

Majuli Island

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A new study has reconstructed nearly 4,000 years of climate and vegetation history of Majuli Island in Assam.

About Majuli Island

- **Location:** It is located in **the Brahmaputra river system**, in **Assam**.
- It is the **world's largest river island** located in Assam.
- **Formation:** It is formed by the **Brahmaputra River** in the south and the **Kherkutia Xuti**, a branch of the Brahmaputra, joined by the **Subansiri River in the north**.
- **Crops cultivated:** **Rice cultivation** is the primary livelihood for the residents of Majuli, with several unique varieties of rice, such as **Komal Saul and Bao Dhan, grown in the region**.
- **Tribes:** Most of the islanders belong to three tribes-**Mishing, Deori, and Sonowal Kachari**, with the non-tribal Assamese comprising the rest.
- **Culture:** The island has also been the hub of **Assamese neo-Vaishnavite culture**, initiated around the 16th century by the great Assamese saint-reformer **Srimanta Sankerdeva** and his disciple Madhavdeva.

- They initiated the **tradition of Satras** (monastic institutions), and these Satras have preserved Sattriya dance, literature, bhaona (theatre), dance forms, mask making, and boat-making.
- Apart from Satras or Vaishnavite monasteries, **Majuli is famous for mask-making** and has a tradition of pottery making.

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