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Best wishes from Banasthali family to everyone on **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas**, the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Let us celebrate the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas with full enthusiasm and take the following pledge:

'I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE THAT I DEDICATE MYSELF TO PRESERVE THE UNITY, INTEGRITY AND SECURITY OF THE NATION AND ALSO STRIVE HARD TO SPREAD THIS MESSAGE AMONG MY FELLOW COUNTRYMEN. I TAKE THIS PLEDGE IN THE SPIRIT OF UNIFICATION OF MY COUNTRY WHICH WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE VISION AND ACTIONS OF LATE SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL. I ALSO SOLEMNLY RESOLVE TO MAKE MY OWN CONTRIBUTION TO ENSURE INTERNAL SECURITY OF MY COUNTRY.'

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and his closeness with Banasthali

Vidyapith: After independence of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel took the responsibility of integrating the 365 princely units in the independent India. The herculean task of integrating the princely units into Rajasthan State was assigned to Pt. Hiralal Shastri, the founder of globally famous Banasthali Vidyapith. Pt. Shastri completed this challenging task in very short period of time and received lot of appreciation from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Pt. Shastri, later took over as the first Chief Minister of Rajasthan. It was an occasion of great enthusiasm for Banasthali family when the Iron man of India visited Banasthali Vidyapith in 1947 and admired the missionary task of women's education and the five-fold education system (Panchmukhi Vikas) of Banasthali Vidyapith.

Sardar Patel has stated on his visit at Banasthali:

"I fully trust that the history of the Vidyapith and the education imparted by it will guide its students on the right path so that their lives may be of some service to the nation."

Pic 1: Pt. Hiralal Shastri (first from the right) after inauguration of United Rajasthan State, with Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (in centre) and Maharaja Mansingh, Jaipur (first from the left)



Pic 2: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel visiting Banasthali Vidyapith in 1947 for a feel of missionary work of women's education.

