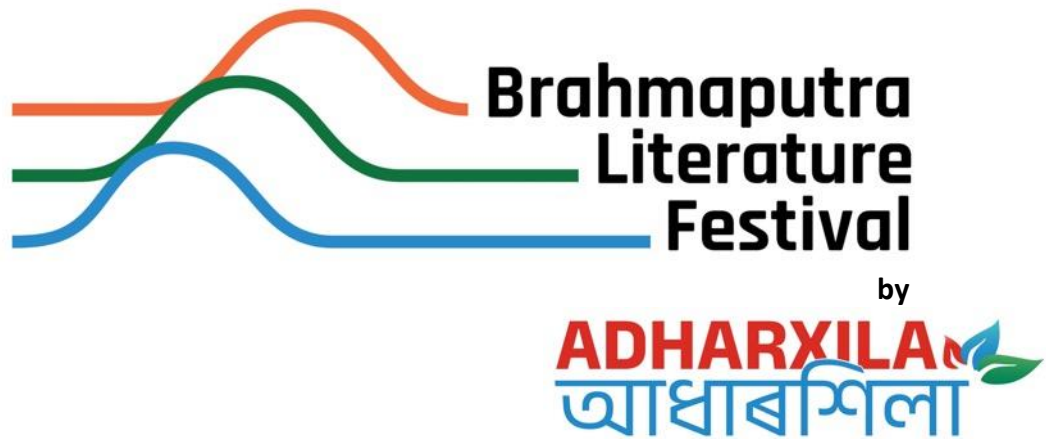




**Celebrating the Spirit of the Northeast:
The Brahmaputra Literature Festival (BLF) 2025 by Adharxila Trust
to be held at the New Delhi World Book Fair**

—A highlight of the ‘Festival of Festivals’, this special edition of BLF will bring the finest writing and culture from Assam and Northeast India to the heart of New Delhi.

New Delhi, 15 January 2025

Adharxila Trust is delighted to unveil the **Brahmaputra Literature Festival - New Delhi World Book Fair Edition 2025**, an exceptional literary and cultural experience set to take place from **6th to 8th February 2025** at the New Delhi World Book Fair at Pragati Maidan.

A highlight of the National Book Trust’s ‘Festival of Festivals’ initiative, this special edition will showcase a wide range of literary, cultural and industry perspectives, aiming to be both representative of Northeastern communities and appealing to a diverse demographic, including international visitors to the fair.

With an eclectic mix of **42 speakers across 12 sessions spread over 3 days**, the Festival promises a journey through the rich tapestry of literature, art, and ideas that define the region.

A Vibrant Three-day Celebration

To be hosted at the Authors’ Corner, Hall No. 5, Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, the Festival will have **sessions beginning at 3 p.m. daily**. From evocative fiction and soul-stirring poetry to engaging discussions on children’s literature, graphic novels, music, and food, the programme promises something for every literature enthusiast.

Expect thought-provoking conversations on translations, publishing trends, bookselling, and international literary exchanges—a reflection of the festival’s mission to connect the Northeast with the rest of the country and the global literary landscape.

Featured speakers who bring a wealth of experience and passion to every discussion include award-winning author and journalist [Arup Kumar Dutta](#), writer, translator, columnist and trained Shastriya Sangeet vocalist [Mitra Phukan](#), writer and artist [Parismita Singh](#), award-winning Assamese poet and writer [Rita Chowdhury](#), acclaimed and award-winning writer [Kynpham Sing Nongkynrih](#). (See the attachment for the full list of speakers and the programme)

The festival will conclude on a musical high with a performance at The Amphitheatre, Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, by [poet, singer, songwriter, and academic Maitrayee Patar](#), known for her work in Assamese literature and new-age music. She will enchant the audience with melodies that celebrate the region's land, its spirited people, and the beloved and majestic River Brahmaputra.

Says [Rita Chowdhury, Founder & Director, Brahmaputra Literature Festival, Adharxila Trust, Assam](#), "It has been a dream for me to organise and bring a literary festival to Assam that sets the standards in terms of curation and inclusion. In 2012 when I inaugurated my Trust - Adharxila, I had made this announcement which saw fruition in the festival's earlier avatar during my role as the Director of the National Book Trust and presently under the aegis of my Trust. Giving a platform to established and new voices, it will showcase the best that our state, region and country has to offer while building bridges within the country and internationally; through literature, writing, dialogue and sharing of perspectives."

"Curating a literature festival is, for me, both deeply meaningful and a great responsibility. It requires careful reflection on its purpose and themes, shaping them into a programme that thoughtfully considers the how, where, and for whom it is created," says [Mary Therese Kurkalang, Festival Co-Director](#). "It's an honour to work alongside my colleagues in crafting a festival that celebrates voices from our region while connecting them to the broader literary and publishing worlds across the country and beyond. My hope is to nurture the festival's growth in Assam, fostering empathy, understanding, and respect—the timeless role that literature and art play in bridging divides in our fractured world," she adds.

"Co-curating this festival is a dream come true for me, inspiring me to deepen my understanding, learning, and connection with our region through the lens of literature, art, and music. I look forward to continuing this work and expanding the festival's reach and scope in the years to come," says [Raman Shrestha, Festival Co-Director](#).

[About The Brahmaputra Literature Festival](#)

The Brahmaputra Literature Festival (BLF), organised by the Adharxila Trust, Assam, is a celebration of the finest writing and culture from Assam and the Northeast region. The festival aims to create meaningful connections between the Northeast and the rest of India, as well as with neighbouring countries and the global literary and publishing communities. The Festival will be held every February in Assam, establishing itself as an annual landmark event in the literary calendar of the state.

[About Adharxila Trust](#)

Adharxila Trust, established in 2012 by acclaimed writer and cultural icon Rita Chowdhury, is a dynamic organisation dedicated to preserving, promoting and celebrating the rich literary

and cultural heritage of Assam and the greater Northeast region. With a mission to engage and inspire the youth, the trust amplifies the region's voices, stories, and traditions through literary festivals, cultural initiatives and collaborative projects that forge connections with the rest of India and the global community.

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