

First Road-cum-rail Tunnel Under Brahmaputra River

In News

Recently, the Union cabinet has approved the construction of the country's first underwater twin tube road-cum-rail tunnel project under the Brahmaputra River in Assam at an estimated cost of Rs 18,662 crore.



About the Project



Length

It is a around 34 kilometre-long four-lane access-controlled Greenfield connectivity project.

34 km



Features

It will feature two parallel tunnels, designed to facilitate smooth and high-capacity movement of both road and rail traffic.



Connectivity

The stretch will connect Gohpur on NH-15 and Numaligarh on NH-715 in Assam, cutting short the distance between the two Assam cities to just 34 kilometres from the current 240 kilometres.



Travel Time Reduced:



Currently:
6 Hours



With Tunnel:
20 Minutes

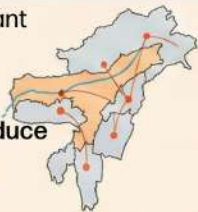
Importance



The project will provide significant benefit to Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and other North-Eastern States.



It will enhance connectivity, reduce logistics costs and accelerate growth across Assam and the entire Northeast.



Additional Information- Brahmaputra River



The Brahmaputra is a major transboundary river in Asia. It originates from the Chemayungdung Glacier near Lake Manasarovar (Mapam Yumco) in Tibet.



It is known variably as Yarlung Tsangpo in Tibet (its longest upper stretch), Siang or Dihang in Arunachal Pradesh, Brahmaputra in Assam & Jamuna in Bangladesh.

