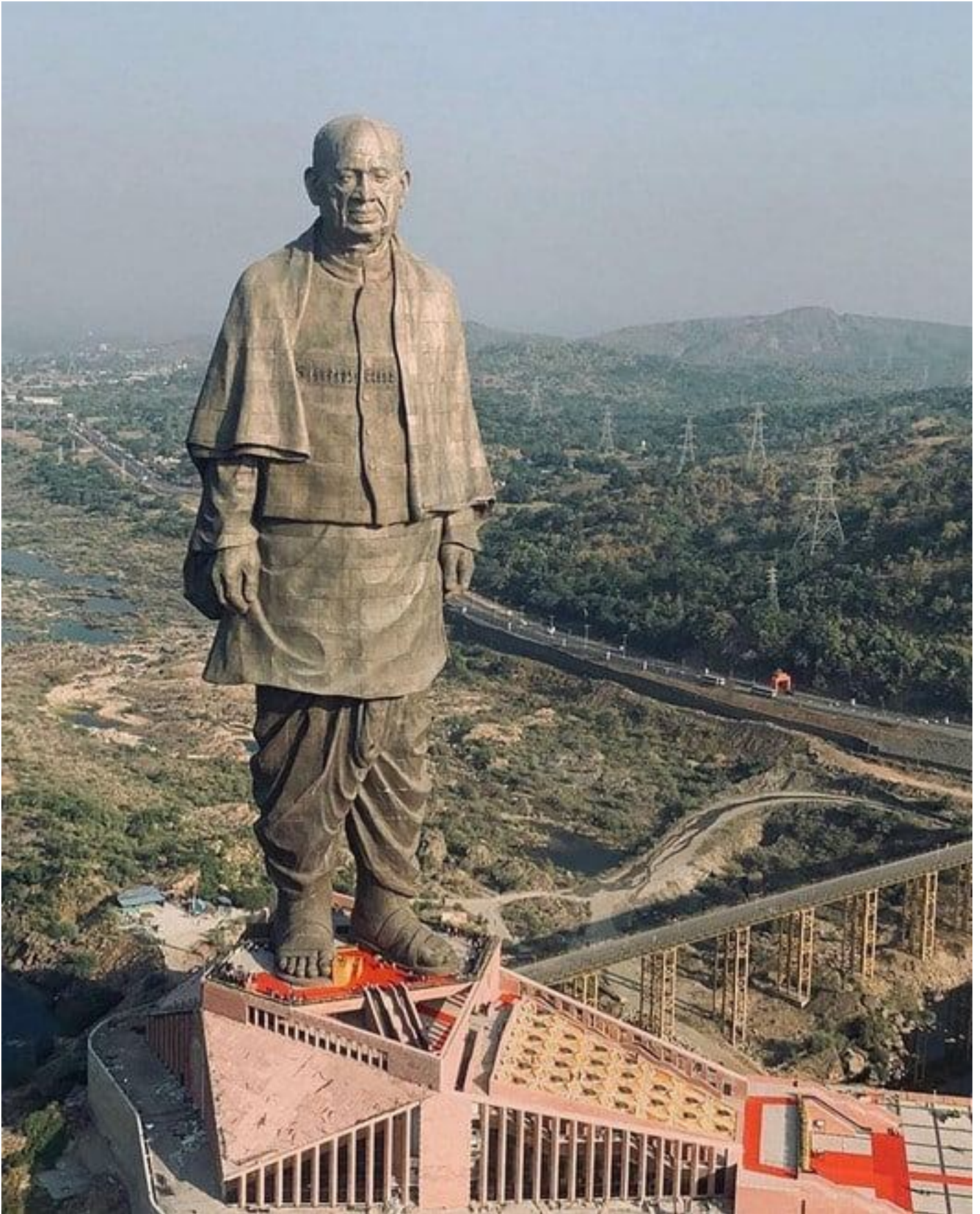


Statue of Unity

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About Statue of Unity:

- It was created as a **tribute to the 'Iron Man of India', Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.**

- **Location:** It is Located in **Gujarat**, by the **banks of River Narmada** on the **River Island of Sadhu Bet** overlooking the Narmada Dam.
- **Height:** The statue, **182-metre tall, is described as the world's tallest** as it exceeds the height of China's Spring Temple Buddha by 177 feet.
- The statue was **built by Indian construction major Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** and **designed by Padma Bhushan-winning sculptor Ram V Sutar**.

Key facts about Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel:

- He was an **Indian barrister and statesman**, one of the **leaders of the Indian National Congress** during the struggle for Indian independence.
- He was **born on 31st October 1875, in Nadiad, Gujarat**.
- Patel **first made his mark in 1918**, when he **planned mass campaigns of peasants**, farmers, and landowners **of Kaira, Gujarat, against the decision of the Bombay government to collect the full annual revenue taxes despite crop failures** caused by heavy rains.
- He was so **influenced by Gandhiji's ideas that in the year 1920, in the non-cooperation movement**, he adopted indigenous Khadi items and started boycotting foreign clothes.
- **Patel led the Satyagraha movement in Nagpur in 1923** against the British law of banning the hoisting of the Indian Flag.
- **In 1928** Patel successfully **led the landowners of Bardoli** in their resistance **against increased taxes**.
- His efficient leadership of the Bardoli campaign **earned him the title of sardar ("leader")**.
- He was appointed as the **first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of India from 1947 to 1950**.
- He is highly **credited for the peaceful integration of the princely Indian states** into the Indian Union and the **political unification of India**.

Q1) Who was known as the Iron man of India?

Sardar Patel is known as the iron man of India. He was a political and freedom leader in India's freedom struggle.

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