

An Ironman, Known for Visionary Administration; Freedom Fighter and Unification of India: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

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I. INTRODUCTION

Sardar Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel, one of the six children of Jhaverbhai and Smt Ladba, who is said to have born on October 311875 as per his matriculation certificate, at Nadiad Gujarat, and and belonged to an agricultural, Lewa Patidar community, and termed in economic status as lower middle class. Being lack of educational tradition of the community (because of poverty), Vallabhbhai's childhood spent away from books, but in the ancestral fields at Karamsad. He passed out Middle School in his late teens and joined high school at Nadiad, where he got matriculated in 1897. Even from his growing young age Patel had displayed qualities of leadership and organization which came in help for his future role of career development. He had also inherited from his father, who advised him to fight in the mutiny under Rani Laxmi Bhai of Jhansi and subsequently taken prisoner by Malher Rao Halkar.

Owing to impecunious circumstances after passing out his matriculation examination, being higher education out of his reach, Patel undertook course of law, District Pleader's examination and set up county lawyers , established a small practice at Godhra by setting up an independent District Pleader's Office in 1900. But by sufferance of an epidemic Plague, he was forced to shift for Naida and then to Borsad, a town in Kheda district in 1902, where he conducted a number of criminal cases. Despite his desire to qualify as a Barrister in England, but owing to certain domestic circumstances, he couldn't.

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