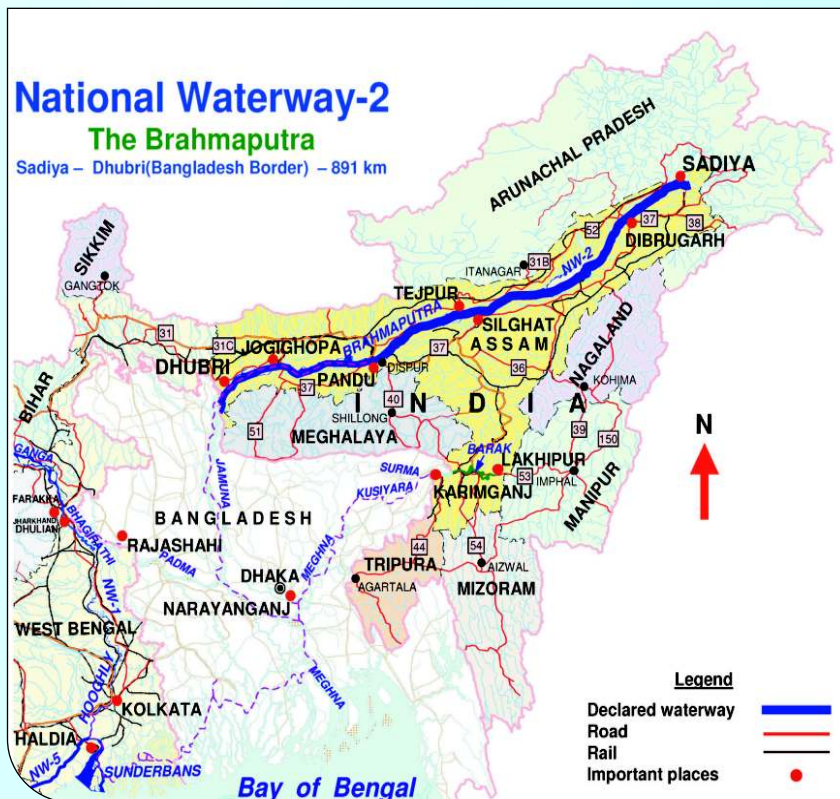


Facilities for safe 24x7 navigation

IWAI is also regularly issuing fortnightly river notices for the entire stretch of NW-2 (monthly during the flood season). 24 hour Night navigation facilities are in place from Dhubri upto Dibrugarh (768 km). The entire stretch upto Sadiya (891 km) is proposed to be covered by September, 2010. A new DGPS station is being commissioned at Jogighopa by March 2010 and once the proposed DGPS stations at Tezpur and Dibrugarh are also commissioned by end of 2010, all navigational aids necessary for safe navigation would be in place on NW-2. These facilities would considerably facilitate the movement of all vessels on the Brahmaputra.

Terminal Facilities

A modern fixed terminal has come up at Pandu, Guwahati where bunkering facilities are also available. Floating pontoon jetties are available at Dhubri, Jogighopa, Tezpur, Silghat, Neamati, Jamuguri and Dibrugarh.



River Cruise on Brahmaputra

The North East is extraordinarily rich in flora and fauna and several areas still remain unaffected by the fast pace of modern life. Brahmaputra is a vast river and at places, the river bed is as wide as 20 km. Wildlife and wilderness are labeled as the unique selling points of river cruise on Brahmaputra as Kaziranga, the only National Park which is home to one-horned rhino and Manas National Park, a Project Tiger Reserve on the Bhutan border, are accessible through the river. Tea Gardens of Assam, world famous Majuli island, a vast river island having unique Vaishnavite Hindu monasteries famous for performances of religious dance-dramas and Sualkuchi village where famous Assam silk is produced and hand-woven are some of the destinations that are covered by the river cruise on Brahmaputra.

Assam Bengal Navigation, an Indo-British joint venture, with offices in Guwahati and the UK has been operating long-distance river cruises on the Brahmaputra in Assam since the year 2003. Their first luxury river boat, the M.V.Charaidev (GRT 629), with 12 air-conditioned en-suite cabins operates in Assam from October to April. It has facilities for day and night stay of tourists.



Glimpses of River Cruise on Brahmaputra