

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), 31st October, 2019 Report by Department of Biochemistry University of Delhi South Campus

On the occasion of “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas” as declared by Government of India (vide notification no 1-59/2019, dated 23-10-19), to celebrate the 144th birth anniversary of legendary Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the members of Department of Biochemistry at the South Campus of University of Delhi assembled in the department on 31st October 2019 at 4 PM. The event was organized under the able leadership of Prof. Suman Kundu, Head of the Department. In response to an e-mail circulated by Prof. Kundu regarding this event all the students, teachers and non-teaching staff of the Department assembled in the seminar room in Bachhawat Block to participate in the event.



Prof. Kundu welcomed the assembled members of the department to this special event by stating the significance of the Ekta Diwas reminiscing some of the seminal contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in India’s struggle for freedom from the British Raj and more significantly his unique achievement of uniting more than 500 princely states into the “One India” that we know today. As Deputy Prime Minister and the first Home Minister of independent India, his vision and tireless efforts laid the foundation of our

motherland. The “iron man” of India gave us a United and Integrated country that help us grow and realize our potential. He emphasized the importance of unity for the development and security of the country and reiterated the significance of unity at all levels be it the Department and University as well.

Subsequent to the introductory remarks, members were invited to take the “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge” to inculcate the idea of continued Unity and Integrity of the country. The Pledge was solemnized both in English and



Hindi. Prof. Debi P. Sarkar read the pledge in English and Prof. Alo Nag read the same in Hindi while assembled members followed them word for word. The department vowed to sustain Unity, Integrity, Peace, Safety and Security of the country at all cost.

It was decided then that the members of the department would also take a “Walk for Unity” around the campus to celebrate the day and the Unity and Safety that we enjoy in the country with motivation to keep it the same way for now and forever. The idea was to raise awareness in the campus and motivate others as well into action.



Prof. Kundu thanked everyone for being a part of this Unity drive and participating in the event and all were invited to enjoy tea together as a mark of unity. The whole event was duly photographed and recorded by Mr. Asim and Mr. Gaurav, PhD scholars of the department.

Salute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Salute to India.

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