

China opens new railway to Tibet

Tibet's first electrified railway, linking the region's capital, Lhasa, with the city of Nyingchi, is part of what Beijing calls the "project of the century" – building Tibet's second rail link with China's interior

SICHUAN-TIBET RAILWAY

Length: ~1,900km
Completion: 2030

Maximum speed:
160-200km/h

Travel time: Cut from
48 to 13 hours

1 Lhasa-Nyingchi

Length: 435km
Completion: 2021

2 Nyingchi-Ya'an

Length: 1,344km
Completion: 2030

3 Ya'an-Chengdu

Length: 140km
Completion: 2018



Arunachal Pradesh: New railway runs close to India's northeastern-most state – partly claimed by China

Critics say railways spur influx of migrants who threaten cultural integrity of Tibet

