

6th North East Youth Festival begins in Agartala



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The 6th North [East](#) Youth [Festival](#) 2018 has started at Children's Park Agartala from Thursday. Around 700 youth participants in this 5-days-long event from all the northeastern all states. [Tripura](#) Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb, Youths Affairs & [Sports](#) Minister [Manoj](#) Kanti Deb, [Education](#) Minister [Ratan](#) Lal Nath and other dignitaries were present in the inaugural function on Thursday.

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GUWAHATI, August 17, 2026 — Assam journalist Pranay Bordoloi marked India's Independence Day with a remarkable achievement, successfully climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak, and unfurling a traditional Assamese *phulam gamocha* at the summit.

Located in Tanzania, Mount Kilimanjaro stands at 19,341 feet (5,895 metres) above sea level.

Bordoloi began his expedition on August 10 and completed a challenging five-day trek through rugged terrain, reaching the base camp on August 14. Later that night, at around 11 pm, he began his final push towards the summit and successfully reached the top on the morning of August 15.

The achievement gave the climb a special significance as the traditional Assamese *gamocha* was unfurled atop one of Africa's most iconic mountains on India's Independence Day.

Several mountaineers from Assam have previously scaled Mount Kilimanjaro, including Manish Deka, Hedayat Ali and Anupam Das. Bordoloi's Independence Day summit adds another chapter to Assam's presence on the world's major mountain peaks.



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