

Shining hopes on Namami start



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An improved weather has given Guwahati some sort of respite [as](#) the premier northern eastern [city](#) is opening the country's largest river festival on Friday.

A bedecked [city](#) beckons thousands of people to the [Brahmaputra](#) river banks to witness the opening ceremony of the five days event to invoke the [Brahmaputra](#), the silent witness of every single moments of joy and sorrow of Assam and its people.

The riverbed in Guwahati wears a different look hours before the arrival of [President](#) Pranab Mukherjee to open the Namami festival being organized in 21 districts simultaneously. Small and big boats are sailing on the rivers ferrying the people from one station to another.

"It's exciting like never before. It's beautiful indeed. The mighty river is dressing afresh. Keep flowing, silently, steadily," said Pragya [Das](#), a Cotton College [student](#) who is pursuing her post graduate course.

Shantanu [Das](#), a budding poet is equally impressed at the beauty of the [Brahmaputra](#) river front. "Herein, in fact, lies immense potentials to promote tourism in Assam. With clear intention and good will it could be beautified like Mumbai. I hope, the government would come forward to strike the advantage," said [Das](#).

The incessant rains on Thursday to some extent dampened the [festivity](#). The weather forecast added to the worry. But the clear morning poured huge hope on the Guwahati denizens who are waiting to make the event a [success](#).

[President](#) Mukherjee is opening the event at a glittering function at 3 in the afternoon in presence of union [ministers](#) and other dignitaries.

Bhutan prime minister [gas](#) already arrived in the [city](#) to participate in the festival.

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