

## Many celebrations planned at institutes

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Students in educational institutes across the city have planned a plethora of events to celebrate the 63rd anniversary of the country's freedom. Besides the customary flag-hoisting ceremony, students plan to showcase their talents at various informal events held on their campuses on the day. At the National Institute of Design (NID), the Independence Day celebrations will be eco-friendly as usual. Cultural coordinator of the Students Activity Council (SAC) at NID, Nihar Desai, said, "This year, like every other year, we will plant saplings. The students who participate will plant a sapling each and adopt it. The students will take care of their saplings as long as they are in the campus, and till the saplings grow large enough."

The Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA) will also witness several activities on August 15. Children associated with Prayaas, an IIMA initiative, will perform songs and dances, while the institute's drama club called IIMACTS will also showcase their talent during the day. The healthcare club of the institute will conduct a session to train students in emergency health care, as well. At Mudra Institute of Communication, Ahmedabad (MICA), students will celebrate the day with a social cause. MICA student Surabhi Suri, also the spokesperson of the institute's theatre initiative Sankalp, said, "We will perform plays with social messages at government schools in nearby villages." MICA students will also invite children to the institute to celebrate the day together, with various activities. At the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) at Gandhinagar, the students will perform a play and participate in poetry recitation and debates. The play written by the students of the institute will depict the tale of a common man torn apart by caste discrimination. Enumerating on the events planned for the day, literary secretary of the SAC in NIFT Gandhinagar, Aditya Jain, said, "Apart from flag hoisting, the play and an open debate, we are also planning to organise a street play for the day."

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