

## No let-up in Brahmaputra water quality



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GUWAHATI: The quality and colour of the [Brahmaputra](#) water refuse to change for the second consecutive day on Monday. Till this morning the mighty river which originates from Tibet in China to fall in the Bay of Bengal is flowing with black colour water which is not usual in this season.

GMC authorities have also confirmed the change in the water quality and have been waiting for the laboratory report." We have collected thr water samples, sent it to the laboratory and by this afternoon we would be able to ascertain it," said a GMC official.

Even the fishermen in Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Tezpur and Guwahati have stopped [fishing](#) from Sunday morning aa [soon](#) as they came to notice the change in water colour.

Experts in different locations across the [state](#) have been collecting the water samples on Monday morning. But the conclusions are different. "I think it might be the handiwork of an industrial unit who could have dumped the huge heap of wastage on a tributary," said Bikash [Dev](#), an environmental engineer in Guwahati.

Monali Rajkumari, who teaches chemical [engineering](#) said, "it might be the fall out of what takes place on the river [Siang](#) where water is full of [mud](#) since China is allegedly building dam in Tibet where this mighty river originates. But there is no concrete evidence. So we should carefully wait for the laboratory report."

The water quality, indeed, poses a health hazard a since the river feeds millions of people across the [state](#). "The authority should issue an advisory not to use the river water in view of the deteriorating quality. Otherwise, many people residing beside the river run the risk of a huge health hazard," said Kunal Saikia, a medical [student](#).

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