

Institutional Distinctiveness: Community Engagement and Social Responsibility

Smt. S. I. Patel Ipcowala College of Education, Petlad, established with a vision to prepare competent and socially responsible educators, has continually demonstrated a distinct institutional commitment to **Society as a core value**. The college integrates social responsibility with teacher education, making it an integral part of its academic and co-curricular culture. One of the most distinctive practices of the institution is its **holistic community outreach through internship and field engagement**. B.Ed. trainees are systematically placed in government and private schools across Petlad and surrounding rural areas. Beyond teaching practice, they participate in **school-community partnership activities**, including parent-teacher interaction, village surveys, sanitation drives, and awareness campaigns. This approach not only strengthens the trainees' pedagogical competencies but also builds **empathetic and socially responsive educators**.

Another unique aspect is the college's collaboration with the **Petlad Central Library**, offering access to an extended academic resource pool. This initiative supports the enhancement of reading culture, independent learning, and community learning integration among trainees.





The institution also engages in **civic participation** by conducting **awareness rallies and street campaigns** on issues like **voter awareness, AIDS Awareness, Thylesemia Awareness, environmental sustainability, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, and traffic safety**, often in partnership with local authorities. These outreach programs enable students to connect their theoretical knowledge with real societal needs and public issues, encouraging them to become active citizens and educators with a purpose.



Through such initiatives, the college not only contributes meaningfully to the local community but also reinforces its institutional identity as a **socially engaged, value-driven teacher education institution**. The emphasis on **field-based learning, community service, and moral values** is what distinguishes Smt. S. I. Patel Ipcowala College of Education from

others, aligning perfectly with the NAAC's focus on holistic and community-integrated higher education.

