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The President, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, the Vice President, Shri Venkaiah Naidu, and the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today offered floral tributes at the statue of Sardar Patel, at Patel Chowk in New Delhi, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

The Prime Minister later flagged off the "Run For Unity" from Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister recalled the contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, especially in uniting the nation.

The Prime Minister asserted that the youth of India respects Sardar Patel, and his contribution towards the building of our nation.

The Prime Minister said India is proud of its diversity, and occasions such as "Run For Unity" offer us an opportunity to reinforce that sense of pride and oneness.

Shri Narendra Modi also recalled former Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi, whose death anniversary is being observed today.

The Prime Minister administered a pledge to the participants.

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