

# Modi fetes Patel as Indira fades away

**P**M Narendra Modi's appropriation of Sardar Patel, a giant of the freedom struggle remembered for uniting the country, was complete on Friday when he feted the 'Iron Man' as an icon next only to Mahatma Gandhi.

The consecration of Patel on his birth anniversary stood out also because of the fading of the significance of Indira Gandhi's death anniversary. Untill now, the day when Indira was killed by her bodyguards, has been observed as the most important date with Patel barely finding a mention. But the tables were turned on Friday with the Indira event reduced to a Congress affair. **TNN P 13**