

Assam in Vijay Hazare Trophy final



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Assam won by 5 wickets (with 24 balls remaining) against Kerala in Vijay Hazare Trophy at Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium, Visakhapatnam on March 2. Assam won the toss and chose to field at first. Kerala was all out in 48.5 overs with the score of 197 with the help of VA Jgadesh 89 & RV Gomez 51 runs. From Assam side PL Das & G Sharmah took 3 wickets each. In 2nd innings Assam crossed the winning score within 46 overs & 5 wickets remains. Tarjindar Singh's 49 & G Sharma's 51 helped Assam to win the game. Assam will play final against Delhi in the same ground on March 3.

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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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