



On the occasion of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 150th Birth Anniversary

Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, Savitribai Phule Pune University

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are jointly organizing two day National Seminar on the topic

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's Contributions to National Security and Nationalism

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on

22nd & 23rd April 2025 | 10:30 AM onwards

"Manpower without unity is not a strength unless it is harmonised and united properly, then it becomes a spiritual power." - **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** (Iron Man of India)

Venue : Sant Dnyaneshwar Hall, Main Building, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune





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Day 1: 22nd April, 2025

Inaugural Session

10:00 - 10:30 am	Registration
10:30 - 12:00 noon	Inaugural Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome address & Introduction about seminar : Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Khare, HoD, Defence and Strategic Studies, SPPU• Keynote Address: Prof. Dilip Mohite, Former Dean, Faculty of Arts, M. S. University Baroda, Vadodara, Gujarat• Vote of Thanks
12:00 noon - 01:30 pm	Session I: Unification of Princely States – Strategy and Impact on National Security Chair : Prof. Mohanan Bhaskaran Pillai, Former Dean, School of Law & Former Head, Department of Politics & International Studies, Pondicherry University Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Arvind Kumar, JNU, New Delhi• Dr. Seshadri Chari, Indian politician, journalist, author and strategic and foreign policy analyst, New Delhi Q & A Session: 15 minutes
01:30 - 02:30 pm	Lunch Break

02:30 - 04:30 pm	<p>Session II: Law Enforcement and Internal Security</p> <p>Chair : Prof. Dilip Mohite, Former Dean, Faculty of Arts, M. S. University Baroda, Vadodara, Gujarat</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Mohanan Bhaskaran Pillai, Former Dean, School of Law & Former Head, Department of Politics & International Studies, Pondicherry University • Prof. D. K. Verma, Director & Dean, School of Social Science, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar University of Social Science, Mhow, MP • Dr. Pratip Chattopadhyay, Associate Professor, Department of Political Sciences, Kalyani University, West Bengal • Col. Gulshan Mongia, New Delhi • Lt. Col. Sudhir Khandka, Sena Medal, Dehradun, Uttarakhand <p>Q & A Session: 15 minutes</p>
04:30 pm	Tea & Networking
Day 2 : 23rd April, 2025	
10:00 – 10.30 am	Registration
10:30 - 01:00 pm	<p>Session III: Patel's Legacy and Lessons for Modern Security and Foreign Policy</p> <p>Chair : Prof. Arvind Kumar, JNU, New Delhi</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Vijay Khare, HoD, DDSS, SPPU • Col. Ashish Joshi, Pune • Col. Naveen Prabhu, Kochi, Kerala <p>Q & A Session: 15 minutes</p>
01:00 - 02:00 pm	Lunch Break
02:00 - 03:30 pm	<p>Session IV : Reflecting on Patel's Legacy and Future Implications</p> <p>Chair : Prof. M. L. Sali, Former Principal, MVPs Arts and Commerce College, Vani (Nashik), Former Head and Professor, Defence and Strategic Studies, Bhonsala Military College, Nashik</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Col. Rajkumar Chachra, Dehradun, Uttarakhand • Col. Abhishek Mishra, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh <p>Q & A Session: 15 minutes</p>
03:30 - 04:30 pm	<p>Valedictory Session</p> <p>Chief Guest : Prof. (Dr.) Nitin Karmalkar, Former VC, SPPU</p> <p>Guests of Honour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Parag Kalkar, Pro-Vice Chancellor, SPPU • Shri. Ravindra Shingnapurkar, Management Council Member, SPPU
04:30 pm	Tea and Networking Session