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Sarvajanik University, Surat

Gujarat State

National Service Scheme (NSS)



NATIONAL INTEGRATION CAMP (NIC)

Organized by

**Gujarat State NSS Cell,
Government of Gujarat,
Higher Education Department,
in coordination with
Regional Directorate of NSS, Ahmedabad**

Host Institution

Smt. S. C. P. F. Commerce College, Dabhoi, Vadodara
(Under Shri Govind Guru University – SGGU)

Duration

01 December 2025 to 07 December 2025

Theme

“Sardar @150 – National Unity, Cultural Harmony and Youth Leadership”



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Introduction

The Gujarat State NSS Cell, under the aegis of the Government of Gujarat's Higher Education Department and the Regional Directorate Office, Ahmedabad, successfully organized a **seven-day National Integration Camp (NIC)** from **01 December to 07 December 2025** at Dabhoi, Vadodara.

The camp was organized as part of the nationwide celebrations marking the **150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**, the Iron Man of India and the chief architect of India's national integration.

The primary objective of the camp was to **strengthen national unity, promote cultural harmony, foster leadership qualities, and instill the spirit of selfless service among youth** through experiential learning, community engagement, cultural exchange, and participation in a historic **પદચર્યા**.

Ms. Mamta Dhayal (Programme Officer , SCCCA) along with **Dhruti Chaudhary, Nayee Aayush, Prajapati Mansi, Ranpise Krishna** (NSS Volunteers , SCCCA) have represented Sarvajani University at National integration camp

Objectives of the Camp

- To promote **national integration and unity in diversity**
- To commemorate the legacy and ideals of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**
- To encourage **inter-state cultural exchange**
- To develop **leadership, discipline, teamwork, and social responsibility** among NSS volunteers
- To sensitize youth towards **environmental conservation and civic responsibility**
- To provide exposure through interaction with **national leaders, administrators, and cultural icons**





Inaugural Ceremony – Day 1

The National Integration Camp commenced with a **formal inaugural ceremony** at Dabhoi. The event was graced by **Shri Kamal Kumar**, Regional Director of NSS, along with eminent dignitaries including academicians, administrators, and representatives of the NSS fraternity.

The dignitaries emphasized the role of NSS in **nation-building, youth empowerment, and social transformation**, while highlighting the unparalleled contribution of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** in unifying the nation. The inaugural session was followed by **cultural programmes including Garba**, which created an atmosphere of enthusiasm and mutual bonding among volunteers from different states.

પદયાત્રા and Cultural Engagement – Day 2

On the second day, volunteers participated in the **Saadhli Gaam Sabha Samaroh**, which was attended by eminent national leaders, including the **Honourable Defence Minister of India, Shri Rajnath Singh**, along with Governors, MPs, and State Ministers.

The defence minister highlighted the significance of Sardar Patel's vision of unity and integrity, inspiring the youth to contribute actively towards national development. NSS volunteers presented **cultural performances**, particularly Garba, symbolizing Gujarat's rich heritage.

The day witnessed a major milestone of the historic **પદયાત્રા**, covering nearly **80 km from Karamsad to Saadhli**, followed by a **12 km walk from Saadhli to Shinor village**. Cultural troupes from **Chhattisgarh and Bihar** added vibrancy through folk performances along the route.

Cultural Exchange and Sabha Samaroh – Day 3

Day 3 featured the **Mota Fofliya Sabha Samaroh** held at **Shree Chottubhai A. Patel Academy**, graced by the **Honourable Governor of Gujarat, Acharya Devvrat**, along with political leaders and public representatives.

School students showcased folk songs and dances reflecting India's cultural diversity. NSS volunteers from **Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra** presented traditional performances, enriching inter-state cultural understanding. The **પદયાત્રા** progressed further from **Bithli to Poicha**, followed by an evening cultural programme that strengthened unity among participants.

Community Interaction and Cultural Night – Day 4

On the fourth day, volunteers engaged in **community-oriented activities at Bhadam village**, including a welcome ceremony at the **Bhadam Aarogya Kendra**. The programme was attended by several public representatives and leaders.

Cultural teams from **Madhya Pradesh and Odisha** performed folk dances and music, emphasizing India's pluralistic culture. The **५६५५५** advanced towards **Rajpipla**, culminating in a grand ceremony at **C.P.D.C.P.E. College, Rajpipla**, attended by **Shri Arif Mohammed Khan, Hon'ble Governor of Bihar**. The evening concluded with a powerful performance by renowned folk artist **Mayabhai Ahir**, followed by inter-state cultural exchange.

National Leaders' Interaction and Cultural Showcase – Day 5

Day 5 marked the **५६५५५** route from **Bhandra to Garudeshwar**, accompanied by cultural performances by well-known folk artists and NSS volunteers. The gathering was addressed by several **Union Ministers, MPs, MLAs, and political leaders**, reinforcing the ideals of national integration, youth participation, and social harmony.

Cultural teams from **Rajasthan and Gujarat** showcased regional folk traditions, reflecting the theme of unity in diversity.

Visit to Statue of Unity – Day 6

On Day 6, all NIC participants visited the **Statue of Unity**, the world's tallest statue dedicated to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. A special sabha was organized, featuring speeches and cultural performances by noted artists and students.

Volunteers were provided a **guided tour** of the Statue of Unity complex, followed by the **evening laser and light show**, offering a profound understanding of Sardar Patel's life, leadership, and contribution to national integration.



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Valedictory Ceremony – Day 7

The camp concluded with a **valedictory ceremony**, addressed by **Shri C. R. Patil**, Head of IITE, who encouraged volunteers to become responsible citizens by adopting sustainable practices, promoting Swadeshi products, reducing plastic use, and contributing towards India's vision for **Viksit Bharat 2047**.

The **Honourable Vice Chancellor of SGGU** highlighted the importance of humanity, mental well-being, social harmony, and ethical values. The programme formally concluded at **2:30 PM**, followed by the departure of participants.





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Outcomes and Impact

- Enhanced awareness of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's vision and legacy**
- Strengthened sense of **national unity and cultural harmony**
- Development of **leadership, discipline, teamwork, and service orientation**
- Meaningful **inter-state cultural exchange**
- Increased commitment towards **environmental conservation**
- Exposure to **national leaders, administrators, and cultural icons**
- Reinforced the role of NSS in **nation-building**

Conclusion

The National Integration Camp organized by the **Gujarat State NSS Cell**, Government of Gujarat, Higher Education Department, and Regional Directorate Office, Ahmedabad, proved to be a **transformative and enriching experience** for all participants. The camp successfully fulfilled its objective of promoting national integration, cultural harmony, and civic responsibility among youth, in true spirit of the ideals of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**.

