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■ **India's Longest Escape Tunnel 'T-13' Ready**

The Indian Railways has successfully completed an escape tunnel on the 111 km under-construction Banihal-Katra section of the Udhampur Srinagar Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) in Jammu and Kashmir. The 12.89 km 'T-13' tunnel is the longest "escape tunnel" of India. The escape tunnel has been constructed to facilitate rescue work in case of an emergency. Drilling the tunnel was a highly challenging task as it passes through the Ramban formation of the Himalayas and various distributaries and drains of Chenab River like Khoda, Hingni, and Kundan nallah. The horse-shoe shaped escape tunnel has been constructed using the New Austrian Tunnelling Method (NATM), a modern technique of drill and blast processes..