

Amidst the swirling waters of the Brahmaputra River and under the same Bangladeshi sky, more than 14,600 people live on Ostomir *char*, a river silt in North Bengal's Kurigram district.

Only accessible by boat, the island and its inhabitants battle frequent and intensive flooding and erosion on a yearly basis. As a result, moving and changing homes is a way of life for the people here, many of whom live in poverty. With such harsh living conditions, many residents end up looking for work in the cities.

