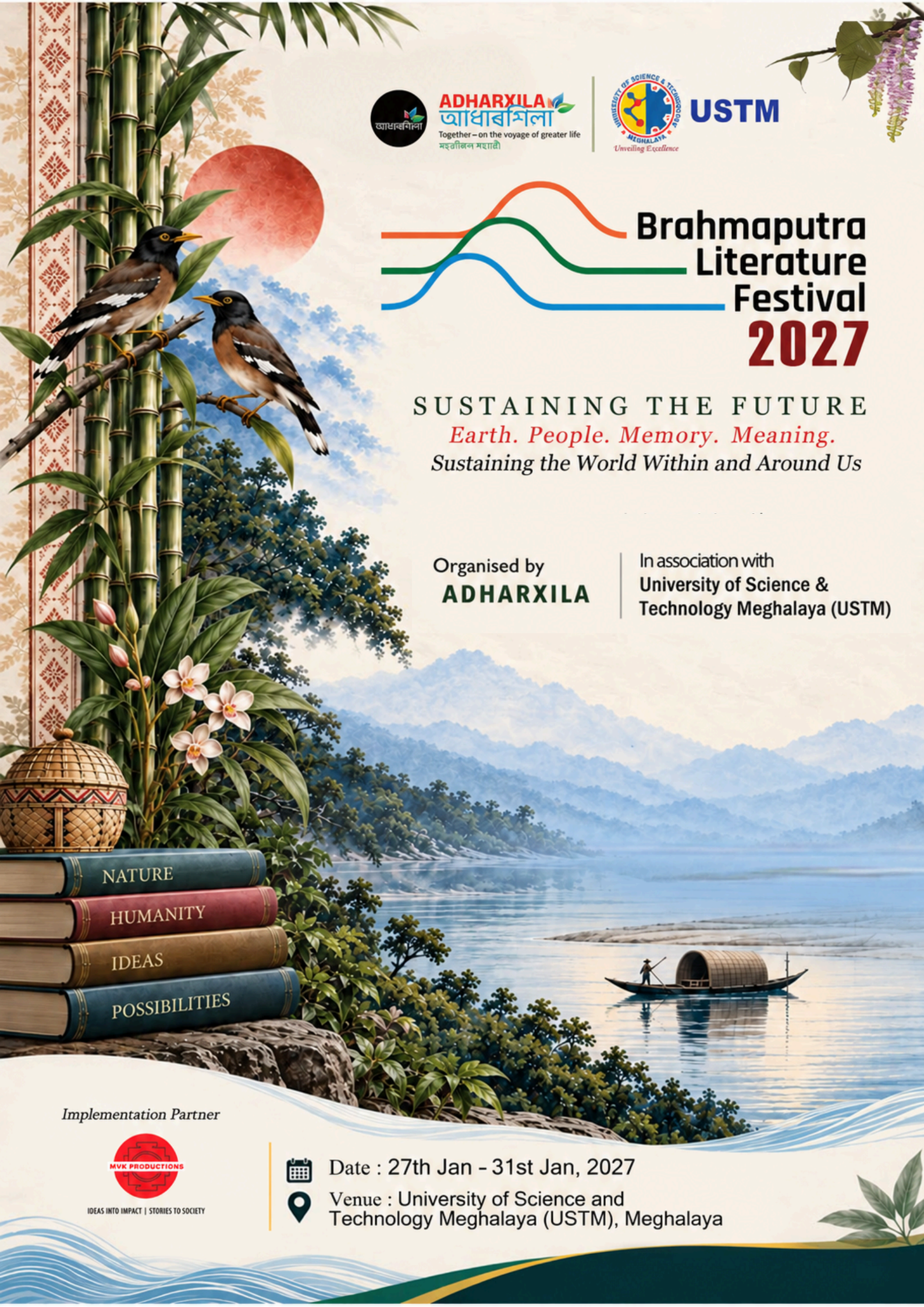

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ADHARXILA

Adharxila Trust, established in 2012, was founded and is run by the nationally acclaimed Indian author and cultural icon, Dr. Rita Chowdhury. It aspires to become a dynamic socio-cultural organization, dedicated to preserving, promoting and showcasing the rich literary and cultural heritage of Assam and the greater North-East region in India. With a special focus on engaging and inspiring the youth, Adharxila Trust seeks to amplify the voices, stories, and culture of the region through literary festivals, cultural initiatives and collaborative projects that connect the Northeast with the rest of India and the world.

Objectives of 'Adharxila'

Nurturing and promoting Young Talent

It seeks to support Art, Literature and offer a platform for the emerging writers and artists in and around Assam and the North-East India.

