

High Speed Rail – China near Arunachal Border

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In News: Tibet's first high-speed train service between provincial capital Lhasa and Nyingchi near the border with Arunachal Pradesh will be operational by the end of June, a top official from China railways said on Saturday.

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- A 435-km rail link to the regional capital of Lhasa will run Fuxing high-speed trains powered by both internal combustion and electricity.
- Construction started in 2014 on the railway line connecting Lhasa with Nyingchi in eastern Tibet.
- It is the first electrified railroad in Tibet and is slated to begin operations in June 2021.
- The track-laying work was completed by the end of 2020.
- The railway has a designed speed of 160 km per hour.
- The Sichuan-Tibet Railway will be the second railway into Tibet after the Qinghai-Tibet Railway, which in 2006 connected Lhasa to the hinterland.
- It will go through the southeast of the Qinghai-Tibet plateau, one of the world's most geologically active areas.
- China claims that the railway will help “transport advanced equipment and technologies from the rest of China to Tibet and bring local products out”.

Rail to border town

China's planned railway line will run from Lhasa in Tibet to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province, connecting both the places to Nyingchi, a city near the Arunachal Pradesh border

- The first segment of the line within Sichuan province, from Chengdu to Ya'an, was completed in December 2018

- Work on the 1,011 km section from Ya'an to Nyingchi, which was formally launched this week, will be finished in 2030

