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The Zojila Tunnel recently achieved its final breakthrough with the blast of the last five metres, marking a historic milestone in India's infrastructure story.

About Zojila Tunnel

- It is a major under-construction road tunnel that will **connect Sonamarg in Jammu & Kashmir to Drass in Ladakh.**
- It is situated **under the Zoji La pass on the Srinagar-Leh Highway (NH-1).**
- Upon completion, the tunnel will join the Ganderbal district of Jammu & Kashmir and the Kargil district of Ladakh, providing **all-weather connectivity between the Kashmir Valley and Ladakh.**
- It is being constructed on the complex, rocky terrain at an elevation of **11,578 feet above sea level.**
- The **horseshoe-shaped, single-tube tunnel** will be 9.5 metres wide, 7.57 metres high and **13 kilometres long.**
- It is the **world's longest single-tube bi-directional road tunnel at the highest altitude.**

- Once completed, it will **reduce travel time across the Zojila stretch** from around **90 minutes to just 15 minutes.**
- It is being **constructed using the New Austrian Tunnelling Method (NATM)**, a method particularly **suited to fragile Himalayan geology** and variable rock conditions.

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