



ICAR–National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources Bengaluru



Celebration of *Rashtriya Ekta Diwas* (National Unity Day) – 31st October 2025

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour at ICAR–National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru, on 31st October 2025. The day marks the 150th birth anniversary of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**, the “Iron Man of India,” whose exemplary leadership and vision were instrumental in unifying the nation. The celebration aimed to honour his invaluable contributions towards the unity, integrity, and security of India.

The programme commenced with the ***Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge***, reaffirming the commitment of all employees to uphold the unity, integrity, and security of the nation. As part of the observance, posters depicting the life, leadership, and contributions of **Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** were prepared and displayed prominently in the institute premises for public viewing and awareness. These displays served to inspire staff and visitors alike with Patel’s dedication to national integration and good governance. All categories of staff—scientific, technical, administrative, supporting, students, and project personnel—actively participated in the event. To spread the message of “*Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat*” and to promote National integration, a **Unity Walk** was organized along Bellary Main Road in Bengaluru. The walk was joined enthusiastically by all staff members, symbolizing collective strength and solidarity.

While addressing the staff, **Dr. S.N. Sushil, Director, ICAR–NBAIR**, emphasized the importance of unity and cooperation in building a strong and progressive India, highlighting the relevance of Sardar Patel’s ideals in contemporary times.

The celebration concluded with a renewed sense of national pride and commitment among the staff to contribute towards the unity and progress of the nation. The observance of *Rashtriya Ekta Diwas* at ICAR–NBAIR truly reflected the institute’s spirit of national integration and collective strength.



Images: *Rashtriya Ekta Diwas* 2025 Celebrations at ICAR–NBAIR, depicting Pledge, Posters, and Unity Walk