

NE United FC grooms Andre Bikey



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Hero Indian Super League club NorthEast United FC have groomed Cameroon defender Andre Bikey [as](#) a replacement for injured Miguel Garcia hours before the commencement of the match in Guwahati on Tuesday.

Miguel Garcia had suffered an Achilles Tendon rupture earlier this season, requiring a recovery time of [10](#) to 12 weeks. The 30-year-old Andre Bikey was a free agent having last played for England Championship side Charlton Athletic.

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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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