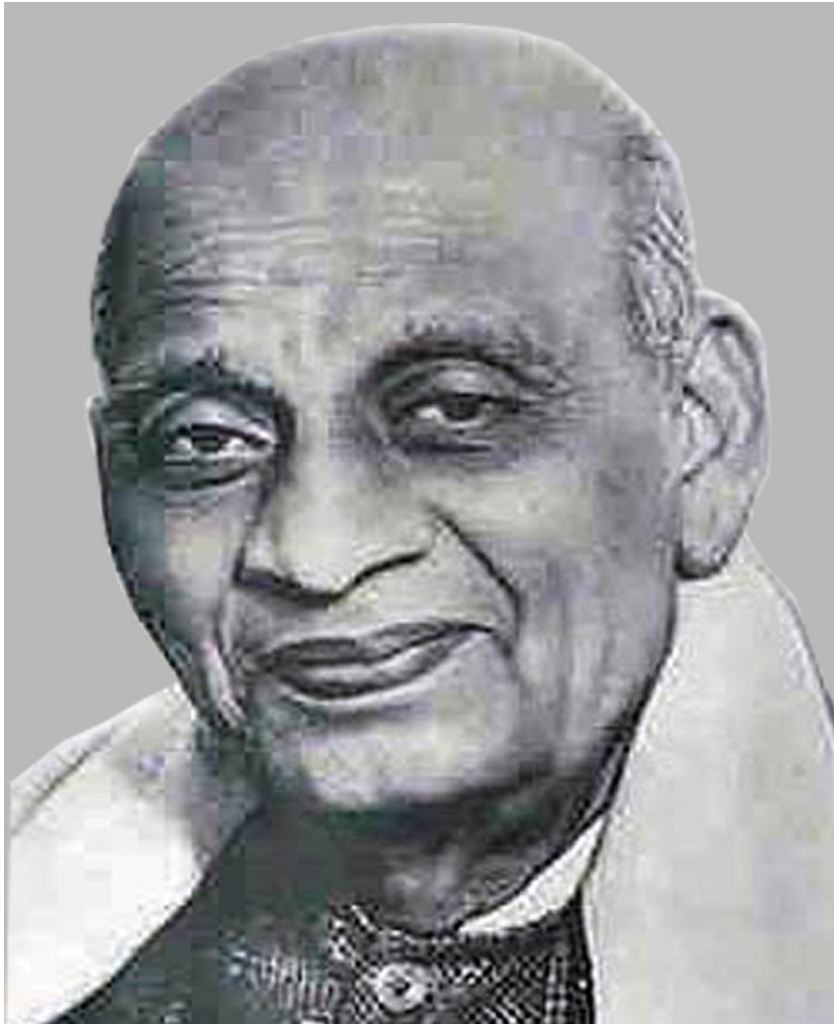


Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel



Deputy Prime Minister of India	
In office 15 August 1947 – 15 December 1950	
Prime Minister	Jawaharlal Nehru
Preceded by	Position established
Succeeded by	Morarji Desai
Minister of Home Affairs	
In office 15 August 1948 – 15 December 1950	
Prime Minister	Jawaharlal Nehru
Preceded by	Position established
Succeeded by	Chakravarti Rajagopalachari
Personal details	
Born	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel 31 October 1875 Nadiad , Gujarat, Bombay Presidency , British India
Died	15 December 1950 (aged 75) Bombay , Bombay State , India
Nationality	Indian
Political party	Indian National Congress
Children	Maniben Patel , Dahyabhai Patel
Alma mater	Middle Temple
Profession	Lawyer

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was an Indian barrister and statesman, one of the leaders of the Indian National Congress and one of the founding fathers of the Republic of India. He was a social leader who played a leading role in the country's struggle for independence and guided its integration into a united, independent nation. In India and elsewhere, he was often addressed as Sardar, which means Chief in Hindi, Urdu and Persian. He was raised in the countryside of Gujarat. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was employed in successful practice as a lawyer. Patel subsequently organised peasants from Kheda, Borsad, and Bardoli in Gujarat in non-violent civil disobedience against oppressive policies imposed by the British Raj.