



Civil Services Day

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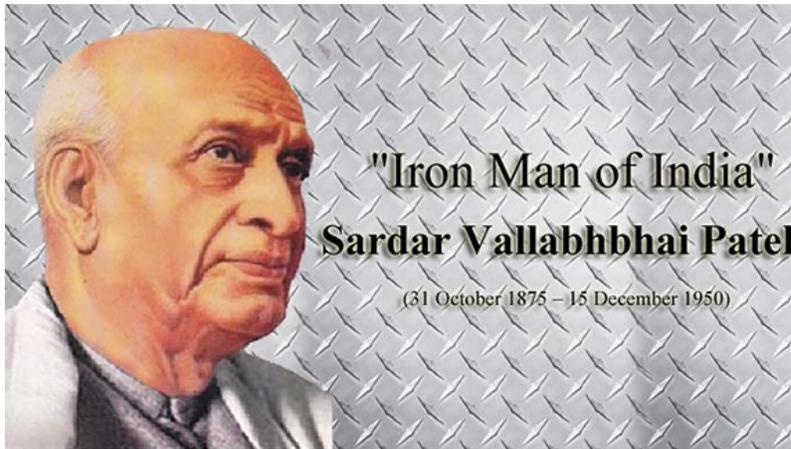
Every year, **21st April** is celebrated as the **Civil Services Day** by the Government of India.

Key Points

- **About:**
 - It is celebrated as an **occasion for the civil servants** to rededicate themselves to the causes of citizens and renew their commitments to public service and excellence in work.
 - The date is chosen to **commemorate the day when the first Home Minister of Independent India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressed the probationers of Administrative Services Officers in 1947** at Metcalf House, Delhi.
He referred to civil servants as the '**Steel Frame of India**'.
- **Civil Services Day Function:**
 - The **first function on civil services day** was held in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi in **2006**.
 - On this day, the **Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration are presented** to Districts/Implementing Units for implementation of Priority programme and innovation categories.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

- He was born on **31st October, 1875** in Nadiad, Gujarat.



National Unity Day is celebrated every year to **commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.**

- He was the **first Home Minister and Deputy Prime Minister** of independent India.
- He played an important role in the **integration of many Indian princely states** to make an Indian federation.
- Women of Bardoli bestowed the title '**Sardar**' on Vallabhbhai Patel, which means '**a Chief or a Leader**'.
- He is recognized as the **real unifier of India** for his colossal contribution to integrate and make India a united (Ek Bharat) and an independent nation.
- He requested the people of India to live together by uniting in order to create **Shreshth Bharat (Foremost India)**.
Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat was announced by the Prime Minister in 2015 on the occasion of the **140th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.**
- He is also remembered as the '**Patron saint of India's civil servants**' as he established the modern all-India services system.
- The **Statue of Unity** at Kevadiya in Narmada district of Gujarat was built in his honour.

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