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Youngsters celebrate Friendship Day in style

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BHUBANESWAR: Friendship Day was celebrated across the city with much hype and hoopla. Youngsters from different city schools, colleges and other education institutes spent quality time with friends, as eateries and shopping malls witnessed huge footfall.

A large number of IITians celebrated the day in the company of friends and pampered themselves with some delectable food. IITan Jatin Sachdeva said, "A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."

"Friends are forever and one day is not enough to show your love for your friend. We have a strong network of friends and stay in touch with each other through social media. Social media like Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp are the best platforms to express your love for your friend in today's



times. We have big plans for the evening. We plan to host a coffee party inside the institute premises," added Jatin. The scene and sentiments weren't any different at RD Women's University Students organised events like musical chair, ramp show and singing competitions. Many were also seen exchanging friendship bands and flowers. One of the students, Chinamyee Parida, said. "Friends

are forever. Friendship Day is always special as we get to spend the entire day with our friends."

Students from other institutes like Maharishi College of Natural Law, Jupiter Women's +2 Science College were seen exchanging friendship bands and pleasantries. Also, many were seen posing for the mandatory Friendship Day selfie.

Not only youngsters, even homemakers spent in the company of friends Many went to jewellery outlets, spas and saree boutiques with their friends in tow. Many brands, in order to lure customers, came up with attractive discounts. Homemaker Namita Nanda, who enjoyed the day with her friend at a newly opened saree store at Sisupalgarh, said, "It was a great day in the company of my friend. In fact, we were also given special treatment at this outlet. They offered us friendship bands and along with attractive discounts on their products."

City hot spots like Hookie Dookie, Esplanade One Mall, and a large number of city pubs celebrated to organised a range of events along with attractive discounts on food and beverages. Sunayna, a chartered accountant, spent the day with her best friend. "I partied hard from afternoon till evening with my friend at a pub. The inhouse DJs belted out some pulsating music," said Sunayna.