

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, November 18, 2025 : Raj Bhavan, Shillong, today hosted a solemn and vibrant celebration of **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas**, commemorating the birth anniversary of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**, the architect of national integration. The programme brought together senior officials of the State Government, officers of the Central Armed Police Forces, members of the Meghalaya Police, students, and other government dignitaries.

The programme featured a cultural performance by the CRPF, and the screening of an insightful **documentary on CRPF**. Students of BSF Higher Secondary School presented a patriotic song, and this was followed by the screening of a **documentary on BSF**. The Meghalaya Police Cultural Troupe (MLPCT) presented a traditional performance that showcased the cultural vibrancy of the State.

In his address, the **Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya** paid tribute to **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**, describing him as the force behind the successful integration of more than 560 princely states, an achievement that laid the foundation for a strong and united India. The Hon'ble Governor highlighted Sardar Patel's foresight in establishing the **All India Services** of IAS, IPS and IFS, which he called the "Steel Frame of India," noting that these institutions continue to bind the nation together through professionalism, discipline, and administrative continuity.

The Hon'ble Governor also emphasized the relevance of Sardar Patel's vision in the present day, particularly under the national resolve of '**Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat**', inspired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. He noted that Meghalaya, with its rich cultural diversity, has always upheld the values of unity, coexistence, and peaceful living - ideals central to Sardar Patel's nation-building efforts.

The Hon'ble also Governor administered the **Ekta Diwas Pledge**, reaffirming the collective commitment to national integration, harmony, and security.