

Thumps up for Jimjang Deru



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[Arunachal](#) Pradesh governor JP [Rajkhowa](#) has congratulated weightlifter Sri Jimjang Deru for his extraordinary performance in the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship at Pune, by clinching four Gold medals in both Junior and Sub-Junior sections.

Felicitating Deru on behalf of people of [Arunachal](#) Pradesh and his own behalf, the [Governor](#) said that his outstanding achievement in creating four Commonwealth records has not only made every Arunachalee proud but also the entire people of [India](#). He wished him similar spectacular [success](#) in future international competitions also.

Chief Minister [Nabam](#) Tuki also congratulated the weightlifter. Deru, a weightlifter of repute from the [state](#), won four Gold medals on the first day of the championship in both Sub-Junior and Junior categories besides winning a silver in the senior category.

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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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