

Sonowal to open Sub Jr Hockey Tournament



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HOJAI:Hojai town is gearing up to host the Eighth [National](#) Sub-Junior Hockey(Men) tournament from January 5.

Addressing a press conference in the town on Monday, Hojai District [Sports](#) Association Secretary Kamal Dutta said the playgrounds are being dressed afresh to make it a hassle-free event.

He said chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal will open the tournament at a function on January 5,2018 in presence of Union minister Rajen Gohain along with dozens of [ministers](#), [MPs](#) and [ministers](#).

According to Dutta, twenty states have already confirmed their participation in the tournament which is ending on January 14.

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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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