

STATUE OF UNITY

STATUE OF UNITY is a colossal statue of Indian statesman and independence activist Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (1875–1950), who was the first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of independent India and the Chief adherent of Mahatma Gandhi, during the non-violent Indian Independence movement. Sardar Patel was highly respected for his leadership in uniting the 552 princely states of India to form the single Union of India.

The statue is the world's tallest statue. It is located on a river facing the Sardar Sarovar Dam on Narmada river in Kevadiya Colony, 100 kilometers southeast of Vadodara City, and 150 kilometers from Surat City, in Gujarat State, India.

The statue is built to withstand winds of up to 180 kilometres per hour (110 mph) and earthquakes measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale which are at a depth of 10 km and within a radius of 12 km of the statue. This is aided by the use of two 250-tonne tuned mass dampers which ensure maximum stability.

The total height of the structure is 240 m (790 ft), with a base of 58 m (190 ft) and statue of 182 m (597 ft). The height of 182 was specifically chosen to match the number of seats in the Gujarat Legislative Assembly.

The statue is divided into five zones of which only three are accessible to the public. From its base to the level of Patel's shins is the first zone which has three levels and includes an exhibition area, mezzanine and roof. Zone 1 contains a memorial garden and a museum. The second zone reaches up to Patel's thighs, while the third extends up to the viewing gallery at 153 metres. Zone 4 is the maintenance area while the final zone comprises the head and shoulders of the statue.

The museum in zone 1 catalogues the life of Sardar Patel and his contributions. An adjoining audio-visual gallery provides a 15-minute presentation on Patel and also describes the tribal culture of the state.

Places of visit: Panoramic View of Dam at Chest level, Museum, Valley Flowers, Sardar Sarovar Dam.

1 DAY, AHMEDABAD-VADODARA-AHMEDABAD

Cost per person : Rs.5,000/- (includes 28 Seater AC Mini Bus – 2x2, Lunch by Crown Plaza, AC Tent for relaxation, Mineral Water, Tourist Guide. Does not include breakfast, afternoon tea,). Start in morning and return in late evening.



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Sardar Sarovar Dam on the river Narmada - world's second biggest concrete gravity dam after America's Grand Coulee - has been inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi.

What makes the inauguration even more significant is the fact that it comes 56 years after its foundation stone was laid by then PM Jawaharlal Nehru in 1961. 1.2-km-long dam is also said to be the biggest dam in terms of volume of concrete used in it.