

Himachal thrash Assam in Ranji clash



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Himachal Pradesh thrashed Assam riding piggyback on pacer [Rishi Dhawan](#) wonderful show in the [Ranji Trophy](#) cricket match on the fourth and final day on Wednesday.

The pacer grabbed five wickets to help [Himachal Pradesh](#) crush [Assam](#) by 133 runs. Dhawan (5/53) ran through the Assam batting line-up as the home team were skittled out for just 198 in 79.5 overs after being forced to follow on at the Barsapara [Cricket](#) Stadium.

Tarjinder Singh fought a lone battle with a 212-ball 90 which he made with the help of 13 boundaries for Assam.

Assam had scored 218 all out in their first innings in reply to 549 for four declared by HP.

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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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