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IIM Tiruchirappalli inaugurates the Exhibition "Sardar Patel-The Architect of Unification"

Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli inaugurated the Exhibition "Sardar Patel- The Architect of Unification" on 4th November 2022. The exhibition was organized as part of the week-long National Unity Day celebrations marking the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel.

The ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries present. The Chief Guest, Dr. T. Asokan, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of History at Bharathidasan University, addressed the gathering and talked about the 'herculean task' undertaken by Sardar Patel in unifying the 565 fragmented dynasties and states of independent India. He also recalled the remarkable role played by the people of Tamil Nadu in India's freedom struggle. He emphasised that despite being called the Iron Man of India, Sardar Patel always strongly relied on diplomacy and never resorted to undue aggression.

Dr. Pawan Kumar Singh, Director, IIM Tiruchirappalli, addressed the esteemed gathering. In his speech, he highlighted the glory of Indian history and its cultural and historical magnificence. He also reiterated the importance of the need to understand the historical significance of India and cherishing it. He spoke about the assertive role played by Sardar Patel in India's freedom struggle and how he became the anchor of India's unification by integrating the political fragments and being the driver of its radical transition. The inaugural event concluded with the national anthem.