Coronation Bridge

Why in News?

After more than 10 years, the West Bengal government recently gave its nod to the Teesta Bridge project, replacing the Coronation Bridge.

- The Coronation Bridge Built in West Bengal spans across the ***Teesta River***.
- It was built in the memory of ***King George VI and Queen Elizabeth*** from 1937 to 1941.
- Its foundation stone was laid by then Bengal Governor ***John Anderson.***

Teesta is Bengal's second-longest river after the Ganga.

- It is also known as the Sevoke Roadway Bridge or Baag Pool.
- It is the only one British-era bridge on the Teesta linking West Bengal and Sikkim.
- **Architects -** A.C. Dutt, S.K. Ghosh and K.P. Roy.
- The bridge was designed by ***John Chambers***, the last British executive engineer in the Darjeeling PWD Division.
- The bridge has a steel arch design, its deck is built of steel girders and its arches are supported by concrete piers.
- The bridge was damaged in the 2011 earthquake, after which the Centre started planning an alternative bridge to increase connectivity between the two states on this strategically important route.
- There were some land acquisition problems; thus, it was delayed by 12 years.



References

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