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Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Youth Affairs

D.O. No. J-17011/551/2025-MY BHARAT

Dated the 10th October 2025

Dear Madam / Sir,

The year 2025 marks the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India and the chief architect of national integration, whose statesmanship, diplomatic acumen, and steadfast commitment to national unity laid the foundation for a united Bharat.

2. To mark this historic occasion, the Hon'ble Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports launched the 2-month-long nationwide event, Sardar@150, on 6th October, 2025, commencing with a digital campaign including Quiz, Essay Competition and other events on MY Bharat Portal. Major event in the series shall be Pan-India district-level Padyatras on the National Unity Day (31st October 2025). These Padyatras shall be organized in each district and shall be accompanied with a cleanliness drive, swadeshi fairs, de-addiction campaigns, seminars on the legacy of Sardar Patel, debate competitions, etc. District-level Padyatras will be organised by the District Administration, and assisted by the District Youth Officers (DYO) of MY Bharat, along with the participation of public representatives like Member of Parliament, Member of Legislative Assembly / Council, etc. leading this Padyatra.

3. Select youth from every district shall also join a 10-day-long National Padyatra, titled *Sardar@150* Unity March, starting on the Constitution Day (26th November 2025) from Sardar Patel's birthplace at Karamsad and concluding after a 150 km journey at the Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar, on 6th December 2025. The National level Padyatra will also be joined by eminent national leaders, youth representatives, and volunteers from across the country.

4. I request your kind support in directing the state and district administration to provide all support to MY Bharat Kendras, DYOs, MY Bharat Volunteers, NSS, NCC and BSG units for the seamless organisation of these activities. Your guidance in mobilising schools, colleges, and local youth organisations, and extending logistical support for the padyatras and related events, will be crucial to the success of this nationwide endeavour. MY Bharat State Directors (SDs) will contact your office with a copy of this DO letter and the MY Bharat District Youth Officers (DYO) will be contacting the office of respective DMs / DCs / Collector for further dissemination of information about this event.

5. With the collective efforts of the State Governments and the enthusiastic participation of our youth, the Sardar@150 Unity March will serve as a grand tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, rekindling the spirit of national unity and inspiring the younger generation to contribute actively towards building a Viksit and Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

A detailed Concept Note in this regard is enclosed for your kind perusal.

Encl: as above

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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To

The Chief Secretaries of all States / UTs