



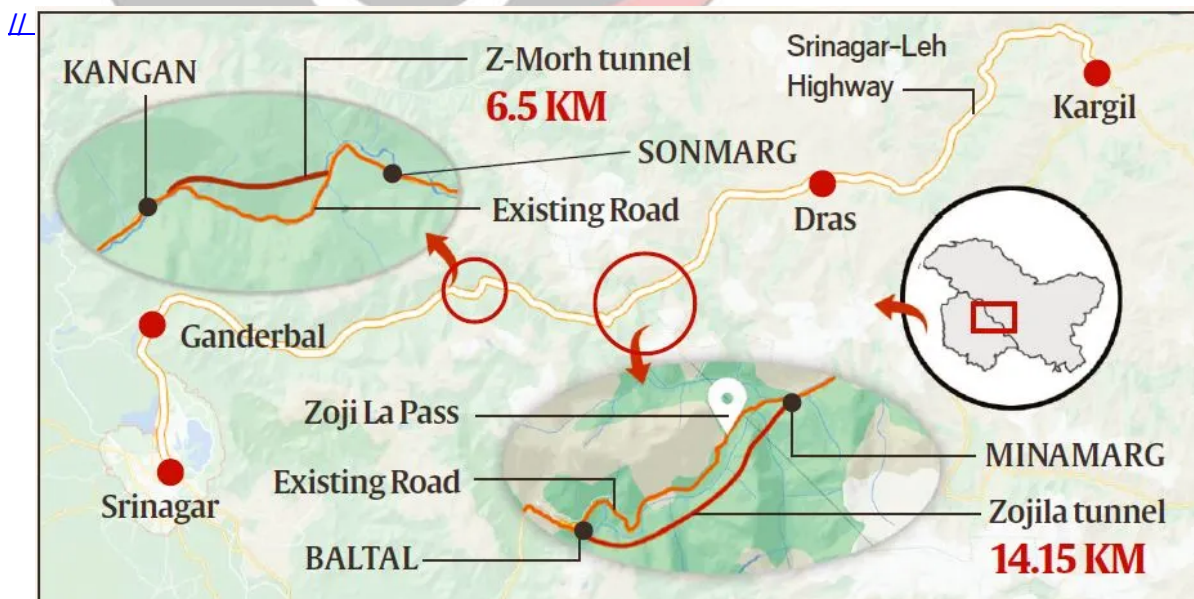
## Z-Morh Project in Kashmir

### Why in News?

The [Z-Morh tunnel](#) project in [Jammu & Kashmir](#) recently witnessed militant attacks highlighting strategic significance of the project.

### Key Points

- **Z-Morh Tunnel:**
  - A **6.4 km-long tunnel** connecting the [Sonamarg](#) health resort with Kangan town, Ganderbal district.
  - Located near **Gagangir village**, the tunnel's name is derived from the **Z-shaped road** stretch where it is constructed.
  - It will provide all-weather connectivity to Sonamarg, a major tourist destination on the [Srinagar-Leh highway](#).
- **Strategic Importance:**
  - The tunnel is part of the larger [Zojila Tunnel project](#), aimed at ensuring all-weather connectivity between Srinagar and Ladakh.
  - It is critical for **military logistics, enabling faster** movement of troops to Ladakh, where tensions with both **Pakistan and China** exist.
  - The tunnel facilitates safe connectivity to regions like [Dras, Kargil, and Leh](#), which are crucial for defense operations, particularly around the [Siachen Glacier and Eastern Ladakh](#).
  - Z-Morh tunnel will act as a precursor to the **Zojila Tunnel**, which is under construction and expected to be completed by **December 2026**.
  - Enhances India's capability in reinforcing military personnel in sensitive areas of Ladakh, vital **post-2020 India-China standoff**.
- The attack on the project underscores evolving threats to critical infrastructure, highlighting the importance of safeguarding national projects from insurgent activities.



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