The **Statue of Unity** is a [colossal statue](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colossal_statue) of [Indian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_people) statesman and [independence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_independence_movement) activist Sardar [Vallabhbhai Patel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vallabhbhai_Patel) (1875–1950) and located in the state of [Gujarat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gujarat), India. It is the world's [tallest statue](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tallest_statue) with a height of 182 meters (597 ft). It is located on a [river island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/River_island) facing the [Sardar Sarovar Dam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sardar_Sarovar_Dam) on the river [Narmada](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Narmada) in [Kevadiya colony](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kevadiya), 100 kilometers (62 mi) southeast of the city of [Vadodara](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vadodara).[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statue_of_Unity#cite_note-2) India [unveiled](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-46028342) a gargantuan statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the country’s first deputy prime minister. At nearly 600-feet tall, the bronze monument is almost double the height of the Statue of Liberty, and soars above China’s Spring Temple Buddha, which formerly boasted the title of the world’s tallest statue.  
Read more: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/india-building-worlds-tallest>. The statue depicts [Vallabhbhai Patel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vallabhbhai_Patel), one of the most prominent leaders of the [Indian independence movement](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_independence_movement), the first [Deputy Prime Minister of India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deputy_Prime_Minister_of_India), and responsible for the [unification](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Political_integration_of_India) of hundreds of [princely states](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princely_states) to form the modern political boundary of India. The statue was built on a [Public Private Partnership](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_Private_Partnership) model, with most of the money raised by the [Government of Gujarat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_Gujarat). The Gujarat state government had allotted ₹6 billion (US$83 million) for the project in the budget from 2012 to 2015.