

I-day celebrated by institutions all over

Students encouraged to 'harness inherent potential, strive for knowledge'; MBBS topper hoists national flag at KIMS

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Independence day was celebrated in different educational institutions and workplaces across the state yesterday with parades by the armed forces, awareness programs and award ceremonies.

In Paradip, TDVS Gopalakrishna, Executive Director of Paradip Refinery unfurled the National Flag at the refinery's Sports Complex and inspected the Independence Day parade comprising of CISF, CISF Fire Wing, DGR Security and Delhi Public School, Paradip Refinery students.

Meritorious students from nearby schools & colleges belonging to 8 Panchayats -

Paradipgarh, Fatepur, Dhinkia, Kothi, Gandakipur, Biswali, Bagadia & Mangarajpur were presented with awards.

The CISF contingent of Paradip Refinery presented a demonstration on fire rescue operation followed by a cultural programme.

Professor of IIT Bhubaneswar RV Raja Kumar called upon students to get empowered with the right learning, harness their inherent potential and to become informed and knowledgeable individuals.

He also threw light on the country's self-reliance and economic security through developmental programs like Unnat Bhamat Abhiyan (UBA), Start-up programs, Sarva Siksha Abhiyaan, creation of incubation centres etc. through

Institutions like IITs. The Director was addressing students and staff after hoisting the National Flag yesterday.

At the Kandhamal district headquarter in Phulbani, Labour Minister Susant Singh appealed to all to be more committed and dedicated for the all round development of Kandhamal and the state. The state government is focussed on holistic development of tribal populated Kandhamal, he said. At BJEM school Bhubaneswar Independence Day was celebrated yesterday with a gamut of celebration activities held on the campus consisting of special sessions of song, dance, skits and sloka chanting.

The entire school assembled to hoist the Tricolour and celebrate sacred Raksha

Bandhan and Sanskrit Divas.

Mr. Raghunath Mishra, chairman of the school unfurled the National flag in the presence of Sri C. R. Bairisal, Addl. Manager, President and General Secretary of Lions Club, Bhubaneswar, principal Ms. Sandhya Jena and others. Dr. Pawan Kumar Agrawal, Vice Chancellor, OUIAT emphasised on making the country a food surplus state at the I Day function in the university. SOA Deemed to be University celebrated the day with the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Amit Banerjee exhorting faculty members, researchers and students to strive hard to take the university to greater heights.

"We need freedom from internal negativism and strive to promote universal brotherhood," he said adding it alone would ensure the nation's progress.

Adding that SOA had become a Deemed to be University with a global focus, Prof. Banerjee said students from Uganda, Ethiopia, Syria, Nigeria, Nepal, Bhutan and other neighbouring countries had taken admission in various courses this year except medicine and dental sciences which mandatorily needed NEET qualification.

Prof. Hrushikesh Mohanty, VC, KIIT Deemed University hoisted the National Flag in KIIT while, Prabhakant Jha, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, International Taxation hoisted the National Flag in KISS.

Dr. Mona Lisa Bal, Chairperson, KIIT International School hoisted the National Flag at KIIT-IS while, in KIMS, the MBBS topper hoisted the National Flag.

Speaking at the I Day celebrations in the campus, Vice-Chancellor of Central University Odisha, Prof. Sharat Kumar Palita said, "India has acquired a unique place in the world, both in terms of economic growth and technological advancement. Spread of knowledge and technology-driven knowhow through quality higher education is the need of the hour to take our country forward".

Odisha Hydro Power Corporation celebrated Independence Day at Bhubaneswar with Pravakar Mohanty, director finance unfurling the Tricolour. A plantation drive was also undertaken.