

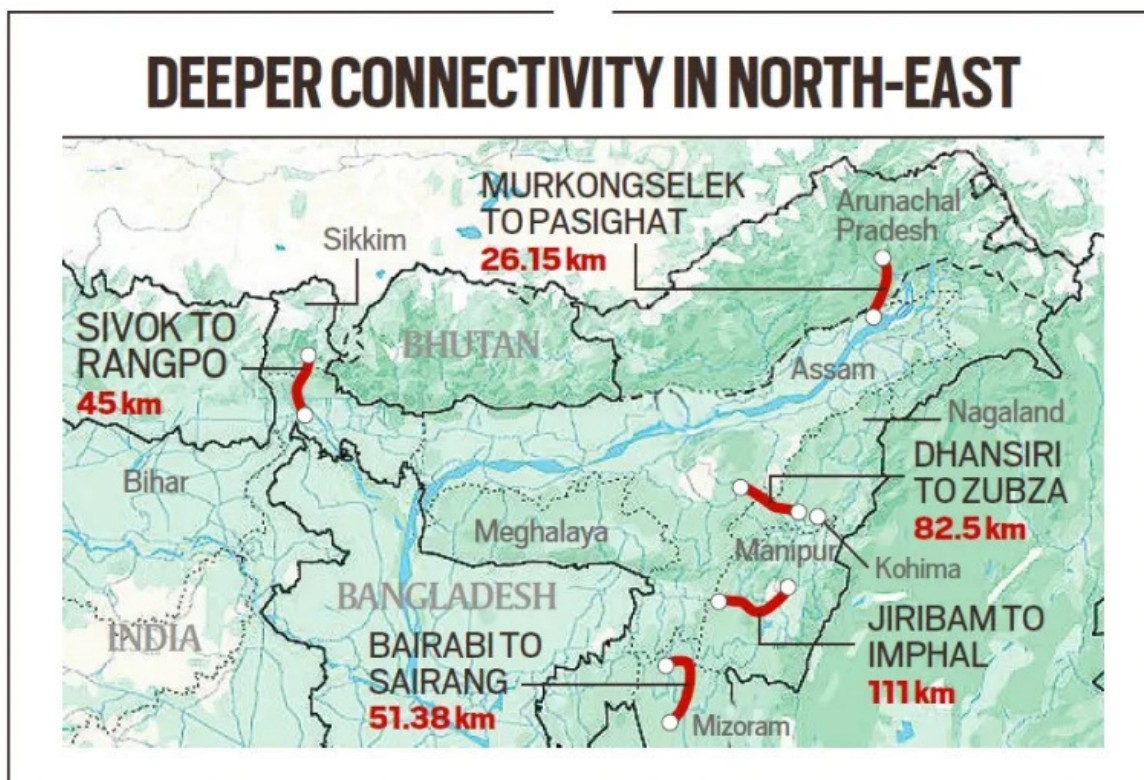


## Rail Connectivity in Aizawl

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Mizoram's capital **Aizawl** has been successfully connected to the **national railway network** via the **Bairabi-Sairang rail line**, becoming the **4th Northeastern capital with rail access** after **Assam (Dispur)**, **Tripura (Agartala)**, and **Arunachal Pradesh (Itanagar)**.

- Earlier, [railway connectivity](#) in **Shillong (Meghalaya)** faced [opposition from Khasi pressure groups](#), who fear that it may lead to a significant influx of outsiders into the state.



## About Indian Railways

- Established in **1853**, the country's **first train journey** covered 21 miles between **Bombay and Thane**.
- India has the **4th largest railway network in the world**, following the **US, China** and **Russia**.
- In **2022-23**, Indian Railways generated **69% of its internal revenue from freight** operations and **24% from passenger services**, while the remaining **7% came from other sources** such as parcel services, coaching receipts, and platform ticket sales.
- It contributed approximately **1.5% to the GDP in FY24**.
- By **2050**, India is expected to contribute around **40% of global rail activity**.
- The [National Rail Plan \(NRP\) for India 2030](#) has been formulated to modernize the sector and

build a future-ready railway system.

**Read More:** [Rerouting Indian Railways' Future](#)

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