, Rajasthan), Gadchiroli (Maharashtra) and Trivandrum (Kerala). The Motorcycle Rally with the theme of National Integration comprises participants from State Police Forces from four corners of the country namely Gujarat (Kutch), Jammu & Kashmir (Uri), Tamil Nadu (Kanyakumari) and Tripura (Sabroon).

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6. As advised by the Union Home Minister in his above mentioned letter, a pledge taking ceremony may also be organized to mark the occasion. In this regard, the text of the "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge" is enclosed.

7. I, therefore, request you to give appropriate directions and guidance for celebrating the occasion in a befitting manner, keeping in mind Covid-19 guidelines.

With regards

Encl: As above

(Ajay Bhalla)

Yours sincerely,

<u>Secretaries to all Ministries/Departments of Govt. of India</u> (As per list attached)