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Bandra-Worli Sea-link

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Why is in news? 5 die, 8 injured in road accident at Bandra-Worli Sea-link in Mumbai

The Bandra–Worli Sea Link (officially **known as Rajiv Gandhi Sea Link**) is a 5.6 km long, 8-lane wide bridge that **links Bandra in the Western Suburbs of Mumbai with Worli in South Mumbai**.

It is the **4th longest bridge** in India **after Bhupen Hazarika Setu, Dibang River Bridge and Mahatma Gandhi Setu**.

It is a cable-stayed bridge with pre-stressed concrete-steel viaducts on either side.

It was planned as a part of the proposed Western Freeway that would link the Western Suburbs to Nariman Point in Mumbai's main business district, but is now planned to become part of the Coastal Road to Kandivali.

The 1M bridge was commissioned by the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC), and built by the Hindustan Construction Company.

The first four of the eight lanes of the bridge were opened to the public on 30 June 2009. All eight lanes were opened on 24 March 2010.

The sea-link **reduces travel time between Bandra and Worli during peak hours from 20 to 30 minutes to 10 minutes**.

It was the **first infrastructure project in Mumbai to use seismic arresters**. These will enable it to withstand earthquakes measuring up to 7.0 on the Richter scale.

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