

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Essay in English 250 Words

VALLABHBHAI PATEL



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- *Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was an Indian politician who served as the first Home Minister of India and the first Deputy Prime Minister of India.*
- *He was a barrister and a very active member of the Indian National Congress. His actual date of birth was never formally recorded. But, as per his matriculation examination papers, he was born on 31 October 1875.*
- *He was born in Nadiad, Gujarat. His father's name was Jhaverbhai Patel and his mother's name was Ladba. Vallabhbhai Patel had five siblings.*
- *He was highly influenced by Mahatma Gandhi's views on non-violence. He was an ardent follower of Gandhi's principles. He strongly emphasized the need for unity of the Indian masses in order to achieve independence from the British rule.*
- *He played the most pivotal role in the integration of India as he was the one who convinced almost all the princely states to become a part of India post India's independence.*
- *He became popularly known as Sardar Patel, Iron Man of India, Bismarck of India, Unifier of India, etc.*
- *Since 2014, his birth anniversary, 31st October is annually celebrated as "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" i.e. the "National Unity Day" in India.*

- *On 31st October 2018, his birth anniversary, the tallest statue in the world was inaugurated and dedicated to him. The statue is called the “Statue of Unity”. Located in the Indian state of Gujarat, the Statue of Unity is approximately 182 meters in height.*
- *He was posthumously awarded the highest civilian award of the Republic of India- the Bharat Ratna, in 1991.*
- *Sardar Patel’s health deteriorated rapidly in the 1950 summer. He suffered a massive heart attack and died on 15 December 1950 at Birla House in Bombay.*

