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### Press Note:

AP Governor pays tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on birth anniversary

Vijayawada, October 31: Andhra Pradesh Governor Sri Biswa Busan Harichandan paid rich tributes to the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India on his birth anniversary in a programme held at Durbar Hall in Raj Bhavan on Saturday. Governor Sri Harichandan offered floral tributes to the portrait of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and said that he was called the Iron Man of India as he had taken many historic decisions and implemented them with an iron hand. Governor Sri Harichandan said the greatest contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to the country was the merger of princely states into India. He said the British left behind a divided country and many of the princely states wanted to remain independent. Then it was Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who insisted that all the princely states should remain part of India and the country should remain as one nation and there was no place for nations within a nation. The Governor said it was due to the endeavour and insistence of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, 558 princely states who wanted to remain independent got merged into India and otherwise we would not see the nation that we see today. The Governor said Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel made greatest contribution to the country's unity and integrity and he will always be remembered by the people of the country.