Recognizing Excellence

It honours the individuals excelling in different aspects of society.

Organizing Events

It looks forward to host regional, national, international literary and cultural festivals, events, workshops and more.

Preserving Heritage

Its mission is to document, preserve and promote our ancient and modern heritage.

Building the Future

It empowers the current generation to create a safer and an enlightened society for the future. The Adharxila Trust continues to welcome innovative ideas and partnerships with organizations and individuals committed to fostering a humane society rooted in compassion, sustainability and collective growth.

Research Works

It undertakes a multi-disciplinary research project on Art, Literature, History and Culture, etc of Assam and North-East India and sponsoring independent research scholars on these subjects.

Serving the underpriveleged and the incapacitated

Supporting and caring for the underpriveleged and the incapacitated will be one of our several objectives.

Mental Health

It is also actively engaged with various aspects and issues of mental health awareness.

Environment

Adharxila also holds the vision to create awareness and take steps to protect our environment.

Brahmaputra Literature Festival

BRAHMAPUTRA LITERATURE FESTIVAL : A VIEW

The Brahmaputra Literature Festival (BLF) by Adharxila Trust, Assam, showcases the best of writing and culture from Assam and the larger Northeast region while building connections with the rest of India, neighbouring countries, the global literary community and publishing industry.

Objectives of BLF

Encouraging Dialogue

The Brahmaputra Literature Festival aims to provide a platform for authors native to the Northeastern region of India and beyond to share knowledge, exchange dialogues, stories, and experiences.

Cultural Enrichment

It holds the vision to build a society enriched with culture by leveraging the literature and artistic strengths of contemporary times and preserving our heritage.

Expanding Reach

The Literature festival would extend the reach of the essence of Art, culture, literature, and humanity to a globally diverse audience.

Fostering Collaboration

The platform will inspire authors, readers, performers and the publishers to share their ideas and interact with the audience.

Strengthening Connections

It promotes a thriving relationship between the North-east region of India with the mainland and the global literary community.

BRAHMAPUTRA LITERATURE FESTIVAL, 2027

Before reformation comes narrative. Before policy, idea. Before action, imagination.

Amid a global shift marked by climate change, cultural erosion, and biodiversity loss, one question stands out: How do we create a future that can endure? That question is Sustainability — meeting the needs of today without compromising tomorrow's. More than an environmental goal, it is a philosophy of balance between growth and responsibility, progress and preservation. Through the theme, "Sustaining the Future: Earth. People. Memory. Meaning- Sustaining the World Within and Around Us" this edition, the Brahmaputra Literature Festival espouses this vision through the medium of Stories, Art, Dialogues and Imagination. The Brahmaputra Literature Festival and the World Book Fair would simultaneously commence on 27th January, 2027. The festival would come to a close on 29th January while the World Book Fair would continue till 31st January, 2027. This grand literary gathering is set to be hosted at the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya. The three-day festival will feature parallel literary sessions and vibrant cultural programmes, bringing together writers, thinkers, artists, and readers.This year, the festival will also present dedicated programmes exploring the many dimensions of sustainability—from ecological and environmental concerns to cultural heritage and community resilience. Through dialogue, storytelling, and shared imagination, these programmes will encourage participants to reflect on how literature and the arts can help us envision a more sustainable future.

BLF 2026
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Idea Behind

BRAHMAPUTRA LITERATURE FESTIVAL, 2027

What must remain alive if the future is to remain recognisably human?

BLF 2027 brings literature into the sustainability conversation by asking not only how the future can survive, but what within human civilisation is worth carrying into it.

Earth. People. Memory. Meaning.

Earth

Rivers, forests, biodiversity, climate, food, cities, architecture, indigenous knowledge and responsible tourism.

People

Love, friendship, compassion, dignity, loneliness, ageing, resilience, coexistence and the art of living.

Memory

Language, oral traditions, cultural heritage, archives, history and endangered knowledge.

Meaning

Literature, philosophy, freedom, imagination, education, technology, ethics and the future of human life.

Guiding threads

- Memory, Language & Belonging — what must we remember so that we do not lose ourselves?
- Earth, People & Responsibility — how must we live so the Earth remains a home for all?
- Imagination, Books & the Future — what must we imagine so the future remains worth inheriting?
- Children, Youth & the Future — through Children's Republic and USTM Young World, young people take part as thinkers, not decorative participants.

The Festival at a Glance

The Northeast connects national brands to an untapped market of 50 million people, across students, professionals, corporate leaders and government officials.

