

Museum of Royal Kingdoms of India

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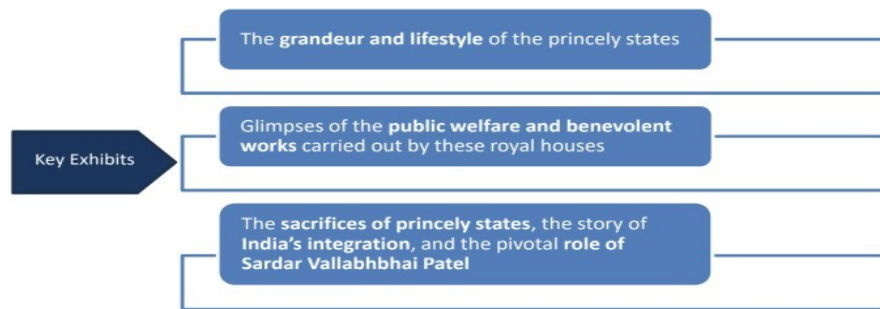
Why in news?

On the eve of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the Museum of Royal Kingdoms of India.

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, observed every year on October 31, honours Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's legacy in unifying India, promoting unity in diversity amid ongoing national challenges.

- **Purpose** - It will serve as a **national repository** celebrating India's royal heritage with galleries of regalia, artefacts, textiles, manuscripts, paintings, and archival materials from various dynasties and princely states.
- **Location** - Built near the **Statue of Unity in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.**
- **Aim** - To preserve the memory of the past while inspiring future generations with the timeless spirit of unity and sacrifice.
- **Key objectives**
 - To document and display the rich legacy of India's royal & princely states.
 - To preserve artefacts and archival materials - reflect India's royal traditions and their contribution to the nation's unity and cultural identity.
 - To educate and engage the public on the historical process of integration, the contribution of the princely states and the evolution of India's governance and cultural unity.
 - To serve as a centre for research, preservation, and public learning on India's regal and democratic heritage.
- **4 thematic galleries** -
 - **Orientation Gallery** - Introduction to royalty and the museum's story through films and audio-visual narratives.

- **The Throne and the State** - Will showcase the royal families, their systems of governance, traditions, welfare policies, and their affection for their people.
- **The Story of India's Integration** - Will depict the events and documents associated with the political integration of India.
- **Hall of Unity** - Will display the symbols and insignias of all princely states, honouring their sacrifices for India's unity.



- **Key Design Features - Dedicated learning gallery** - Inspired by the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the museum will feature a dedicated gallery for interactive and experiential learning.
- **Amenities** - The museum's architecture is designed to harmonise with the natural landscape.

Reference

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