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Pamban Road Bridge

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This engineering marvel was inaugurated by former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on October 2, 1988. It was one of India's first sea bridges. Surrounded by the serene blue water from all sides, it is also one among the suggested road trips.
Structural Design: Arch Type
Length: 2.345 KM
Total number of pillars holding the bridge: 79
Number of pillars inside the sea – 64
Height of the bridge from the sea- 17.68M
Number of Electric posts on the bridge - 174
Connecting places: Mandapam & Pamban
Lane: Two lane
Area: Palk strait
• After the **cyclone of 1964**, A plan for a Road bridge parallel to the Existing Rail bridge was proposed by the Tamilnadu Government, however, it was not materialized.
• The construction works of Pamban Road bridge was commenced on 17.11.1974 by the Indian Highways Department.
• After the 1978 cyclone the work was carried out slowly. After few years the construction work contract was given to the **New Gammon India Ltd.**, (The Government sanctioned 16.6514 crore INR by 1986).
• The work was completed on 1988, (It took nearly 14 years to complete this Engineering Marvel).
Huge menace of vehicle parking to get a glimpse of the scenic beauty happens due to that traffic blockade also occurs. Now, Government has stipulated a penalty of Rs.500/- if any vehicle is stopped on the bridge.