

**Embassy of India
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Press Release

**Rashtriya Ekta Diwas: 143rd Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
celebrated**

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day, commemorating the 143rd birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was celebrated at the Embassy of India, Brussels today (31 October, 2018).

To commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Patel, a presentation on the life and legacy of Sardar Patel and a presentation on celebration of National Unity Day in India and inauguration of the 'Statue of Unity' by Hon'ble Prime Minister, were displayed in the Auditorium at the Embassy. A documentary film titled "Life of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel" was also screened. A large number of members of Indian community attended the event. On this occasion, Ambassador of India, Smt. Gaitri Issar Kumar, spoke about Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's immense contribution to India's freedom struggle. She added that Sardar Patel was a freedom fighter, a mass leader and architect of the integration of India and remains an enduring icon of patriotism, nationalism and spirit of public service.

Photographs depicting the life and times of Sardar Patel were also exhibited in Vivekanand Hall at the Embassy. The photo exhibition will remain open on 1-2 November 2018.

The Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge was administered by Ambassador to all India based officials.

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