

The theme explored: Living with the river

Title: As the river sees it

Walking by the ghat, like every proud Guwahatian, I have always admired the scenic beauty of the mighty Brahmaputra. As the sun sets, the parakeets fly back home, and the wind blowing on my face makes me believe in magic.

But how does the Brahmaputra see us? A field study gave me the opportunity to see the city through his eyes. The rituals might bring peace to the departed soul, but the river isn't at peace. The Bharalu brings the entire city's waste to the Brahmaputra. A stark contrast of color where the untreated waste meets the river. A river has a natural capacity for rejuvenation. But how much is too much?

The view isn't pretty from the other side.