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1. PM inaugurates Bogibeel Bridge, calls it a lifeline

- How special is the Bogibeel Bridge?
- How important is this Bogibeel Bridge for India's national security?
- What is the strategic importance of this Bhogibeel bridge?

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In this video, you can find detailed answers for all the above questions.

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What is the context about?

- Assam's Bogibeel Bridge, a 4.94-km-long behemoth straddling the Brahmaputra, is a "lifeline" for the state's denizens, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said after inaugurating it on December 25.
- India's second-longest rail-road bridge will cut travel time, remove communication bottlenecks to a number of

districts in neighbouring Arunachal Pradesh, and is likely to play an important role in defence movement along the Indo-China border -- also in Arunachal Pradesh.

How special is the Bogibeel Bridge?

- ❑ The 4.9 km-long Bogibeel bridge on the Bramhaputra river is India's only fully welded bridge for which European codes and welding standards were adhered to for the first time in the country.
- ❑ The bridge has a two-line railway track on the lower deck and a three-lane road on the top deck. For the first time in Indian Railways, the girder has steel floor system for railway tracks and concrete for road.
- ❑ The bridge, constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 5,900 crore, has a "serviceable period of around 120 years.
- ❑ The country's largest steel maker SAIL said it has supplied 35,400 tonne of steel for the construction of the bridge.

How important is this Bogibeel Bridge for India's national security?

- ❑ The Bogibeel Bridge will help defence forces and their equipment move quickly.
- ❑ It was built in a way that "even a fighter jet can land on it in case of emergency".
- ❑ Travelling to the farthest point of the India-China border would be shortened "by several hundred kilometres".

- The bridge will provide logistical support for the Indian Army manning the border.

What is the strategic importance of this Bhogibeel bridge?

- With next road bridge 255 km away and next rail bridge 560 km away, the opening of Bogibeel bridge will save at least three hours of travel time between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.
- It will also reduce Delhi to Dibrugarh train-travel time by about three hours to 34 hours as against 37 hours presently.
- The bridge reduces travel time from Assam to Arunachal Pradesh to four hours and will cut out the detour of over 170 km via Tinsukia.
- It will help people of both states to access medical facilities, education and access to the airport.