

Freedom fighter Prahlad Patel

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In news— The Prime Minister of India paid tributes to freedom fighter and social worker from Gujarat Prahadbhai Hargovandas Patel on his 115th birth anniversary recently.

A brief note on Prahlad Patel-

- He was **a freedom fighter from the state of Gujarat** who became active in the freedom movement under Gandhi's influence during the freedom struggle.
- **Prahladji had become famous in the entire state by the name of Seth Latiwala.**
- He was imprisoned in Sabarmati and Yerwada Jail.
- In the war of independence, he was also **involved in certain underground activities** and had attempted to hide several fighters in Becharaji.
- Becharaji means the holy pilgrim center of Goddess Bahuchara.
- **After independence**, he had played a vital role in the merger of small states of the country **under the instructions of Sardar Patel** and had actively contributed in connecting the states like Dasada, Vanod and Zainabad with India.
- In 1951, **he had joined Vinoba Bhave's Bhoodan movement and had donated 200 bighas of land owned by him.**
- In 1962, in the first election of Gujarat, after it separated from Bombay state, he had fought from Chanasma seat and had become a public representative.