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Mumbai: Daylighting for one of the two longest parallel tunnels of prosperity corridor achieved

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MUMBAI: The daylighting for one of the state's two longest parallel tunnels in the Igatpuri section of the under-construction Mumbai-Nagpur Maharashtra prosperity corridor, also known as super communication highway, has been achieved three months ahead of schedule. These three-lanes wide tunnels with a length of 7.5 km each are part of the Package 14 of Samruddhi Mahamarg. The total 13.1 km long section has small cut-n-cover and road stretches besides the tunnel portions. The package is being implemented by Afcons.

To successfully accomplish the breakthrough on time, the team executed more than 200 meters of excavation for nine consecutive months. "Highest was 258.4 metres of heading excavation in a month," said a press release. These are not only the longest but widest tunnels with very

wide cut-n-cover portions on either side.

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Despite the pandemic, a workforce of over 2,000 people achieved the target. Radheshyam Mopalwar, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, MSRDC, Chandrakant Pulkundwar, JMD, MSRDC, AK Gaikwad, JMD, Vijay Waghmare, JMD, SK Survase, PD, and Hemant Jagtap, Executive Engineer were present when the daylight was achieved. The workforce was not only vaccinated but also followed covid protocol at work.