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Online Certificate Course Leadership of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel

Visionary Leader and Luminary of India

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by Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna

{Internationally Acclaimed Speaker}



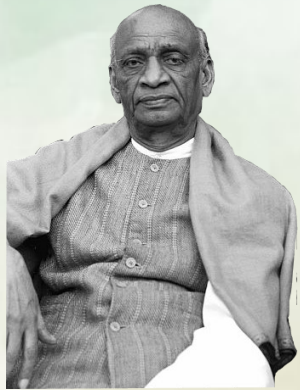
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Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel's legacy is associated with the unity and integrity of India, his crucial role in integrating the princely states and in furthering national unity in the aftermath of India's Independence. His negotiating skills, precision, firmness, and administrative efficiency facilitated to achieve this remarkable feat. Equally, he stands out as the first major leader of the independence movement who came from a rural background whose leadership in the various satyagraha and nonviolent civil disobedience movements is remarkable. His statesmanship and the vision of modern India in the contemporary world are very much relevant today.



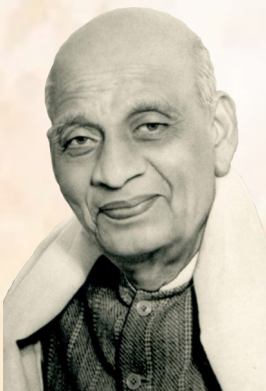
Sardar Patel's characteristic strength, resolve, wisdom, vision, nationalism, and understanding of the need for India to be united nation helped in enabling India to achieve progress in its stature and growth as a robust nation. His inclusive approach was focused with laser like intensity on the essentials and the goal that had to be achieved. He undertook all the actions with total dedication with no halfway measures. He achieved this because of his mastery of personal leadership and institutional management.

With resilience and resolve, Sardar Patel carried forward the torch of our great nation's guiding philosophy, which has been the underlying message of the Rig Vedic verse, *Ekam sat, vipraah bahudhaa vadanti* (Truth is one, but the sages call it by many names).

The overall purpose of the online course is to give its participants orientation in the theoretical and practical dimensions of leadership of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, India's Iron man; life and times of Sardar Patel; his legacy; his genius; the superb administrator; the secularist with a difference; making of a Gandhian nationalist; his role in leading the satyagraha; his economic ideas; his effort to reorganize the states for unification of India after freedom and national reconstruction following independence and his concept of the unified World Order for Global Peace.

The course for the Indian diaspora and international participants will be in collaboration with Indian Mission and Indian Council for Cultural Relations as part of the commemoration of 75th Years of India's Independence - *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*. From February 2023, we will conduct Eight online certificate courses that would be hosted by 95 Indian Mission with support from ICCR.

This online course is aimed at enhancing the understanding of Indian spiritual and cultural heritage as well as the tre-



mendous contribution made by Sardar Patel during his life which was great indeed, his contribution in the next century when the world is facing many challenges could be even higher.

The courses will be conducted by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna and her team. The course will be interactive and participatory and is a non-credit program. After the completion of the course, participants will be given a digitally signed certification. The online course will be spread over three weeks-60 minutes once a week every Saturday in January 2023 on a virtual platform.

Broad topics to be covered in three courses:

- ♦ Sardar Patel's leadership, administrative and organizational skills
- ♦ Sardar Patel's role in leading various satyagraha in the freedom struggle
- ♦ Sardar Patel's philosophy/ideology, vision, and national reconstruction

Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna was born and brought up in Mahatma Gandhi's Ashram in Sevagram near Wardha in Maharashtra. She has cultivated a strong ideological connection with Mahatma Gandhi's ideals since childhood. For the past two decades, she has attempted different ways of spreading Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy to people in India and abroad by giving lectures, workshops and Gandhi Katha.



Dr. Radhakrishna has travelled to 42 countries and presented lectures and Gandhi Katha. During the commemoration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi starting from 2018 to 2021, She has delivered an online Gandhi Katha hosted by Indian Mission accredited to 135 countries. Through the virtual medium, Gandhiji messages have reached wide and far. On 30 January 2022, Indian Missions accredited to 90 countries hosted the online tribute by Dr Radhakrishna to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his 74 Martyr's Day. Indian Mission in 90 countries hosted the talks by Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna to commemorate the Salt Satyagraha, Bardoli Satyagraha, and Quit India Movement in 2022. She gave talk on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on National Unity Day 2022, which was hosted by 120 Indian Mission supported by ICCR.

Sardar Patel's life and thoughts can guide the people in any part of the world and participation in this course is a unique way of finding inspiration from it!

