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Nai Udaan Scheme

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> - It is under the **Ministry of Minority Affairs** for Support to minority students for preparation of Main Examination, who clear Prelims conducted by Union Public Service Commission, Staff Selection Commission, State Public Service Commissions etc.
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> - The objective of the Scheme is to provide financial support to adequately equip them to compete and to increase the representation of the minority in the Civil Services.
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India's longest road tunnel

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> - **Chenani-Nashri tunnel/ Patnitop tunnel**, the longest road tunnel is built on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway.
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> - It is also Asia's longest bi-directional highway tunnel with fully transverse ventilation system.
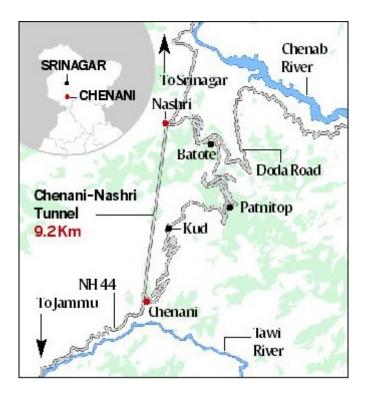>   \n
> - It is 9.2 km tube tunnel, located at an elevation of 1,200 metre equipped with the world-class integrated tunnel control system and intelligent traffic mechanism.
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> - Integrated Tunnel control systems will automatically activate fire control, ventilation, signals, communication and electrical systems, power supply, incident detection and no human intervention is required for its operation.
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> - Once the tunnel becomes operational, it will reduce the traffic jams on National Highway-1A that occur due to snowfall and avalanches in winter.
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- National Highway-1A runs between Uri in J&K and Jalandar in Punjab. NH-1A, old numbering now does not exist and it is a part of NH-44 after renumbering.

Tunnel runs between Ramban and Udhampur

The Employees Compensation (Amendment) Act 2016

- The act was passed by parliament recently, which amends the Employee's Compensation Act, 1923.
- The act ensures compensation up to Rs 1 lakh if an employee is injured in an industrial accident.
- It also penalises an employer if he fails to inform his employee of his right to compensation and impose penalty on the employer in case of any variation in the amount given as compensation given to employee.

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