

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

**INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY THE CHIEF GUEST:**

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Group Captain Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi, Lt Col Deepak Chaddha, Administrative Officer, Lt Col Dharendra Kumar, Vice Principal, distinguished invited guests, the staff and cadets from Sainik School Ambikapur, ladies and gentlemen and members of the staff and my dear cadets,

A VERY GOOD MORNING TO YOU ALL!

I am greatly honoured to be invited as the Chief Guest on this 57<sup>th</sup> School Raising Day of Sainik School Balachadi. Indeed, on my own behalf, I earnestly express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Almighty God, who has granted us this great opportunity and allowed us to gather here to witness the effort and achievement that can only be described as a 'dream come true.'

This dream has come about to its fullest culmination after 56 years of hard work, determination, perseverance and focus on achieving this noble goal. It has taken the toll of a substantial investment from great leaders of the nation, whose aim and objective has been to pay back to the community and country at large that they have lived in by offering the best Officers the country will have ever seen.

I would like to mention here, Sainik Schools were a dream conceived by Mr. Krishna Menon, the then Defence Minister of India. The schools are run by the Government of India and managed by the Sainik School Society under the Government of India. The Chain of Sainik Schools in India was established as a prime focus of strengthening the Armed Forces and All India Services IAS & IPS, and other fields of Public services.

The Sainik School Balachadi Jamnagar, Gujarat, is one of the leading Sainik Schools in the Chain of 26 Sainik Schools in India. It is one of the outstanding boarding schools for public education in Gujarat, Which was established on 08<sup>th</sup> July 1961 by the then Honorable Prime Minister Sri Lal

Bahadur Shashtri. It is an elite English medium, fully residential boarding school for boys, providing premium public education, up to 10+2 stage as per the Central Board of Secondary Education.

Dear audience, I am overjoyed indeed, that today's School Raising Day is being culminated with the Prime Minister's new project that is "Ek Bharath Shresht Bharath" under which, there is an exchange programme organised with one of the sister schools of SSB that is, Sainik School Ambikapur. I am pleased to know that, There are many events lined up for four days for the cadets where there are Poster making Competition, Quiz and Declamation competition for the cadets in which both the schools are participating. The cadets will also exhibit the culture of the two states and make an effort to explore many new things. The host school has also organised sports competitions and a cultural heritage tour for the cadets of the guest school. We believe that, both the schools are going to have joyous and everlasting memories of these events in the long run of their life.

Best of luck to both the participating teams!

Thank You. And,

Jai Hind !!!