Ways of engaging

- **Main Stage** — signature conversations around the defining questions of the Festival
- **Literary Stage** — writers, poetry, memory, language and translation
- **The Writer's Room** — small, serious masterclasses in writing, editing and translation
- **Brahmaputra Publishing Forum** — publishing, translation, rights and international literary exchange
- **World Book Fair Commons** — reader-facing conversations about books and publishing

50,000+
Visitors
EXPECTED

150+
Speakers

50+
Sessions

5 Million+
Expected Media Reach

The Sustainability & Impact Forum



Hoihnu Hauzel

Journalist, writer and passionately showcasing India



Mehjaben Khaled

Prominent Bangladeshi politician



Rushina Munshaw Ghildiyal

Culinary Expert, Writer & Corporate Food Consultant



Prasad Ramanurthy

Mumbai-based travel and luxury lifestyle journalist



Rushnan Murtaza

UNICEF Representative from Bhutan



Mitra Phukan

Translator, columnist, and trained classical vocalist

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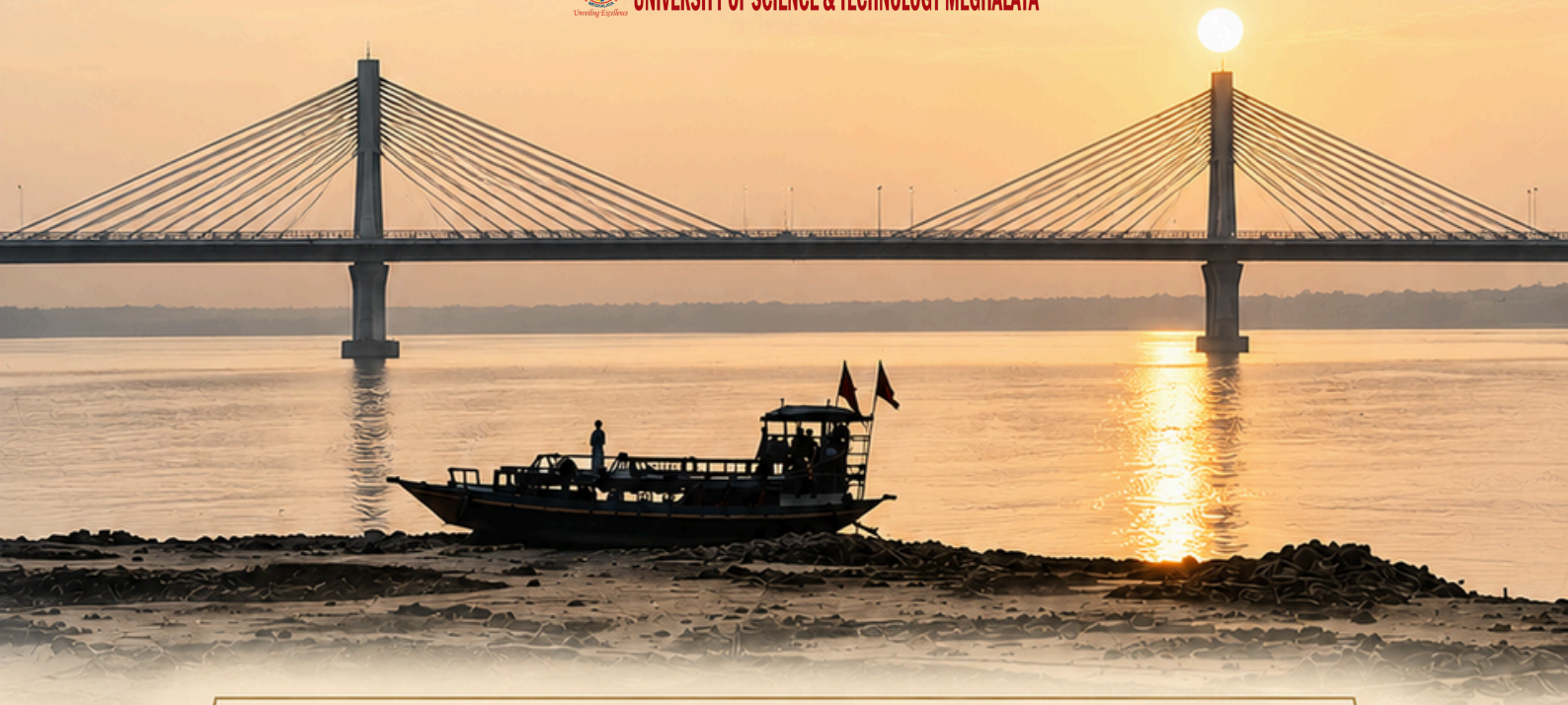
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