

Majuli Island

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Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) started a new **Roll on-Roll off (Ro-Ro) facility** in collaboration with the Government of Assam to provide the much-needed connectivity for Majuli Island.

This Ro-Ro facility will cut down the circuitous road route of **423 KMs** that trucks take from Neamati to Majuli Island via Tezpur Road Bridge, by limiting the distance to only **12.7 KMs** with the use of river route.

Majuli is one of the biggest riverine islands in the world located on river Brahmaputra and faces serious challenges of connectivity.

It has 144 villages with a population of over 150000. The commencement of Ro-Ro services to Majuli Island would be a landmark event towards **augmenting connectivity not only in Assam but the entire North Eastern Region.**

Currently, there are only four road bridges across river Brahmaputra – at **Jogighopa, Guwahati, Tezpur and Sadiya** for connectivity between southern and northern parts of Assam.