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### JFA urges every Indian to observe I-Day



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**Guwahati:** Journalists' Forum Assam (JFA) appeals to the people of northeast India to celebrate the 73rd Independence Day on 15 August 2019 in a befitting manner. The scribe's body argues that I-Day and Republic Day are two auspicious occasions for every Indian and they should pay respects to the martyrs of freedom struggle hoisting the National flag on both the sacred days.

Incidentally, many separatist militant outfits of the region continue their diktats to sabotage the celebrations of I-Day. United Liberation Front of Asom (Independent) and Coordination Committee (a conglomerate of militant groups of Manipur) have once again asked the people to boycott the celebrations in the region. They even imposed a general strike in the region terming it as western part of southeast Asia from midnight of 14 August till the afternoon of 15 August.

The scribe's forum denounces the armed militant outfits and pointed out that every patriotic Indian should observe I-Day and R-Day to pay his/her respects to the martyrs of our freedom struggle for their supreme sacrifices. Nobody should pursue confusions that the Tricolour belongs to the government machinery alone, but 'it's a priceless property of over one billion Indians'.

JFA, in a media statement, added that a lot of martyrs from Assam including Kanaklata Barua, Mukunda Kakoti, Kushal Konwar, Tilak Deka, Bhogeswari Phukanani, Nidhanu Rajbangshi, Kamala Miri, Lerela Boro, Madan-Rauta, Hemoram Patar, Gunabhi Bordoloi with many others laid down their lives for the honour of the Tricolour.

It specially appealed to all journo-bodies of the region, including local press clubs, press guilds, journalist union/associations etc to pay their homage to martyrs hoisting the National flag in their offices, residential colonies and localities on I-Day (and R-Day).

Issued by JFA president Rupam Barua and secretary Nava Thakuria, the forum also requested city based media persons and patriotic citizens to participate in the forthcoming I-Day function at Guwahati Press Club, where the Tricolour would be unfurled at 11 am ceremoniously.



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