## D.A.V. PUBLIC SCHOOL, THANE

## NATIONAL UNITY DAY

To commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, D. A. V. Public School, Thane celebrated the Rashtriya Ekta Divas. (National Unity Day) The occasion provided an opportunity to re-affirm the inherent strength and resilience of the youth of our nation to withstand the actual and potential threats to the unity, integrity and security of our country. A throng of activities were organized all through the day to support the cause of promoting unity and celebrating "National Unity Day" in the school premises. The day commenced with a special assembly emphasizing the life of Sardar Patel and his valuable contribution for uniting the states to form the Union of India. The programme rolled on with the impressive speeches made by the students on the life, history and the role of Sardar Patel in the freedom struggle to establish a harmonious society. A Collaborative pledge on Peace and Solidarity followed by a 'Run for Unity' were administered by the teachers and the students. Students also participated in essay writing and debate competitions on the theme of bond of oneness and unification ignited by Sardar Patel. To lend a flavour of fun to the day's activities, students were also encouraged to write slogans and make creative posters. The highlight of the day was the zealous march past of the NCC/ Scouts of the school. Their synchronized flinging of arms and legs with the beats had lend an austerity to the day.

Often referred to as the "Bismarck of India", Patel's name is noted in the pages of Indian history for being the man who cajoled and convinced a large number of princely states to join the Indian Union. Ekta divas is an attempt to celebrate Patel's efforts in unifying India and the school takes immense pride in being a part of this occasion.







