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# **CELEBRATION OF RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS**

## **PROGRAMME REPORT**

## ONLINE INVITED LECTURE IN COMMEMORATION OF RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS

The Department of Development Studies, RGNIYD, has organized a one-day programme on 01 November 2021 in commemoration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on the directives of honourable Prime Minister and Honorable Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. The programme consisted of an Online Invited Lecture in the morning and the Inauguration of Sardar Patel Book Pavilion along with Book and Photo Exhibition at Exhibition Gallery, RGNIYD, dedicated to the memories of Sri Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the great nationalist leader of our country.

The Online Invited Lecture Programme started at 10 am with a Welcome Address proposed by Dr P. Sivakumar, Assistant Professor & Head, Dept. of Development Studies, RGNIYD. He welcomed the Director, RGNIYD, Invited Speaker Prof. P. Kanagasabapathi, Chairman (Incharge), Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi and other dignitaries to the programme.

Following the Welcome Address, Prof. (Dr.) Sibnath Deb, Director, RGNIYD, has delivered a Special Address on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas reminding the audience of the significance of unity in diversity and the great vision of Sardar Patel in unifying the country as we see today.

The Invited Lecture by Prof. P. Kanagasabapathi focused on the primordial relevance of India as a civilization in ancient times as well as in the 21st Century, be it in its political, social, economic or spiritual perspectives that stand apart in the world.

Prof. Kanagasabapathi began his lecture by congratulating the recent initiatives undertaken by the Director in spearheading RGNIYD to newer dimensions of excellence and mentioning the renewed approach of ICSSR to re-furbish the research dimensions in Higher Educational Institutes. Further, he has narrated the efforts of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel towards national integration and stressed that, in a country like India, national integrity holds immense importance as the country is known for its diversified nature and that this diversity holds its true strength. He has concluded his lecture by motivating young people to uphold the values of unity, harmony and acceptance for a better India and a better world.

The Programme came to an end with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Dr Niyathi R. Krishna, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Development Studies. She has expressed her gratitude to all the dignitaries and participants for their support and active participation.

Ms Sandra Thomas, MADPP IInd Year Student has compered the programme. There was a total of 106 participants consisting of Registrar, Faculty Members, Non-Teaching Staffs and Students of RGNIYD Sriperumbudur and administrative staffs of RGNIYD Regional Centre, Chandigarh. The programme ended at 10:50 AM.

**Prof. (Dr.) Sibnath Deb**, Director, RGNIYD, delivering the Special Address



Invited Lecture by **Prof. P. Kanagasabapathi**, Chairman (Incharge), Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi



## INAUGURATION OF SARDAR PATEL BOOK PAVILION & BOOK AND PHOTO EXHIBITION

Prof. (Dr.) Sibnath Deb, Director, RGNIYD, has inaugurated Sardar Patel Book Pavilion & Book and Photo Exhibition at Exhibition Gallery, RGNIYD by 11:10 AM. After cutting the Ribbon, he took a tour through Sardar Patel Book Pavilion along with Registrar, Consultant Administration, faculty members and non-teaching staffs.



On the stage, Dr P. Sivakumar has welcomed the Director for lighting the lamp and Inaugural Address. The Director expressed his happiness in the conduct of the programme and once again highlighted the importance and value of unity in diversity. He has delivered the pledge to all the participants and also mentioned that this pledge should be kept in the cabins as a positive reminder of harmony and service to the country.

Ms Renuka S, Library cum Documentation Officer, RGNIYD, has proposed the Vote of Thanks. There were around 50 participants for the programme. The programme came to an end following refreshments by 11:40 AM.





# Photo Gallery



