



Tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

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Recently, the Indian Prime Minister honored [Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel](#) on the anniversary of his death, which occurred on **15th December 1950**.

- He is widely recognized as the "**Iron Man of India**" due to his unwavering determination and steadfast approach, and is celebrated as an **emblem of national unity and resilience**.
- **Political Achievements:**
 - He was instrumental in the [Kheda Satyagraha \(1918\)](#), advocating for tax relief for farmers who suffered crop failures due to drought.
 - He spearheaded the opposition during the [Bardoli Satyagraha \(1928\)](#) against an unfair tax hike, which **earned him the title "Sardar"** in recognition of his leadership.
 - He adopted [Mahatma Gandhi's](#) vision, leading initiatives such as the [Salt Satyagraha in 1930](#) and enduring several imprisonments for his participation.
 - He presided over the **1931 Congress session** at **Karachi**, steering the discussions surrounding the [Gandhi-Irwin Pact](#), resolution on [Fundamental Rights](#) and **National Economic Programme**.
 - He led the integration of approximately **562 princely states** into the Indian Union, ensuring stability and democracy for millions.
- [National Civil Services Day](#), observed on **21st April**, commemorates Sardar Patel's **1947 speech** in which he referred to civil servants as "**the steel frame of India**," emphasizing their commitment to public service.
- He chaired the **Advisory Committee** on [Fundamental Rights](#), [Minorities](#), and **Tribal and Excluded Areas** in the Constituent Assembly.
- On **31st October 2018**, the [Statue of Unity](#), standing at **182 meters** and recognized as the world's tallest statue, was unveiled in Kevadia, Gujarat, in [tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel](#).

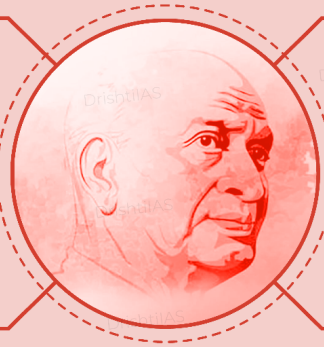
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SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL

IRON Man of India: 31 October 1875 - 15 December 1950

About

- ↔ First Home Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of India
- ↔ Bestowed the title of 'Sardar' by women of Bardoli
- ↔ Remembered as the 'Patron Saint of India's Civil Servants'



Committees Headed

- ↔ Advisory Committee on Fundamental Rights
- ↔ Committee on Minorities and Tribal and Excluded Areas
- ↔ Provincial Constitution Committee

Vision

- ↔ Envisaged - Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
 - ⇒ National Unity Day celebrated on his birth anniversary
 - ⇒ Statue of Unity (Gujarat) - inaugurated in 2018
- ↔ Referred to the Civil Servants as the 'steel frame of India'

Major Contributions

- ↔ Integrated Kheda (1918) and Bardoli (1928) Movements with the national freedom movement
- ↔ Presided over the 46th session of the INC (1931) called upon to ratify the Gandhi-Irwin Pact
- ↔ Integrated about 565 Princely States in the Union of India
- ↔ Established the modern all-India services system
 - ⇒ Civil Services Day - 21 April; commemorates Sardar Patel's first address to the probationers of Administrative Services Officers



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