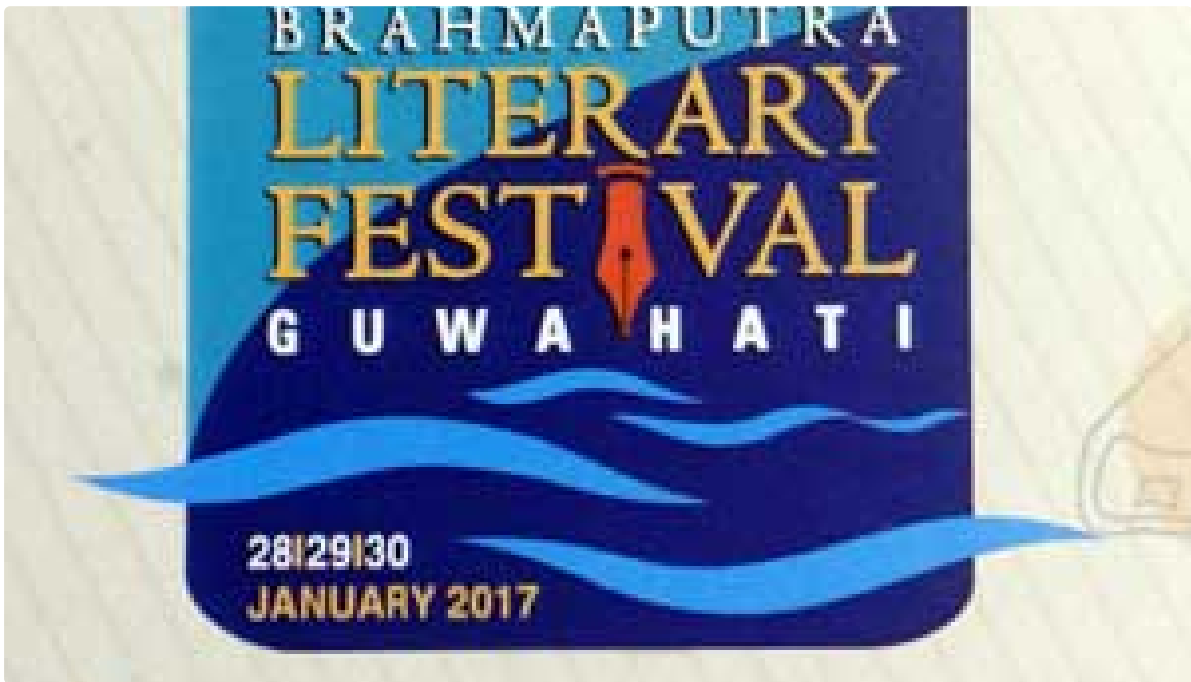


Brahmaputra lit-fest starts today



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A colourful literary carnival will [lead](#) the three day [Brahmaputra Literary Festival](#) in Guwahati of northeast [India](#) starting on 28 January. The vibrant carnival will proceed from the [Khanapara](#) locality of the prehistoric [city](#) towards the venue of the festival at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra cultural complex. Union human resources development minister Prakash Javadekar, Assam's education minister Himanta Biswa Sarma are scheduled to flag off the carnival.

In fact, after years of conflicts Assam is ready to welcome hundreds of [writers](#) from various parts of the world for the literary congregation. The festival, first of its kind in NE, attracts [over](#) 150 authors from [India](#) and abroad.

Jointly organized by the [National Book](#) Trust of [India](#) and Assam government, the festival will be inaugurated by Union minister Javadekar in presence of the State [chief](#) minister Sarbananda Sonowal, State education minister Sarma, NBT director Rita Choudhury along with many distinguished personalities.

“The three-day literary extravaganza is expected to expose the local and budding [writers](#) to internationally famed authors. Moreover the visiting [writers](#) will also get the literary flavor of our region in the festival,” said NBT director Choudhury, who herself is an acclaimed [Assamese author](#).

Eminent authors who have consented to arrive in the [city](#) for the festival include Achala Moulik, Ajay Mago, Amitabh Pandey, Anitha Thampi, Ashok Bhowmick, Bharathi S Pradhan, Carlo Pizzati, Charu Nivedita, Desmond Kharmawphlang, Devendra Mewari, Diptiranjana Pattanaik, Francois Gautier, Ipshita [Mitra](#), Jeyanthi Manokaran, Kaizad Gustad, Kanaka Ha Ma Vishnunadh, Khalid Mohamed, Madhu Gurung, Marika Johansson, Rajiva Wijesinha, Sanjoy [Hazarika](#), Shahid Rafi etc. The extravaganza includes various programs like panel discussion, book release, book reading, culture items along with screenings of selected films. The festival is expected to depict language, literature, culture and society of the region in a vivid manner to the world. Moreover, the presence of intellectual, litterateur, editor, publisher, [student](#) and literary appreciators in the festival is expected to enrich the literary fabric of the region, added Ms Choudhury.



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