

Press Release

NFRSA Clinch Nuruddin Ahmed Trophy 2026 (Elite Group)

Guwahati, May 19, 2026:

North Frontier Railway Sports Association (NFRSA) emerged champions of the Nuruddin Ahmed Trophy Senior Inter-District Cricket Tournament 2026 (Elite Group), organised by the Assam Cricket Association (ACA) and hosted by the Guwahati Sports Association (GSA), after registering a convincing five-wicket victory over Guwahati in the four-day final held at the ACA Stadium, Guwahati

After winning the toss, NFRSA elected to field first and produced a dominant all-round performance to clinch the prestigious title.

Batting first, Guwahati were bowled out for 213 in 84.3 overs in their first innings. Sumit Ghadigaonkar top-scored with a patient 81 off 167 balls, while Saahil Jain contributed 42 off 73 deliveries. Rishav Das added 23 runs and Sumit Kashyap chipped in with 21. For NFRSA, Abhilash Gogoi starred with the ball, claiming an impressive 5 for 58, while Deepak Gohain supported well with 3 for 55.

In reply, NFRSA posted 249 in 79.3 overs to take a crucial first-innings lead. Swarupam Purkayastha played a magnificent knock of 143 off 228 balls, anchoring the innings brilliantly. Sibsankar Roy contributed 37, while Abhilash Gogoi added a valuable 34 runs. Rohit Singh was the pick of the Guwahati bowlers with 3 for 81, while Kunal Sarma and Akash Sengupta picked up two wickets each.

In their second innings, Guwahati managed 194 in 76.3 overs. Sumit Kashyap remained unbeaten on 48, while Rajveer Singh also scored 45. Pradyun Saikia chipped in with 24 runs. Swarupam Purkayastha once again delivered with the ball, registering figures of 5 for 56, while Abhilash Gogoi claimed 3 for 67.

Chasing a target of 159, NFRSA comfortably reached 161 for 5 in 55.2 overs. Sibsankar Roy guided the chase with an unbeaten 59 off 91 balls, while Abhilash Maurya scored

26. Swarupam Purkayastha remained unbeaten on 21 to seal the victory for NFRSA. Rohit Singh picked up two wickets for Guwahati.

Brief score:

Guwahati (1st Innings): 213/10 in 84.3 overs (Sumit Ghadigaonkar 81 off 167 balls, Saahil Jain 42 off 73 balls, Rishav Das 23 off 36 balls, Sumit Kashyap 21 off 56 balls; Abhilash Gogoi 5/58, Deepak Gohain 3/55, Pankaj Rai 1/21, Swarupam Purkayastha 1/36)

NFRSA (1st Innings): 249/10 in 79.3 overs (Swarupam Purkayastha 143 off 228 balls, Sibsankar Roy 37 off 84 balls, Sibsankar Roy 37 off 84 balls, Abhilash Gogoi 34 off 58 balls; Kunal Sarma 2/74, Akash Sengupta 2/28, Rohit Singh 3/81)

Guwahati (2nd Innings): 194/10 in 76.3 overs (Sumit Kashyap not out 48 off 125 balls, Rajveer Singh 45 off 108 balls, Pradyun Saikia 24 off 54 balls; Swarupam Purkayastha 5/56, Abhilash Gogoi 3/67)

NFRSA (2nd Innings): 161/5 in 55.2 overs (Sibsankar Roy not out 59 off 91 balls, Abhilash Maurya 26 off 46 balls, Swarupam Purkayastha not out 21 off 32 balls; Rohit Singh 2/43, Akash Sengupta 1/22, Sumit Kashyap 1/30)

The champions, NFRSA, were awarded a cash prize of ₹15 lakh, while runners-up Guwahati received ₹10 lakh.

Individual Award Winners:

Player of the match (final): Swarupam Purkayastha (NFRSA)- 154 runs & 6 wickets

Best batter: Swarupam Purkayastha (NFRSA)- 407 runs in 8 innings

Best bowler: Abhilash Gogoi (NFRSA)- 4 wickets in 10 Innings

Player of the tournament: Swarupam Purkayastha (NFRSA)- 407 runs & 31 wickets

Tournament Result:

Runner up: Guwahati

Winner: NFRSA

The prize distribution was graced by: ACA Vice President Shri Romen Dutta, ACA Apex Council Member Shri Mukuta Nanda Bhattacharjya, Guwahati Sports Association (GSA) President Shri Paresh Chandra Das and other officials along with former cricketers.

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