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# Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's Contributions to National Security and Nationalism

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on

**22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 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)

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**Day 1: 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2025**

**Inaugural Session**

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

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