

Ekta Yatra in 10,000 villages to mark Statue of Unity inauguration

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The state government announced Friday that an Ekta Yatra would be undertaken in 10,000 villages in the state in October and November to commemorate the upcoming inauguration of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's statue.

Statue of Unity, which at 182 metre will be the world's tallest statue on completion, is slated for inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 31, the birth anniversary of Sardar Patel.

The state government said today that 10,000 villages would be covered through specially prepared raths in two phases in October and November to mark inauguration of the landmark.

Chief Minister Vijay Rupani launched www.ektayatra.com providing details of the planned yatra on Friday.

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The government said in a release that essay, quiz and debate competitions about Sardar Patel's life would also be organised as a part of the yatra. Videos about

Sardar Patel's life, and about the Statue of Unity project, would be shown to the masses during the yatra. Coming up in Narmada district, work on the Statue is expected to be completed by October 25, a week before its slated inauguration.