



Celebration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, 2021

Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla celebrated the ‘Rashtriya Ekta Diwas’ on October 31st October, 2021 to mark the Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel: The Iron Man of India who played an important role in the unification of India. On this occasion, after National Anthem, a Unity Rally was taken out from the HFRI, office to lower Panthaghati, Shimla. Dr. S.S. Samant Director, HFRI, along with scientists, officers and researchers took active part in the Rally. After the Rally, all the participants, took an oath of *Rashtriya Ekta* in the Conference Hall of the Institute.

At the outset, Dr. Jagdish Singh, Head Extension welcomed Director, HFRI, Shimla and all the Scientists, Officers, Staff and researcher of the Institute for their active participation in the programme, despite of being a Holiday. He also briefed about the importance and history behind the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and urged that it is time to rise above religion, region, caste and creed and work together to make India a great nation. He emphasized that the Institute can only flourish if all the employees work together to achieve the goal.

Sh. Gaurav Swaroop Verma, Project Assistant gave detailed lecture on biography of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and his role in national integration.

Dr. Samant during his address said that National Unity Day gives an opportunity to reaffirm our strength to withstand potential threats to the unity and integrity of mother India. He further told that we have to inculcate the value of unity among new generation who are going to play an important role in national unity.

The programme ended with vote of thanks by Head Extension.

Glimpses of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas held at HFRI, Shimla



