

Sea of humanity at Sarusajai



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Indira [Gandhi](#) Stadium at Sarusajai in Guwahati breaks into a sea of humanity on Saturday hours before the [ISL](#) match where North East United FC takes on FC Pune city.

The match begins at 7 in the evening. But the stadium started teeming with [football](#) fans from 1 in the afternoon.

Thousands of fans had to remain upset after they failed to procure ticket for the match on Saturday. On line bookings closed a couple of days back. Open sale also closed in the morning.

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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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