

## Report on National Unity day celebrations at RC, Hyderabad

The Government of India decided to observe 31<sup>st</sup> October all over the country as “Rashtriya Ekata Diwas”(National Unity day) to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Valla Bhai Patel. In obedience to the decision of the Government and compliance to the instructions given by the IGNOU, Headquarters, **Rashtriya Ekata Diwas** was celebrated in the forenoon session of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 in the IGNOU, Regional Office, Hyderabad with a **Nationalistic fervor**.

Planning and Preparations for the celebrations were done much early for the successful conduct of the programme. The programme began with pledge taking ceremony to mark the occasion. The Rashtriya Ekatha Diwas pledge in English was administered by the Regional Director, Dr. Fiayaz Ahmed. All the staff members present took the oath. The oath is followed by a formal staff gathering in the Teleconference room. Regional Director after a brief outline of the importance of the celebrations opened the Dias for all staff members to speak on the occasion.

Dr. K. Ramesh, Deputy Director Spoke on rich and invaluable contribution of Sardar Patel as the **architect of Modern India**. He extolled the commendable vibrancy demonstrated by Patel in Integration of Princely states into Indian Union. He further narrated “operation polo’ action of the Union government under the ages of Sardar Patel for the integration of Hyderabad state into Indian Union. Summing up his speech Dr. K. Ramesh appealed the members to emulate the sacrifice that Sardar Patel that he made for the Nation.

Dr. S.M. Sowjanya, Assistant Regional Director empowered the audience on National Unity and the need of celebrating National Unity day. She underlined the legacy of Sardar Patel. She further spoke on National issues that caused much worry to the Nation in its formative years and how Sardar Patel successfully resolved.

Dr. Raju Bolla, Assistant Regional Director while greeting the members on the occasion extensively quoted and extolled the valor of Sardar Patel that shaped united India. He narrated how Sardar Patel put the National interest above from personal interest when he was offered highest positions.

Dr. Fiayaz Ahmed, Regional Director shared his reflections on the rich contributions of the first home minister of Independent India. His speech attracted and elevated intellectual debate among the participants. In his exhaustive one hour speech he highlighted the historic contribution and laurels that was brought to the young independent Nation by Sardar Patel. All staff members present for the celebrations listened to the speeches and expressed satisfaction on the purpose of celebrating Rashtriya Ekatha Diwas .