Sub: Celebration of 141th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as Rashtriya Ekta Divas

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Home Minister of independent India was born on 31 October 1875. He was one of the most prominent freedom fighter who worked indefatigably to get freedom for India. He played most important role in uniting the princely states of independent India. In commemoration of his achievements, his birthday is celebrated as Rashtriya Ekta Divas.

Embassy will be celebrating Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on 2 November 2016 in Embassy premises, during which the following activities are planned: (i) A documentary "Man of Silence – Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel" of about 39 minutes will be shown, (ii) **An essay competition on contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** which is open to all Indians, PIOs and friends of India for all age category and the essay can be written in English or Hindi language. Time available to write the essay would be 30 minutes.

The event will commence at 1400 hrs on 2 November 2016 with essay competition and thereafter documentary film and feature film will be shown.
