

**One Day  
State level Seminar**

**On**

**" The Untold Stories of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel"**

**02 January - 2026**

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**Organized by**

Department of Children's Literature, Films,  
Museum and Physical Education  
Children's Research University, Gandhinagar  
Sector – 29, Gandhinagar

### **About the host organization : Children's Research University, Gandhinagar**

Children's Research University (CRU), Gandhinagar, Gujarat, established under the visionary leadership of Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, focuses on holistic child and youth development. CRU integrates traditional knowledge with modern education, guided by the vision "Every Child Matters" and "Bright Child, Bright Nation." Offering programs across Prenatal Care, School Education, Children's Literature, History and Culture, Curriculum Development, and more, CRU emphasizes creativity, empathy, and intellectual growth. Key initiatives include the Gijubhai Badheka Chair, the journal Horizons of Holistic Education, and innovative toy-based and digital learning platforms.

### **About KCG :**

among several initiatives taken by vibrant Gujarat, the Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat established by the Department of Education, stands out prominently as a major response to the very theme of the current century, which is being rapidly characterized as a gateway to the future where the human world family will at last come to create the network of relationships through the harmonizing threads of knowledge. Knowledge has therefore become today the dynamic watchword, and major progressive steps of development are being measured in terms of advancing of knowledge and learning society. Indeed, the Department of Education, Government of Gujarat has manifested eloquently its commitment to the future by creating the Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat. Since the emerging world scenario is marked by various peaks of concentrated knowledge and excellence dotted across the world, it would be imperative for knowledge societies to innovate, cooperate and collaborate with other institutions of knowledge in the world.

### **Concept Note :**

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's "Iron Man," stands as a towering figure in the nation's history, renowned for his unparalleled contributions to national unity and the shaping of modern India. As Independent India's first Home Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, Patel's legacy is etched in his deft unification of over 562 princely states into the Indian Union, laying the foundation for a cohesive national identity. His pragmatic political philosophy, rooted in Gandhian ideals, anti-colonial resistance, and a commitment to social reform, played a critical role in India's independence and post-independence nation-building. This National Seminar, approved under ICSSR's Rashtriya Ekta (National Unity) Seminars initiative to commemorate Patel's 150th birth anniversary by revisiting his monumental contributions and exploring their relevance to contemporary India within the framework of Vision Viksit Bharat 2047.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, popularly known as the Iron Man of India, is celebrated for his monumental role in unifying more than 560 princely states into the Indian Union. While his contributions to India's integration and administrative foundations are well documented, many aspects of his life, leadership style, political foresight, and personal sacrifices remain lesser-known to the public and are often overshadowed by dominant historical narratives.

At a time when India continues to explore questions of national identity, governance, and unity, revisiting the untold stories of Patel offers meaningful insights into leadership grounded in discipline, inclusivity, and national commitment. This seminar seeks to bring forth narratives that remain outside textbook discussions—his legal brilliance, grassroot-level engagement, civil disobedience leadership, approach to federalism, administrative reforms, relationships with contemporaries, and personal values.

#### **Department of Children's Literature, Films, Museum, and Physical Education:**

The Department of Children's Literature, Films, Museum, and Physical Education at Children's Research University is dedicated to fostering the intellectual, cultural, and physical development of children. By integrating literature, cinematic arts, cultural heritage, and physical education, the department provides a multifaceted approach to holistic learning. The department's activities are designed to inspire creativity, nurture emotional intelligence, and promote physical well-being, while preserving and promoting traditional values and cultural heritage.

Through seminars, competitions, and collaborative initiatives, the department aims to enrich the lives of young learners by creating opportunities for artistic expression, critical thinking, and physical development.

#### **Objective of the Seminar:**

- To shed light on the lesser-known aspects of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel & early life and legacy,  
Exploring his pivotal role in India's unification, administrative reforms, and leadership beyond the popular narrative.
- To foster a deeper understanding of his ideological stance, political foresight, and contributions  
that remains underrepresented in mainstream discourse.
- To bring awareness about his life and contribution for the Nation building.



