

1st trial train from Sangaldan to Reasi in J&K runs via world's highest rail bridge

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New Delhi: Indian Railways operated the first trial train from Sangaldan to Reasi, including on the world's highest rail bridge built on Chenab river in Jammu and Kashmir, on Sunday. With this rail link, travel between the Valley and the rest of the country is set to become a reality in the next four-five

months, officials said.

Reasi was recently in the news because of a terror attack that claimed nine lives. The railways also achieved this feat days before PM Narendra Modi visits Srinagar to celebrate International Yoga Day.

In a social media post, railways minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, "All construction work for the USBRL are nearly

finished, with only tunnel No. 1 remaining partially incomplete." Railway officials said the Commissioner of Railways Safety (CRS) is scheduled to conduct a two-day inspection. The project is significant because of the Chenab rail bridge, which has been constructed 359 metres (around 109 feet) above the Chenab river and it is 35 metres taller than the Eiffel Tower.