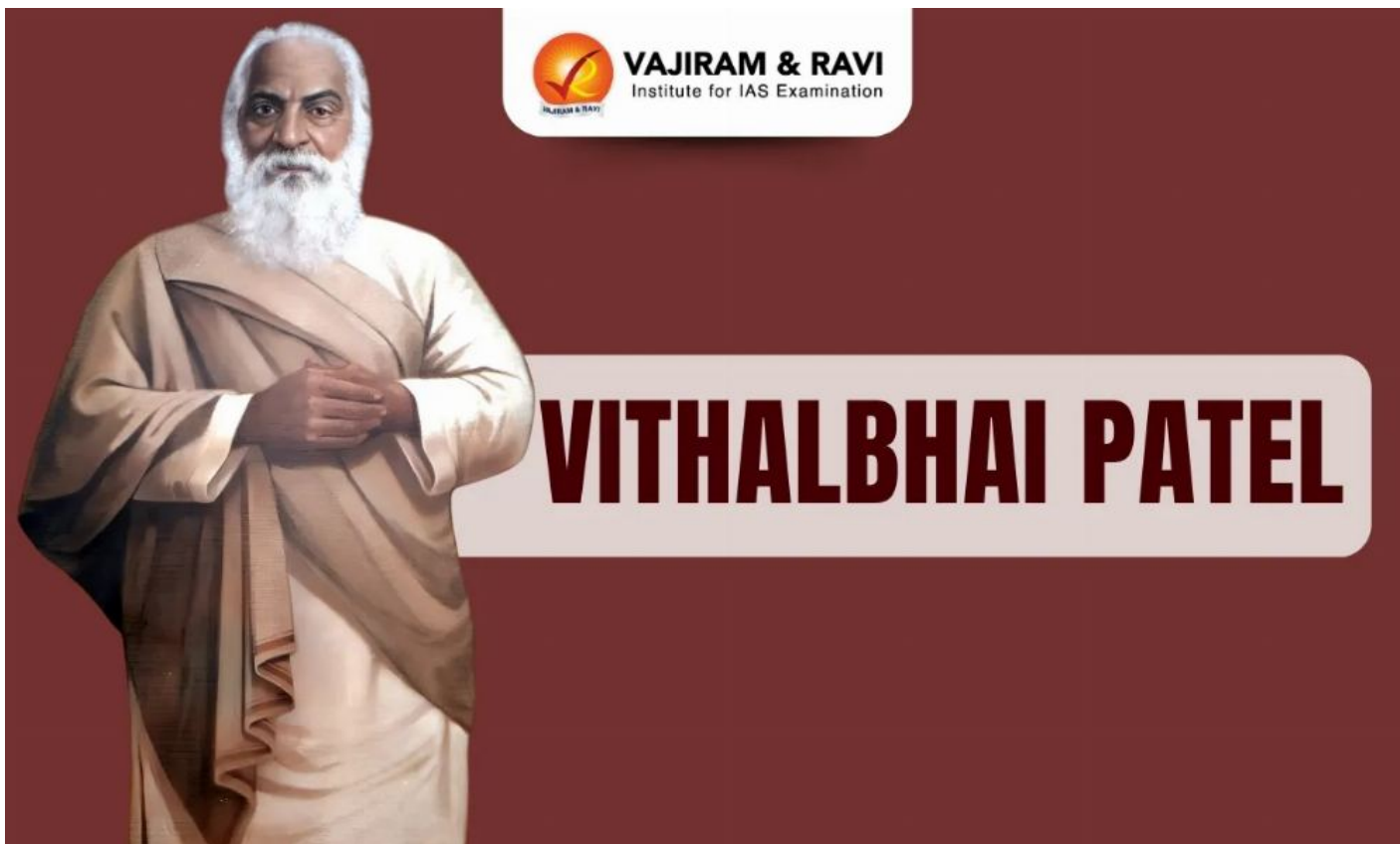


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The Delhi Legislative Assembly held a two-day conference on 'Vithalbhai Patel: His Role in Shaping India's Constitution and Legislative Institutions' in New Delhi recently.

About Vithalbhai Patel

- Vithalbhai Patel, born on 27 September **1873**, was an **Indian legislator** and **political leader, co-founder of the Swaraj Party**, and **elder brother of Sardar Patel**.
- Much before Vallabhbhai Patel could enter politics, Vithalbhai got into the political world and became a prominent name in the Indian independence movement.
- Despite **not being completely in sync with Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy** and practices, Vithalbhai **joined Congress** and began his struggle for India's independence.
- He managed to **win a seat in the Bombay Legislative Council** with the help of a band of supporters.
- **After** the incident of **Chauri Chaura** and **the end of the Non-cooperation Movement in 1922**, Vithalbhai **left Congress** and **established** his own party called **Swaraj Party, along with Chittaranjan**

Das and Motilal Nehru.

- The basic **aim** of the party was to **enter the councils** and abolish the government run by the British.
- He became popular amongst the masses through his oratorical and witty speeches.
- Thereafter, he was **elected to the Central Legislative Assembly** in **1923** and later in **1925, became the Assembly's president.**
- He was the **first Indian** to hold the **post of the President/Speaker of the Central Legislative Assembly.**
- Vithalbhai Patel **drew the attention of the world** towards the importance and need of India's freedom. Thus, he lit the flame of the Indian freedom struggle not only in the country but also abroad.
- He **died in Geneva, Switzerland**, on October 22, 1933.

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