

Nazira names Under-16 squad for R.G. Baruah Cricket Tournament



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NAZIRA, July 11, 2026 — The Nazira District Sports Association (NDSA) has announced its squad for the upcoming Under-16 R.G. Baruah Cricket Tournament, which is scheduled to be held in Nagaon.

The team will be led by Juneid Rahman, while Karif Ahmed has been named as the wicketkeeper.

The squad comprises Hirak Jyoti Deka, Lakhya Sharma, Vishal Gogoi, Rishiraj Gogoi, Akash Deep Rajkonwar, Siyankur Borgohain, Bhargabjit Gogoi, Abinash Dutta, Rituraj Borgohain, Abhilash Bordoloi, Shubham Bairagi, Nilimoy Gogoi and Sadikul Haque.

Rafik Ali has been appointed as the team's coach.

Officials of the association expressed confidence in the young side, stating that the tournament will provide an important platform for emerging cricketers from across Assam to showcase their talent.

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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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