

Embassy of India
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Press Release

The Embassy of India, Bangkok is commemorating Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) from 25-31 October 2021. Birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of India is observed as "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" (National Unity Day) on 31 October, every year since 2014. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was one of the tallest leaders of India's freedom movement and played a crucial role in unifying India. He is regarded as the Iron Man of India.

In this connection, this Embassy organised an event to celebrate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on 29 October 2021 at the premises of the Embassy by following Covid-19 protocol. The event was attended by some prominent Indian diaspora members.

Ambassador of India to Thailand H.E. Ms. Suchitra Durai inaugurated the event and delivered her remarks. Shri Jay Prakash Saraff, President of Saraff Global Group of Companies gave a talk on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Cultural programme including Gujarati Garba dance, Rajasthani Bhawai Folk dance and patriotic song were also presented by artists from Indian diaspora. Videos on unsung heroes of Indian independence movement from the states of Tamil Nadu and North East India and video messages from veteran of Indian diaspora members sharing their memories of association with the Balak Sena of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in Thailand were also screened.

A week long photo exhibition on the life and works of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel inaugurated on 25 October 2021 by H.E. Senator Mrs. Pikulkeaw Krairiksh, Chairperson, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Kingdom of Thailand is also continuing.

A talk on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel by Mr. Hindol Sengupta, eminent author of the book, "THE MAN WHO SAVED INDIA" will be organised by Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Bangkok in virtual mode on 31 October 2021.

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