

- A **19-km-long four-lane Bridge** between **Dhubri (Assam) and Phulbari (Meghalaya)** over river Brahmaputra on **NH-127B** will be constructed.
- Once **completed in 2028**, it will be **India's longest bridge**.
- **Benefit →**
 - This bridge will **reduce travel time** between Assam and Meghalaya by 6 hours, and distance to 19 km from 200 km.
 - Through this bridge, Assam and Meghalaya will have a **direct connection with West Bengal**.
 - It will provide a **third alternative link** to Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura and Barak valley region of Assam with the rest of the Country.

MAJULI-JORHAT BRIDGE:

- A **6.8 km-long two-lane major bridge** is being constructed **over the Brahmaputra** between Majuli (north bank) and Jorhat (south bank) on NH-715K.
- The project has been awarded to **UP State Bridge Corporation Limited**. It will be constructed **by March 2025**.
- **Benefit →**
 - This bridge will provide **all time access to the people living in Majuli town with rest of Assam** to meet their health, education and day to day development activities.
 - The constructions of this bridge also provide a **safe evacuation access** to the people of **Majuli Island** during flood in Brahmaputra River.

BRAHMAPUTRA:

- Brahmaputra River (also known as Jamuna in Bangladesh, Tsangpo in Tibet, Yarlung Zangbo Jiang in China) is a **major river of Central and South Asia**.
- Origin → It originates from the **Chemayungdung glacier** of the Kailash range near the Mansarovar lake.
- It passes through the **Tibet Autonomous Region of China**, the Indian states of **Arunachal Pradesh** and **Assam**, and **Bangladesh** and enters India west of Sadiya town in Arunachal Pradesh.

- Tributaries → **Dibang, Lohit, Siang, Burhi Dihing, Tista, and Dhansari**.
- It is a **perennial river** and has **several peculiar characteristics** due to the physiography and prevailing climatic conditions.
- It flows around **2,900 km** from its source in the Himalayas to its **confluence with the Ganges (Ganga) River**, after which the mixed waters empty into the Bay of Bengal at Sunderban Delta.

NATHU LA, SIKKIM

WHY IN NEWS?

- Recently, the Indian Army rescued several tourists caught in a snowstorm at Nathu La on the India-China border in Sikkim.

ABOUT

- Nathu La is a mountain pass in the Himalayas **connecting Sikkim with Chumbi Valley of the Tibetan Plateau in China**.
- it is one **of the three open trading border posts between China and India**; the others being **Shipkila** in Himachal Pradesh and **Lipulekh** at the trisection point of Uttarakhand-India, Nepal and China.
- Nathu means '**listening ears**', and La means '**pass**'.
- The other passes located in the state of Sikkim are **Jelep La Pass, Donkia Pass, Chiwabhanjang Pass**.



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