

Bairabi-Sairang Railway line

Prelims: Current events of national and international importance

Why in news?

Recently, the Prime Minister inaugurated Mizoram's first-ever railway line, marking a historic moment in the state's connectivity journey

- The Bairabi-Sairang **broad-gauge project** is a 51.38-km line that will link **Aizawl with Assam's Silchar town** and then the **rest of the country**.
- Aizawl becomes the **4th northeastern capital** to gain direct rail access, after Assam's Guwahati, Tripura's Agartala, and Arunachal Pradesh's Itanagar.
- **Project sanctioned in** - 2008-09 and
- **Project started construction in** - 2015.
- Nearly 54% of the alignment passes through tunnels and bridges.
- The highlight of this route is **India's second-highest railway bridge** near Sairang, standing at 114 meters - 42 meters taller than the Qutub Minar.

India's **first-highest railway bridge** - Chenab Rail Bridge, the bridge is part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project.

- **Significance** - The Bairabi-Sairang railway is expected to transform logistics and tourism, reduce travel time and generate employment and a major step in implementing the **government's Act East Policy**.

Quick facts

Other infrastructure project inaugurated

- The 45-km **Aizawl Bypass Road** under PM-DevINE, the **Thenzawl-Sialsuk Road** and the **Khankawn-Rongura Road** under NESIDS, aimed at easing travel and improving access for farmers and traders.
- **Chhimtuipui bridge** - Provide all-weather connectivity and support cross-border commerce under the Kaladan Multimodal Transit framework.
- **Three new long-distance rail services** from Sairang to Delhi, Guwahati and Kolkata to provide safe, efficient and cost-effective travel options to the people.

Reference

[Times of India | Mizoram's first railway line](#)

