

Guwahati Scribes defy militant's diktat on I-Day 2013



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The city based scribes and patriotic citizens have once again shown their defiance to the militant's diktat on India's 67th Independence Day with unfurling the National flag in a festive atmosphere. As declared in advance, the nationalistic scribe and citizens paid homage to hundred thousand martyrs of India's Freedom Struggle on August 15 saluting the Tricolour in Guwahati Press Club campus.

A number of armed separatist outfits based in northeast India asked the citizens of the land-locked region to keep away from any kind of celebrations on the occasion of I-Day and they even called for a general strike on the day. But countering the militant's order, the Guwahatians in a large number poured in for the I-Day celebrations across the city.

Unfurling the National flag in the press club, journalist Nava Thakuria argued that it is the duty of each and every Indian to salute the Tricolour as the flag is a priceless property of the citizens. "Saluting the Tricolour we actually pay our heartiest tributes to those martyrs who made supreme sacrifice for us. If we disobey our martyrs of freedom struggle, we can no longer survive as a Nation with pride and self-esteem. Moreover, an ungrateful Nation to its own martyrs can not maintain its sovereignty for a longer period," said Thakuria.

Following the flag hoisting ceremony, the participants also took out a procession on the streets of the city shouting patriotic slogans, where many kids also joined in it with Tricolours on their hands. Journalists' Forum Assam (JFA), in an earlier appeal to the people of the region urged to defy the militants' diktat and celebrate the auspicious day. The JFA argued that a number of martyrs from Assam including Kanaklata Barua, Mukunda Kakoti, Kushal Konwar, Tilak Deka, Bhogeswari Phukanani, Nidhanu Rajbangshi, Kamala Miri, Lerela Boro, Madan Barman, Rauta Kachari, Hemoram Patar, Gunavi Bordoloi, Thagi Sut, Balaram Sut etc laid down their lives for the honour of the Tricolour during the British rule over India.

The observation of I-Day in the press club was attended by many senior journalists including Rupam Barua, Hiten Mahanta, Ranen Kumar Goswami, Pramod Kalita, Anup Sarma, Prasanta Majumder, Mukul Kalita, Sabita Lahkar, Rubi B Das, DN Singh, Pranabjit Doloi with patriotic citizens like Ajay Dutta, Dhiren Barua, Jagadindra Raichoudhury, Kishor Giri, JP Saikia, Kailash Sarma, Pradip Thakuria, BR Das, Purabi Barua, Sujit Guha, Kartik Choudhury etc.

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