## **Theme : "The Untold Stories of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel"**

### **Sub-themes:**

- 1. Sardar Patel, his life and legacy**
  - ❖ Exploring Patel 's personal journey , leadership qualities, and lasting impact on India's socio- political fabric.
- 2. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, National Integration and the Unification of Bharat**
  - ❖ Patel 's diplomatic and strategic efforts in integrating princely states post- independence.
  - ❖ Lessons from his approach for addressing regional disparities and fostering national unity today.
- 3. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Institutions of Effective Governance and Administration in Modern India**
  - ❖ His role in strengthening civil services (i.e. IAS, IPS) and administrative frameworks.
  - ❖ Relevance of his governance model for contemporary India's bureaucratic efficiency.
- 4. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's Commitment to Social Justice, Gender Equality, and Farmers' Rights**
  - ❖ Insights from his leadership in agrarian movements like Bardoli Satyagraha.
- Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's Contributions to National Security and Nationalism**
  - ❖ Strategies for internal stability and their implications for modern security challenges.
  - ❖ Patel 's vision of nationalism in the context of a diverse India.
- 5. The Legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in Negotiating the Vision and Challenges of Twenty-First Century Bharat**
  - ❖ Contextualizing Patel 's pragmatism and nation-building ethos for Vision Viksit Bharat 2047.
  - ❖ Addressing contemporary challenges like federalism, inclusivity, and economic self-reliance.
- 6. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Gandhi, and Gandhian Satyagraha**
  - ❖ Patel 's alignment with Gandhian ideals and their impact on his leadership style.
  - ❖ Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Gandhi, and Gandhian Satyagraha
- 7. Hidden Letters, Speeches, and Writings**
- 8. The Statue of Unity – Symbolism and Significance**
- 9. Lesser-known Incidents and Testimonies**

**The Seminar is not limited to the themes listed above; submissions exploring Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's ideas and thoughts, particularly those relevant to contemporary contexts, are also welcome.**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS:**

The organizers invite research papers from all interested academicians and researchers at the National Conference on 'The Untold Stories of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel' Interested author(s) are requested to submit the full research paper of the original research contribution through the online Google registration form on or before 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025. The registration will be open with additional fees after the last date.

**Important Guidelines :**

The full papers must be submitted as a MS word file.

Before submitting your paper, please ensure that the language used clear, concise and coherent.

Margins alignment size: 2.54 cm x 2.54 cm

Font instruction: Gujarati, Sanskrit & Hindi: Shruti, Font size: 12pts. English : Times new roman,

All the citations should be furnished in the works cited section at the end of the paper in describe formate, preferably MLA 9<sup>th</sup> edition.

An early submission of the full paper for publication will be appreciated.

Accepted Paper will be subject to scrutiny and editorial review.

If there is more than one paper, separate registration any payment is required to be done.

**Article Structure Guidelines:**

Title : Title of the article

Author's Details: Full names, designations, affiliations, emails of all authors

Abstract: Maximum 300 words

Keywords : 5-6 keywords

Main body of the paper: Introduction, Methodology, Discussion, conclusion, reference & Bibliography, Webliography ( Participants may select a layout that aligns with their respective subject

**IMPORTANT DEADLINES :**

Submission of Abstract: 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025

Submission of Full Paper: 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025

**Seminar Date: 02 January 2026**

**REGISTRATION FEES:**

	On or Before 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec , 2025	After 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 2025
Only participant Professor and other	INR 200	INR 400
With Paper presentation Professor and other	INR 250	INR 450
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**VENUE OF THE SEMINAR : Children's Research University, Sector – 29, Nr Jalaram Temple, Gandhinagar.**

**DATE OF THE SEMINAR : 02 January 2026**

**NEARBY PILGRIMAGE SITE : Within Gandhinagar and nearby**

Akshardham Temple : A large Hindu temple complex with intricate carvings and a water show.

Trimandir : Located on the Ahmedabad-Kalol Highway.

Mahudi Mandir: A temple mentioned in the Gandhinagar area.

Kotyark Mandir: Located in Mansa.

Vasaniya Mahadev Temple: Located in Vasan.

Hanuman Temple: Various options, including one in Sector 7 and the Shree Dabhodia

Hanumanji Temple in Dabhoda.

Adalaj Stepwell: A historic stepwell in Adalaj.

**Within a larger radius in Gujarat**

Ambaji Temple: A significant pilgrimage site in Gujarat.

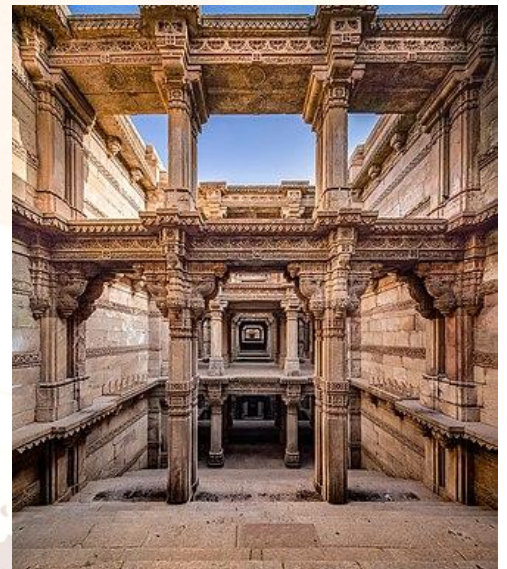
Dwarkadhish Temple: Located in Dwarka.

