

**SAINIK SCHOOL BALACHADI**  
**SCHOOL RAISING DAY : 08 July 2018**

**OPENING CEREMONY**

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY PRINCIPAL**

Good Morning, Ladies & Gentlemen

It is a matter of great privilege and honour for me, to extend, a very warm welcome to our Chief Guest Shri Mukesh Bhalodia, Executive Engineer PWD (R & B) Jamnagar and Mr Ragwani, Dy Engineer, PWD (R & B) Jamnagar, on **Our School Raising Day Celebration**, along with exchange programme launched on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015, on the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel by the Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modij under the National Awareness Programme : **Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat**.

Sir, Your presence amidst us today adds unparalleled joy and colour to the festivity. I also welcome cadets and staff of Sainik School Ambikapur, who have come all the way from Chattishgarh, to establish an educational and cultural exchange and to make this event a memorable one.

Just for the information of those who are not aware, Sainik School Balachadi was established on 8 July 1961 at Jamnagar. It was initially established in the two blocks of Irwin hospital now known as Guru Gobind Singh Hospital. To provide better facilities, the institution was shifted to its present location at Balachadi. The School in its new location was inaugurated on 07 March 1965 by Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, the then Prime Minister of India .

Dear Cadets, this is a moment that allows us to reflect on the 57 years long and glorious journey of the school in pursuit of excellence. The facilities of the school and its milestones which developed with the growth of the school are being depicted on the slides, which we have achieved together and aspire yet again – as success is never ending journey.

On 18 Dec 2017, I assumed the responsibility of nurturing this venerable institution and taking it to the next level of its evolutionary development. The Principal by virtue of his appointment carries weighted expectations as the prime motivator, chief facilitator and an institution builder. I am thankful to all my predecessors who contributed whole heartedly in shaping the Balachadians path. The well laid out customs & traditions, deep rooted and well entrenched, are a testimony to the zeal, untiring efforts and dedication of all the staff- past and present.

Ladies and Gentlemen, under the theme: Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Sainik School Balachadi organized a painting competition in the month of March on the theme, Icons of Gujarat, our cadets prepared portraits and profiles of these great sons and daughters of Gujarat, who made the state proud. Moreover, a presentation

about the icons of our neighbouring states was also organised by department of English. Number of other activities were also organised-Cycle Expedition, Mountaineering, Swachta Abhiyan , Symposium and many more.

For the coming days we have planned extravagant display of talent, by organizing Inter School Quiz Competition, Declamation, Poster making Competition and Gujarat Heritage tour. This will help in inculcating a spirit of National Integration among the cadets.

I quote Aristotle: "Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intentions, sincere effort, and intelligent execution. It represents the wisest choice of many alternatives—choice not chance, determines your destiny."

It takes grit to achieve greatness!

Our mission is to continue to do what we have always done, develop this school and the cadets with integrity and values; also, to give our students the best opportunities and the best all- round education. Our vision is to produce, smart and confident Officers who will serve the nation with great pride and make us proud.

Dear cadets, on this very special day, let us yet again firmly resolve and rededicate ourselves to continue our pursuit of excellence in all walks of life.

Let us make this 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat...' ONE INDIA, GREAT INDIA ,,, FOR OUR SCHOOL ONE AIM, ONE GOAL NDA

Thank you – Jai Hind