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Patel's Legacy & Its Relevance to Aatmanirbhar, Viksit Bharat

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Context: The Vice-President recently stated that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's legacy of national integration, strong institutions, and self-reliance forms the philosophical foundation of the government's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat @2047.

Sardar Patel – Key Facts

- India's **first Deputy Prime Minister** and **first Home Minister**.
- Integrated **562 princely states** into the Indian Union (1947–50).
- Architect of **All India Services** (IAS, IPS) ? Ensured administrative uniformity.
- Known as the **Iron Man of India**.
- Led the formation of the **Kaira Cooperative Movement**, early base for **Amul**.
- Played a major role in shaping **India's federal structure** and **internal security architecture**.
- **Statue of Unity** (2018) in Gujarat is the world's tallest statue.

Linking Patel's Vision to Present Policies

Patel's Contribution	Present Vision / Policy
National integration	Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat; border & internal security reforms
Administrative unification	Civil service reforms, Mission Karmayogi
Cooperative movement	Ministry of Cooperation, digital cooperatives
Infrastructure and irrigation focus	PM Gati Shakti, Jal Jeevan Mission
Strong internal security	Counter-terrorism reforms, modern policing

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