SCHOOLS CELEBRATE I-DAY VIRTUALLY

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Bhubaneswar, August 16: The 74th Independence Day was observed by various educational institutes here virtually sans students Saturday.

Parades and cultural programmes, which have been common during I-Day celebrations in all schools, were not held due to the ongoing pandemic. Many students participated in the celebrations enthusiastically through online platforms like Facebook Live and Zoom.

The virtual celebration by SAI International School reflected the enthusiasm and positivity of the children even during the pandemic. From patriotic songs, to dance to instrumental music to speeches to mono acting, children showcased a gamut of activities that spoke volumes about their deep affection for the nation.

Bijaya Kumar Sahoo, founder of SAI International School, said,

"Independence Day holds great significance in the heart of every citizen of India. It is a day to celebrate the unity and rich diversity of our country, understand each other's perspective and awaken one's responsibility towards the nation."

On similar lines, ODM Public School also celebrated the day by organising singing of patriotic songs by students from their homes. Satyabrata Minaketan, founder and chairman of ODM Educational Group, said that students must be confident and must not lose focus during tough times.

In BJEM School, the principal hoisted the flag and observed the occasion with some staffers. IIT Bhubaneswar celebrated the day at its campus by adhering to social distancing and other norms as per Govt protocols.

Even though schools remain closed till August end, the state government Thursday directed the schools to celebrate Independence Day, 2020 without students.

School and Mass Education department issued detailed guidelines for all schools including government schools, aided schools, private schools, Madrassas, Sanskrit tolls and teacher training institutes.

"No student will be asked to attend school to participate in Independence Day celebration. The headmaster and teachers will attend flag hoisting ceremony following Covid guidelines/safety protocol i.e. wearing of masks, social distancing, etc.," the department had said in the guidelines.

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