

I-Day celebrated at Guwahati Press Club



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The 70th Independence Day was [celebrated](#) at Guwahati Press Club ([GPC](#)) with scribes, senior citizens and members of civil society congregating enthusiastically on the occasion. [As](#) senior [journalist](#) Anup Sarma hoisted the tricolor, [Journalists'](#) Forum Assam president Rupam Barua spoke of the freedom movements that began earlier than the first nationalistic struggle of 1857, followed by the Mahatma [Gandhi](#)-led Non-Cooperation, Civil Disobedience and Quit [India](#) movements, [Netaji](#) led INA [war](#) and Navy Mutiny, all of which culminated in 1947 with [India](#) emerging [as](#) a free nation of immense promise.

It may be recalled that in 1998, challenging the terrorist threats, a few journalists with the support of handful patriotic citizens hoisted the national flag in the press club. Since then, the flag hoisting ceremony has become regular events on 15 August and 26 January every year. These events encouraged the people with inspiration which has culminated in today's atmosphere of hoisting national flag without trepidation & [fear](#).

“Our country's independence came about through the supreme sacrifices of countless patriots and martyrs. It is in their honour that we observe Independence Day. It is their contributions we need to remember gratefully when we bow our heads under the Tricolor,” Barua said, adding that it is improper to raise [demands](#) or go on protest on such days when other days in the year are available. Veteran journalist Ranen Kumar Goswami then pointed out that these national celebrations are for every citizen, that it is wrong to label these [as](#) government organized jamborees.

Later, a doctors' chamber was opened at press club premises on the occasion. Inaugurated by young citizens Dhiman, Kristi, Shantanava, Arya, Shambhavi, Nistha and Arunava, the chamber has been reconstructed by the [city](#)-based Dispur Hospitals. A qualified doctor will be available every Saturday evening (5 to [8](#) pm) for free medical consultation with scribes and their close relatives. “It is a dream comes true for the press club [as](#) we have seen journalists suffering from a host of ailments in the course of heir demanding work. Consultations with doctors will surely guide them about necessary preventive measures to stay healthy and fit,” said [GPC](#) secretary Nava Thakuria.

Dropping in at the press club on a goodwill visit, Guwahati Mayor Mrigen Sarania interacted with scribes and guests, with issues plaguing the [city](#) figuring in their freewheeling discussion. Dr Jagadindra Raichaudhury, Col. [Ranjan](#) Dutta, Girindra Karji, Pradip Thakuria, Kailash Sarma, Raman [Bora](#), Pramod Kalita, [Manoj](#) Agasti, Pulin Kalita, Bipul Sarma, Bikash Singh, Nayan Pratim Kumar, Rajeev Bhattacharyya, Chinmoi [Roy](#), Kiran Mukherjee, Ravi Ajitacharya, Baldev Pandey, Dilwar Hussain, Ujjal Saikia, Purabi Baruah, Mamata Mishra, Anita Kalita Goswami, Akshyamala [Bora](#), [Anjali](#) Kumar, Namrata Dutta, Sewali Kalita, Tarali Chakravarty, Nabanita Mazumdar, Azlina Khanam, Rupen Sarma, Rajiv [Bora](#) with many others were present on the occasion.

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