



Vithalbhai Patel

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All India Speakers' Conference was hosted by the Delhi Legislative Assembly to mark the **100th anniversary** of **Vithalbhai Patel** becoming **President of the Central Legislative Assembly**.

- **Early Life: Vithalbhai Patel, brother of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, he practiced law in Bombay after studying in England.**
- **Political Career:** Elected to Bombay Legislative Council (1912) and Imperial Legislative Council (1918).
 - After the **Chauri Chaura incident and the suspension of the Non-Cooperation Movement** in 1922, Vithalbhai Patel left the Congress and co-founded the Swaraj Party with C.R. Das and Motilal Nehru.
 - In **1924** he became a member of the **Central Legislative Assembly**, rising as its first Indian president in **1925**.

Vithalbhai Patel Role in Shaping India's Parliamentary Traditions

- **Security of Parliament:** Introduced the [ward and watch system for Parliament](#) security, maintaining Speaker's control, which continued until 2024.
 - Stood firm against British efforts to take over Parliament's security after the [Bhagat Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt bombing in the Central Legislative Assembly \(1929\)](#), preserving the Speaker's authority.
- **Independent Parliament Secretariat:** Established **autonomous Parliament Secretariat** reporting solely to the Speaker, ensuring independent advice and functioning.
- **Legislative Assembly Department (1929):** Led the creation of a separate **department for the legislative body**, further strengthening the Speaker's autonomy.



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