



“IRON WILL, UNITED INDIA” — SMT. RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE LEADS GRAND UNITY MARCHES IN MALKAPUR AND BHUSAWAL MARKING SARDAR PATEL’S 150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

Union Minister of State Inspires Maharashtra’s Youth to Uphold the Ideals of Unity, Integrity, and Nation-Building Envisioned by Sardar Patel and Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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On the historic occasion of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel’s 150th Birth Anniversary, Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse, led large-scale ‘Ekta Yatras’ (Unity Marches) at Malkapur in Buldhana district and Bhusawal in Jalgaon district, Maharashtra. The marches, held under the nationwide Sardar@150 campaign initiated by the My Bharat platform of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, witnessed overwhelming public participation from youth, students, and volunteers, creating a vibrant celebration of national unity and civic spirit.



Addressing an enthusiastic gathering at Malkapur, Smt. Khadse invoked Sardar Patel's enduring legacy, saying: "The India we are proud of today — united, strong, and diverse — stands as the result of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's unmatched resolve and vision to integrate over 560 princely states into one nation. This march is not merely symbolic; it is a reaffirmation of our collective commitment to Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat. Guided by the vision of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, this movement reinforces the spirit of Jan Bhagidari and Viksit Bharat by placing youth at the heart of nation-building."



The first leg of the event began in Malkapur, drawing huge participation from the local residents, students, and volunteers. Prominent dignitaries present included Shri Eknath Khadse, Member of Legislative Council; Shri Chainsukh Madanlal Sancheti, MLA, Malkapur; Dr. Arvind Kolte, Dr. Anil Kharche, Dr. Sudhir Chavan, Shri Pranit Sangavikar, District Youth Officer; Shri Ramrao Jhambre, Shri Dnyandev Waghode, and senior officials from the district administration.



In the afternoon, Smt. Khadse led the Bhusawal Unity March, which saw massive crowds lining the streets in solidarity. The event was graced by Shri Girish Mahajan, Minister of Water Resources and Disaster Management, Government of Maharashtra, and Shri Sanjay Savkare, Minister of Textiles, Government of Maharashtra. Other dignitaries present included Shri Abhishek Chavare, District Youth Officer, and officials from the district administration.

Both marches reflected the energy and enthusiasm of thousands of participants — students, NSS volunteers, My Bharat youth, and citizens — who carried banners and slogans celebrating unity, patriotism, and national pride.

Smt. Khadse emphasised that My Bharat is turning into a true movement of youth-driven change — connecting millions of young minds to India’s development journey. She urged that the ideals of Ekta Yatra must translate into everyday action through service, innovation, and leadership by youth at the grassroots.



The Unity Marches at Malkapur and Bhusawal marked a significant contribution to the Sardar@150 national campaign, launched by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, promoting unity, integrity, and collective participation in nation-building — a true tribute to the Iron Man of India.

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