

## Unveiling of the bronze statue of “Sardar Saheb” at the sacred hands of Swami Sachchidanand at Tajpore College



Imparting best education and culture in the field of engineering in Bardoli region, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Education Society (SVPES) was established in 1996. N. G. Patel Polytechnic (NGPP) for diploma engineering was started in 1997 and Faculty of Engineering Technology and Research (FETR) for degree engineering has been started in recent years by SVPES. In all, about 3500 students get the knowledge of engineering field in both the colleges.

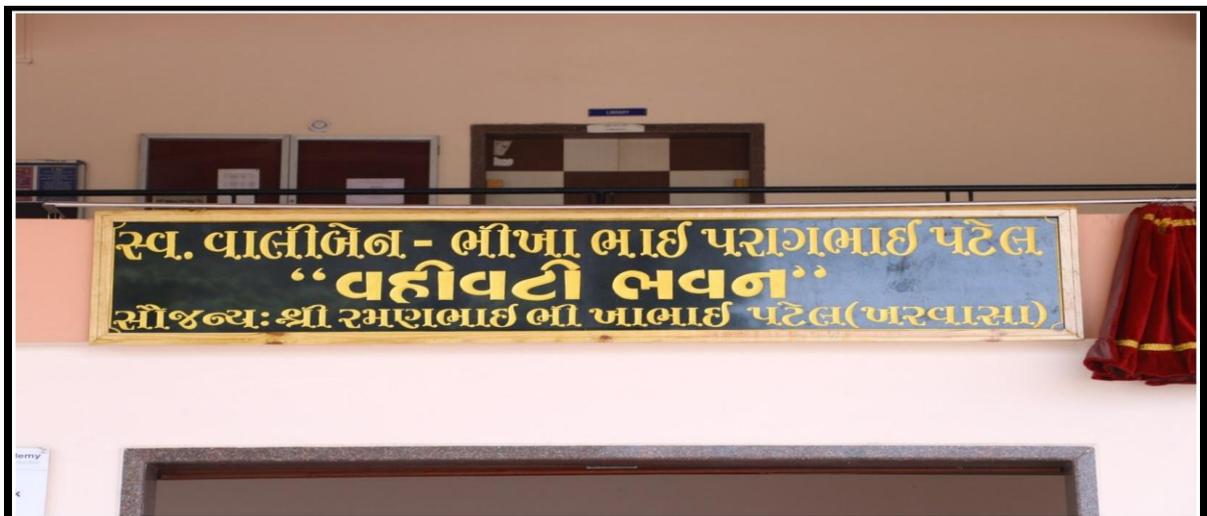


Since inception the Society had strong determination to set up the statue of Sardar Saheb in its college campus. Finally On 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 the unveiling of a 7 feet tall statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man and architect of integrated Bharat, and naming of Late Valiben Bikhhabhai Paragbhai Patel Vahivati Bhavan were done at the

sacred hands of Rev. Swami Sachchidanand Paramhans, a resident of Bhakti Niketan Ashram, Dantali.



The bronze statue was prepared by Shri Anand Sharma, manager of Anand Kala Niketan at Jaipur, and his son Vikas Sharma.





On this occasion, total 2200 people of Bardoli region including the trustees and the members of managing committee of SVPES, the leaders of various co-operative organizations, principals, professors, teachers and students of different educational institutions were fortunate to receive Swamiji's words of blessings.



Firstly, the president of SVPES Shri Ramanlal Sukhabhai Patel gave a welcome speech to all the attendees of the function. He said, "The decision to set up the statue of Sardar Saheb was made at the same time when in 1996 SVPES was established. Almost 4200 students have attained the engineering degree so far through both the colleges, NGPP and FETR."



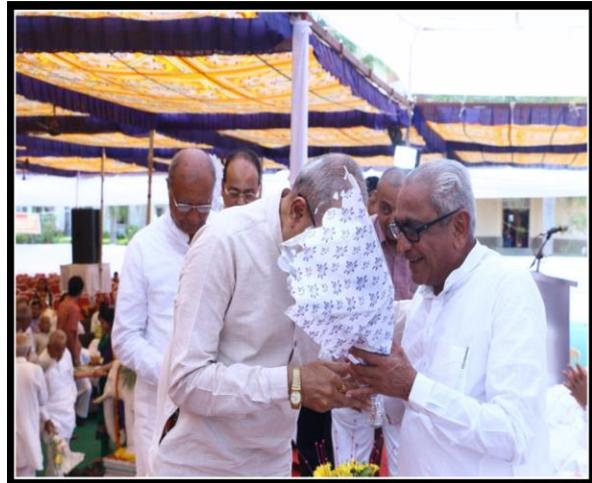
In his speech Swamiji said that Sardar had played a vital role in integrating Bharat. He added that great people are of four types: 1) Those who solve burning issues, 2) Those who solve ordinary or common problems, 3) Those who put the problems aside without solving them and 4) Those who raise new problems. Sardar falls into the first type. If Sardar Saheb had been the first prime minister of independent India, the existing issues would have been solved at that time only. He further said that a statue stands for endless flow of inspiration. He wished the statue of Sardar Patel inspire the members of the managing committee, professors, staff and students of the institution forever to perform good deeds.



On this occasion, the president of SVPES Shri Ramanlal Sukhabhai Patel was felicitated by Swamiji as the best guide of teaching and training. Only through his insight and vision the institution has attained many achievements at the state level as well as national level. Selflessness, philanthropy and service to others has been his motto of life. He is the founder member of SVPES and has been serving as its president for 18 years. Apart from this, under his leadership and only through his persistent hard work, sincerity and dutifulness, very famous in Bardoli region and Asia's largest sugar factory namely Shri Khedut Sahkari Khand Udhog Mandali Ltd., Bardoli has received many awards at national level. Looking to his great contribution, he was honoured by the trustees, members of and all the employees of both the colleges.



The chief guest of the function Shri Dilipbhai Bhakta congratulated one and all. Trustee Shri Babubhai Patel gave the brief introduction of the institution. Lastly, the vice president of institution Shri Manharbhai Patel thanked all the donors and contributors who have stood by the institution since its inception and thus concluded the function.



The programme was gracefully anchored by the principal of degree college Dr. Lateshbhai Chaudhari and the professor in management Smt. Truptiben Desai.