



## Z-Morh Tunnel

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The **Prime Minister** inaugurated the **Z-Morh tunnel** aimed at improving **all-weather connectivity** between **Ladakh** and **Kashmir**.

- **Location:** The **6.5 km** Z-Morh tunnel, located at **8,650 feet** in **Ganderbal, Kashmir**, bypasses avalanche-prone zones on the **Srinagar-Leh highway (NH-1)**.
  - It was built under the **Thajiwas glacier** and the tunnel has been renamed **Sonamarg tunnel**.
- **Timeline:** Built at **Rs 2,400 crore**, the project began in **2015** under **BRO** but later, it was developed by the **National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL)**.
- **Strategic Partnership:** Paired with the **Zojila tunnel**, it improves road access to **Ladakh**, reducing the route by **6 km** between **Srinagar and Ladakh**.
  - The **Zoji La tunnel (14.15 Km)**, **Asia's longest bi-directional tunnel**, will ensure all-weather connectivity between **Srinagar, Kargil, and Leh**.
- **Strategic Significance:** Ensures year-round connectivity to Ladakh for **military and civilian needs**.

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