



United colours of independence

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Schools, educational institutions and other organisations in the City observed the 73rd Independence Day in their respective premises on Thursday with gaiety and enthusiasm.

The day was celebrated in all its earnestness and magnificence at Vikash Residential School, Kantabada, Bhubaneswar. The National Flag was hoisted by chief guest, professor Ashok Kumar Mahapatra, director, health programs, at SOA University. The principal, R Vijay Kumar, welcomed the chief guest and the gathering. The dean, Pitambar Das remembered the sacrifices of the freedom fighters.

This year, Guru Nanak English Medium Public School, Bhubaneswar celebrated its Independence Day with great pomp and show. Chief guest Sardar Satpal Singh, president of the school, hoisted the national flag. IIT Bhubaneswar celebrated day in the playground adjacent to Mahanadi

Hall of Residence. Its director R V Raja Kumar emphasized on country's self-reliance and economic security through developmental programs like Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), Start-up programs, Sarva Siksha Abhiyaan, and creation of incubation centres.

The day was celebrated with patriotic fervour at SBI's Bhubaneswar, local head office. Chief general manager Praveena Kala unfurled the National Flag and received the salute from security personnel. Chief security officer Major Jivan Sisugoswami conducted a special quiz for the staff and families.



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Rubber technology course at IIT

A short term course on basics of rubber compounding was launched at the IIT Kharagpur Extension Center, Samantapuri Campus in City's Jaydev Vihar area recently. This is the first short term course on Rubber Technology, ever organised by the SMMME IIT Bhubaneswar. Sawar Dhanania, the chairman, Rubber Board, was the chief guest on the occasion in the inaugural session of the course. It commenced on August 8 at 9.30 AM. Dhanania, stressed on the need of Rubber Technology Education and Research in the state of Odisha which has tremendous potential in rubber plantation. The State has a plantation area of more than 10,000 hectares in Mayurbhanj, Dhenkanal and Gajapati districts. Professor Golok Bihari Nando, the co-ordinator of the course, and a professorial fellow of the Institute stated the objectives of the course was to create an awareness among the stake holders in the country that Rubber Technology education and skill development can be pursued in the State.