



## Tuivai Unity Bridge — Mizoram-Manipur Connectivity in news

### 1. Introduction to Tuivai Unity Bridge

Inaugurated by Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma on Saturday.

Built over the Tuivai river, connecting Mizoram and Manipur.

Constructed at a cost of Rs 500 lakh.

### 2. Historical Background

The bridge was originally destroyed by floods in 1992.

Rebuilt but again washed away in 1997.

Remained unusable for over 28 years until its recent reconstruction.

### 3. Significance

Strengthens the bond among Mizo ethnic tribes across Mizoram and Manipur.

Named Unity Bridge to symbolize renewed ties with kin in Manipur.

Facilitates trade, transport, and cultural exchanges between the two states.

### 4. Technical Aspects

Bailey Bridge structure:



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Known for its quick assembly and temporary design.

Chief Minister emphasized its limited durability.

Public urged to use the bridge responsibly and avoid overloading.

### 5. Political and Social Impact

Restores crucial connectivity, addressing the disconnection caused by the 1997 flood.

Reestablishes social and economic ties with Manipur.

Enhances regional cooperation and boosts infrastructure development.

### Relevance for APSC Preparation

Geography: Understanding inter-state river systems and their role in connectivity.

Disaster Management: Examines flood impacts on infrastructure.

Governance: Highlights government efforts in infrastructure restoration.

Ethnic and Cultural Studies: Reflects on Mizo ethnic bonds and regional integration.

The Tuivai Unity Bridge marks a significant step in reconnecting Mizoram and Manipur.

It stands as a symbol of unity and cooperation, reinforcing regional solidarity and fostering



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socio-economic growth.