



Civil Services Day

Why in News

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.

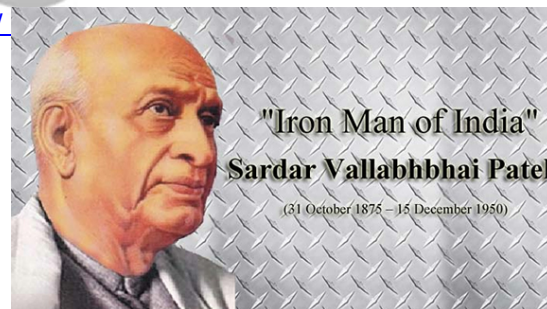
- He referred to civil servants as the **'Steel Frame of India'**.

▪ 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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