

Independence Day Celebration – 15th August at Smt. S. I. Patel Ipcowala College of Education, Petlad

Every year on **15 August**, Smt. S. I. Patel Ipcowala College of Education, Petlad, comes alive with patriotic fervor as students, faculty, and staff unite to commemorate India's Independence Day. The campus is decorated in **tricolor hues**, adorning buildings and walkways with flags, balloons, and banners that set a festive tone. The program officially begins at **8:30 AM** with the **hoisting of the national flag** by the eminent personalities, followed by the solemn rendition of the **National Anthem**, invoking a deep sense of pride and unity.

The Teacher Educator addresses the assembly with a motivating speech that honors the courage of freedom fighters and reminds Student-teacher of their duty toward nation building. Students then deliver well-prepared speeches on India's struggle for independence and the role of youth in shaping the country's future. The cultural program features patriotic songs, folk and classical dances, and a skit dramatizing key moments from our independence movement, all performed by B.Ed. trainees with enthusiasm and emotion.

To encourage participation and learning, the college organizes an elocution or quiz competition on national history and constitutional values, often followed by a collective recitation of the **National Pledge** by attendees. The event also includes post-program refreshments—sweets and snacks—shared among participants, symbolizing community spirit and warmth.

In line with the college's ethos of social responsibility, tree plantation drives or environmental pledges are sometimes integrated into the event, reflecting the institution's holistic approach to education. A student representative delivers a vote of thanks, marking the formal conclusion, followed by informal interactions, photo sessions, and a renewed sense of unity within the college community. Administrators and senior faculty often remark on the strong coordination, team spirit, and cultural awareness fostered through this annual tradition. This cherished annual celebration not only reinforces patriotic values but also emphasizes the college's mission of nurturing socially conscious and ethically committed future educators, ready to serve society with integrity and dedication.

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Rangoli Competition



Poster Making and Rangoli Competition



Flag Hoisting at the college campus

