

## I-Day celebrated at press club



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As usual, the journalists and citizens of Guwahati have celebrated country's Independence Day at Guwahati Press Club. Defying the diktat of militants, who called for a 15 hour general strike staring from the early hours of August 15, the group of patriotic people assembled at the press club premises for the occasion.

The National flag was hoisted by the renowned journalist-writer Nirupama Borgohain at 11 am. In her brief speech, she insisted on observing both I-day and Republic Day (of India) to pay tribute to the martyrs of freedom movement. The Sahitya Academy awardee also condemned the secessionist militants for using diktats to the people not to observe the Days under any banner.

Addressing the gathering, eminent journalist DN Chakrabarty elaborated the contribution of martyrs to make India an independent nation. The former editor of Dainik Asom emphasized on making the country as a role model for everyone. He appealed all sections of the society to come forward for contributing in the growth of the nation.

Criticizing the armed groups of the country for maintaining terror and violence, the veteran journalist urged the young generation to work for a new India, where governance and justice will be accessible for every common Indian. Chakrabarty out rightly rejected the demand for a sovereign Assam (out of India) and appealed the militants to come forward for peace negotiations.

Later the participants took out a procession in the city streets chanting patriotic slogans. Some of the journalists also performed patriotic songs in an informal cultural show at the press club campus.

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