

## Gujarat government invited K Palaniswami to the inauguration of statue of unity



In the memory of the Iron man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Gujarat has built his statue as a tribute to the legend he was. The statue is known as 'Statue of Unity' and is situated on the banks of river Narmada.

Sardar Patel was the first deputy prime minister of India and played a leading role in the country's struggle for independence and shaped our country in a united, independent nation. He put his blood and sweat to unify the 562 princely states in India present at that time. The unveiling of this humongous statue will be done by PM Modi. The Gujarat government has invited K Palsniwami, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, for the inauguration of the statue on October 31. A formal invitation has been extended to Palaniswami by a delegation headed by Ganpat Vasava, party MP Kirit Solanki and a couple of state Legislators to attend the inauguration of Sardar Patel's statue.

Another team led by Kishor Kanani, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Gujarat government, has invited Chief Minister Conrad Sangma who is the 12th and current Chief Minister of the State of Meghalaya, to grace the occasion with his presence. Conrad Sangma is yet to confirm his visit as he has been invited to attend another programme in Imphal on October 31.

The 'Statue of Unity' dedicated to Sardar Patel, located on the banks of Narmada river, 200 km from Ahmedabad, is constructed to pay a tribute to Saradar's immense contribution in India's freedom struggle and his visionary ideologies of unity, patriotism, inclusive growth and good governance. The statue is 182 metres tall and is built at a cost of Rs 2,389 crore rupees, at an island on Narmada river will be unveiled to the world, on his birth anniversary.