

Diktat defied, Guwahati observes Republic Day



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In a fitting reply to the threats issued by militants from foreign soil, Guwahatians came out into the open on Monday to celebrate the Republic Day in various neighbourhoods.

Hoisting the National Tricolour in Guwahati Press Club premises, eminent litterateur-journalist Nirupama Borgohain said this celebration of the Day aptly represents the indomitable spirit of a free nation, before which all diktats melt away and which we have to nourish in our mind.

Earlier, speaking before the more than one hundred journalists and

other citizens who gathered on the Press Club campus for the solemn occasion, senior journalists Rupam Baruah and Ajit Patowary explained the significance of the Day and paid rich tributes to the martyrs, who had sacrificed their lives to overthrow foreign occupation and keep the Tricolour flying.

Later, they took out a procession carrying the Tricolour and shouting slogans, paraded some thoroughfares of the city before returning to the starting point.

The day was also observed at Kumarpara Panch Ali, Bamunimaidan, Hengrabari, Japorigog, Khanapara, North Guwahati and various other localities and the National Tricolour was seen flying atop hundreds of houses dotting the city.

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