Walkathon Organised in Pune on the Occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas as Part of Vigilance Awareness Campaign 2026 to Promote Integrity and Vigilance

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The Regional Passport Office (RPO), Pune, functioning under the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, is responsible for providing passport and related services to citizens within its jurisdiction. On 31st October 2026, RPO Pune observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, commemorating the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, by organising a Walkathon as part of the Vigilance Awareness Campaign 2026. The initiative aimed to promote integrity, transparency, accountability and ethical conduct in public service, while spreading awareness about national unity and collective responsibility.





The Walkathon witnessed enthusiastic participation from various organisations, including the Central Bureau of Investigation, the Police Department, the Department of Posts, the Anti-Corruption Bureau of Maharashtra, the Pune Municipal Corporation, the Central Public Works Department and the service provider Tata Consultancy Services. Their participation reflected a shared commitment to strengthening ethical practices and fostering a culture of integrity in public administration.

Guided by the campaign theme, “Probity for Prosperity,” the Walkathon sought to raise awareness about the importance of ethical conduct, preventive vigilance and collective responsibility in public administration. The initiative highlighted the need to uphold ethical values, prevent corruption and strengthen public trust in government institutions.



Dr. Vinod Gaikwad, Regional Passport Officer, Pune, emphasised the importance of integrity, transparency and ethical practices in public service delivery. He highlighted that preventive vigilance and accountability are essential for ensuring efficient, impartial and citizen-centric governance.

The participants took the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge, reaffirming their commitment to

preserving the unity, integrity and security of the nation and promoting national integration. The event reflected the collective resolve of RPO Pune and the participating organisations to uphold the values of national unity, integrity and ethical governance.

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