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Namami Brahmaputra

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- It is a river festival organised across 21 districts of Assam through which the Brahmaputra river passes.

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- The events include a soulful veneration of river Brahmaputra along with other attractions like indigenous sports, local food, exhibition of organic tea, display of handloom & handicrafts, cultural evenings, film festival, business meetings and symposium among others.

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The Brahmaputra

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- The Brahmaputra, with 1625 km of its 2880 km length lying in China, 918 km in India, and 337 km in Bangladesh, is an international river.

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- Its source is the Chema-Yungdung glacier on the south flank of the northernmost Himalayan range, Kailash.

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- From Tibet, where it is called the Tsangpo, the river assumes an eastward course across the Tibetan Plateau.

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- It is the highest navigable waters of the world.

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- It makes a dramatic U-turn before pushing southward through the eastern extremity of the Himalayas to enter India at the Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh.

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- The tributaries are Kamen, Sankosh, Raidak, Amochu, Bhareli, Dibang, Lohit and Burhidihing.

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- The stretch, till it merges into the Ganga, is called the Jamuna.

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- After merging the combined flow is called the Padma.
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- Then it meets another major river, the Meghna and retains this name for before breaking up into channels.
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- In terms of discharge at its point of debouching it is placed fourth in the world after the Amazon, Congo and Yangtze, while in terms of sediment yield it ranks second in the world after the Yellow river.
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South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Program

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- It was set up in 2001 including Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka.
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- It brings together these countries in a project-based partnership to promote regional prosperity by improving cross-border connectivity, boosting trade among member countries, and strengthening regional economic cooperation.
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- Asian Development Bank (ADB) serves as the Secretariat for the SASEC member countries.
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