

Preservation and Protection of All Languages

At Smt. S. I. Patel Ipcowala College of Education, Petlad

Language is not merely a tool of communication—it is a carrier of culture, identity, and heritage. In pursuit of this vision, Smt. S. I. Patel Ipcowala College of Education, Petlad celebrates the **Preservation and Protection of All Languages** at various times during the academic year. These activities align with the ethos of the **National Education Policy (NEP 2020)** and the values promoted by **NAAC**.

Objectives:

- To foster respect and pride for linguistic diversity
- To encourage student-teachers to use and promote regional and mother languages
- To create awareness about the endangered languages and their revival
- To connect language with cultural identity and inclusiveness

Key Celebrations and Activities Conducted

Throughout the Year:

1. **International Mother Language Day (21st February):** Poster-making, multilingual poetry recitation, slogan writing, and presentations on endangered Indian languages were conducted. Students showcased proverbs and idioms from various regional languages.
2. **Gujarati Bhasha Divas (Gujarati Language Day):** Activities like elocution, essay writing, and folk literature reading were organized to promote love for the mother tongue and local cultural roots.
3. **Multilingual Day in Practice Teaching:** During internships, students were encouraged to use home language/mother tongue in explanation wherever appropriate, respecting students' linguistic backgrounds.
4. **Literary Club Sessions (Lok Sahitya Sabha):** Regular sessions included storytelling, reading of regional authors, folk tales, and translation activities in Gujarati, Hindi, and Sanskrit.



5. **Language and Culture Week (during second semester):** A dedicated week celebrated through drama, mono-acting, and debates in various Indian languages emphasizing unity in diversity.



Outcome:

The celebrations created an inclusive platform where future educators understood the relevance of language in pedagogy. These activities helped preserve linguistic heritage and inspired trainees to value multilingualism in their future teaching careers.

NAAC Alignment: These activities contribute significantly to:

- **Criterion I: Curricular Aspects**
- **Criterion III: Research, Innovation and Extension**
- **Criterion V: Student Support and Progression**
- **Institutional Distinctiveness: Cultural and Linguistic Inclusivity**