Somnath Temple: Another major pilgrimage destination in Gujarat.

Pavagadh Hills: Features the Pavagadh Temple.

Palitana Temple: A significant site for Jain pilgrimage.

Modhera: Known for its Sun Temple.



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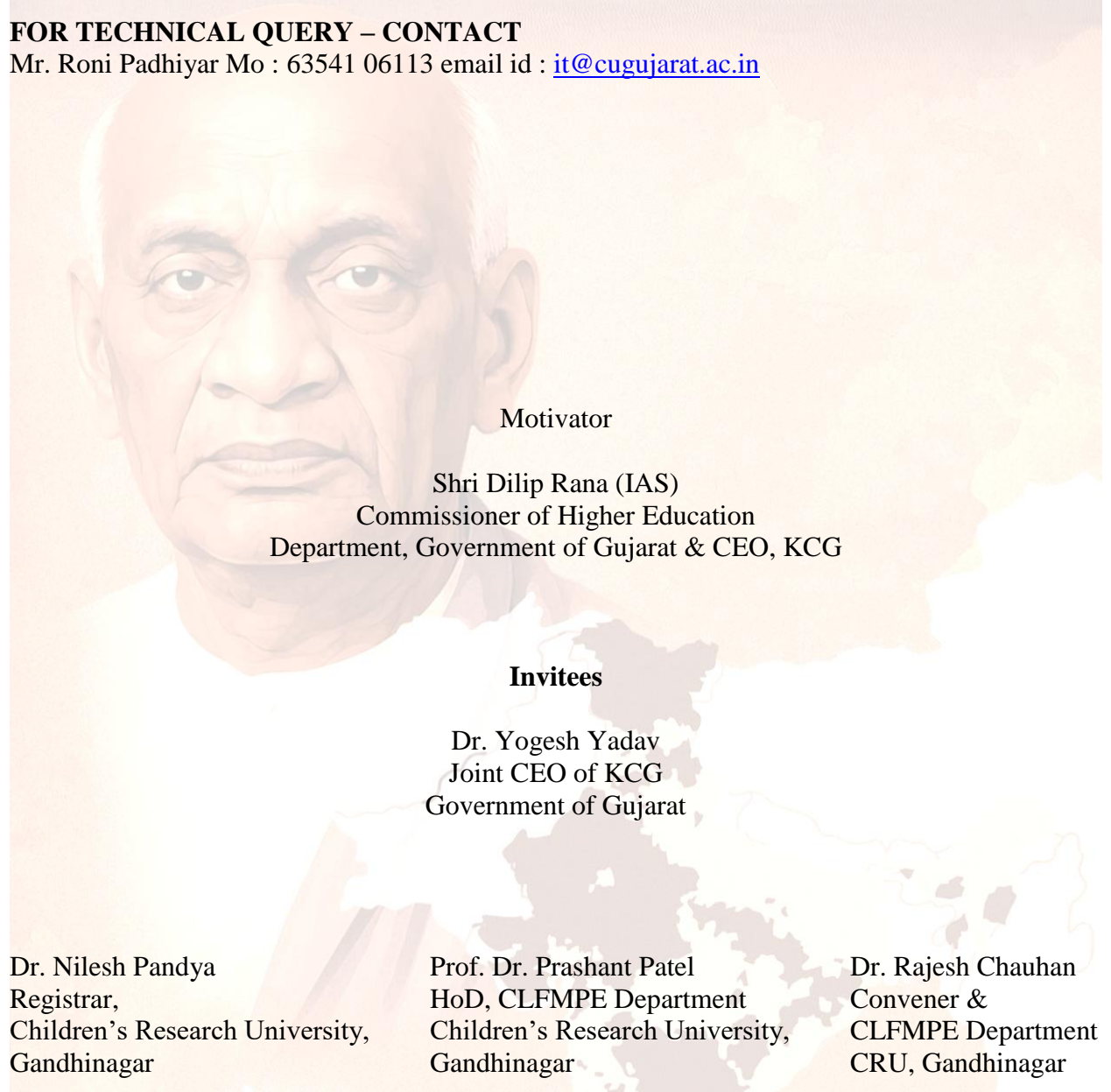
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