

Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur

Rashtriya Ekta Saptah

31st October – 06th November 2016

To commemorate the impeccable contribution of Sardar Vallabhai Patel, the Iron Man of India, who gave the concept of Ek Bharat or United India, the **Creative Arts and Cultural Society** MNIT Jaipur, organized a week -long program of events. The program was inaugurated by the Director on the 31st October, the birth anniversary of Sardar Patel. In his address to the students, faculty and staff on this occasion, the Director spelt out the significance of the day urging all to spread the message to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation so that it permeates a sense of unity and oneness down to all levels. He appealed to all to profess universal brotherhood and foster communal harmony for all round development and also strive hard to spread this message among countrymen. This was followed by the inauguration of a "**Pictorial Exhibition**" and "**Display of Books**" at the Central Library of the institute which continued for the whole week.

The week starting from 31st October to the 6th November , termed as Rashtriya Ekta Saptah was flooded with a host of other competitions including T-shirt design, Short Clip, Drama, Debate and Slogan writing, All these competitions had the theme of unification at the center-stage. The patriotic fervor ran high when the institute organised the Unity Run and the ceremony for the Felicitation of Freedom Fighters which involved mass participation of all stakeholders of the institute.

On the morning of 31st October enthusiastic students and staff members of MNIT Jaipur made their way to the Central Library where the students of the Photography Club had laid down the photographs of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and other freedom fighters in various hues and colors They had come up with creative and innovative ideas to decorate the library notice and display board which was refurbished using colorful and fascinating thread art.



An **exhibition of book** was also organized at the Central Library. In this exhibition, various books depicting the life and achievements of Sardar Patel, his contribution to the unification and solidarity of the country, his political philosophy, were displayed.

The **Pictorial exhibition and the display of books** received an overwhelming response from all among the institute. The library had an aura of patriotism and unity during the entire week.

The next event, the T-shirt design competition was held recalling Sardar Patel's contribution to the unification of India. Students were invited to send their entries by circulating posters through social media. The submission deadline for the competition was 1st November, 2016 and top three entries were awarded prizes.

Next in the series of events was the **drama competition** which was held at the VLTC porch of MNIT. The theme of the whole street play was "UNITY", which is a pressing issue in the recent times, and has become an utter necessity for the betterment and growth of the nation as a whole. The play was a perfect combination of street smart punches that entertained, and set right crucial messages that needed to be conveyed. It was equally enjoyed and applauded by the audience.

Felicitation of Freedom Fighters was the next scheduled event. A total of 10 freedom fighters were identified and invited for the felicitation ceremony to be held at MNIT. Out of these, four could make their way to the ceremony at the institute, the remaining six who were unable to attend the ceremony due to their health constraints were felicitated at their respective homes by the college authorities. The celebration began soon on the arrival of the freedom fighters. The announcer of the program promptly elaborated the action of the freedom fighter to the audiences of offering nek (offering) in the pooja thali, depicting the deep roots of the Indian culture. The event was graced by auspicious presence of Shri Krishna Chandra, Shri Rameshwar Choudhary, Shri Krishna Chandra Sahay, and Shri Ramji Lal Agarwal, the valiant fighters who have a remarkable contribution in Indian freedom movement. Also present were the students, faculty and staff members to uphold the cause and celebrate the contribution of these freedom fighters with complete solemnity and honour. After a warm welcome, the program progressed with a brief of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, followed by a short clipping on Sardar Patel produced by the Films Division. The freedom fighters also inspired the students with their words of wisdom. The program also staged two overwhelming patriotic performances given by the students of the college. The program ended with the Ekta satham with the message to foster and reinforce the dedication to preserve and strengthen unity, integrity and security of the nation and the national anthem.

The event received an overwhelming response in the media from lots of TV channels and newspaper which were flooded next day with the news of the freedom fighters spreading the spirit of patriotism and unity far off to the society at large.

The **T-shirt design** for the unity run was evolved by integrating the elements of all the three award winning entries of the T-shirt design competition.

The Run for Unity began from the Administrative Block of MNIT Jaipur to Jawahar Circle and back to the starting at 6:30 A.M. Nearly 150 participants (125 students plus 25 staff members) took part in the Run to celebrate and propagate the message of national integrity.

The Literary Society of MNIT organized "**Slogan writing competition**" on the topic Unity & Integrity in which students participated with zeal and enthusiasm. Entries for the slogan were received in both the languages Hindi and English. This event was followed by "Debate competition" on the topic "Diversity of Indian states has endangered its unity as a Nation" in which students put forward their views vehemently for and against the motion.

The week was celebrated with dedication and enthusiasm. The patriotic fervor and the spirit of unity engulfed the minds and heart of all students, faculty and staff.

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