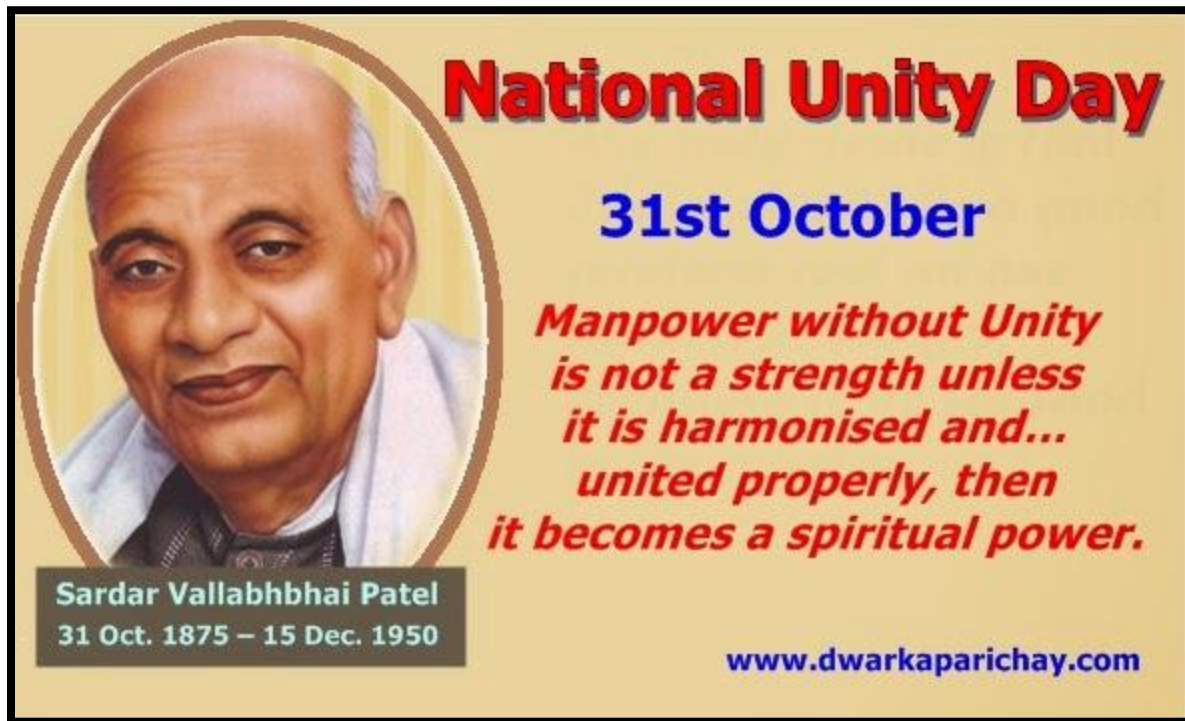


GUJARAT COMMERCE COLLEGE, AHMEDABAD
BOOK EXHIBITION ON SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL JAYANTI
REPORT



Introduction:

Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel (31 October 1875 – 15 December 1950), popularly known as **Sardar Patel**, was the first Deputy Prime Minister of India and one of the chief disciples of Mahatma Gandhi. He was an Indian barrister and statesman, a senior leader of the Indian National Congress and a founding father of the Republic of India who played a leading role in the country's struggle for independence and guided its integration into a united, independent nation. In India and elsewhere, he was often called *Sardar*, *Chieftain* in Hindi, Urdu, and Persian. He acted as *de facto* Supreme Commander-in-chief of Indian army during the political integration of India and the Indo-Pakistani War of 1947.

He led the task of forging a united India, successfully integrating into the newly independent nation those British colonial provinces that had been "allocated" to India. Besides those provinces that had been under direct British rule, approximately 565 self-governing princely states had been released from British suzerainty by the Indian Independence Act of 1947. Threatening military force, Patel persuaded almost every princely state to accede to India. His commitment to national integration in the newly independent country was total and uncompromising, earning him the sobriquet "Iron Man of India".

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) was introduced by the Government of India and inaugurated by Indian Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#) in 2014. The intent is to pay tribute to Vallabhbhai Patel, who was instrumental in keeping India united. It is to be celebrated on 31 October every year as annual commemoration of the birthday of the Iron Man of India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, one of the founding leaders of Republic of India. The official statement for Rashtriya Ekta Diwas by the Home Ministry of India cites that the National Unity Day "will provide an opportunity to re-affirm the inherent strength and resilience of our nation to withstand the actual and potential threats to the unity, integrity and security of our country."

Objective

To organize various activities on Shri Sardar Patel to memorized the importance and contribution of the Great legend, Shri Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron man of India.

Book Exhibition:

Gujarat Commerce College has a very our standing Books collection on Shri Sardar Patel life and his work. With the help of library staff the books exhibition activity has been carried out on 31st Oct. The College faculty, students took part and enjoy the reading atmosphere. A voluntary book review activity has been carried out. Students and staff were very happy flew a lights on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel life and his work. More 8 students and some faculty were took part in book review activity.

Venue : Gujarat Commerce College library

Time : 9.00 A.M. to 1.30 P.M.



