

Important Lakes of India

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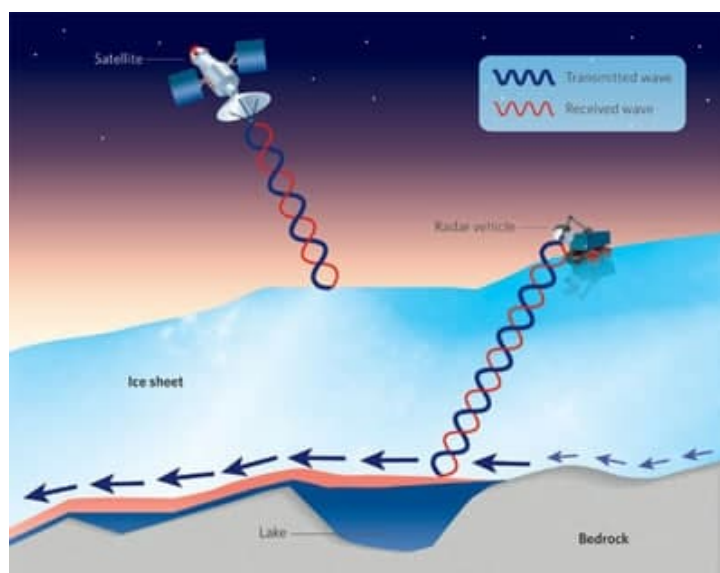
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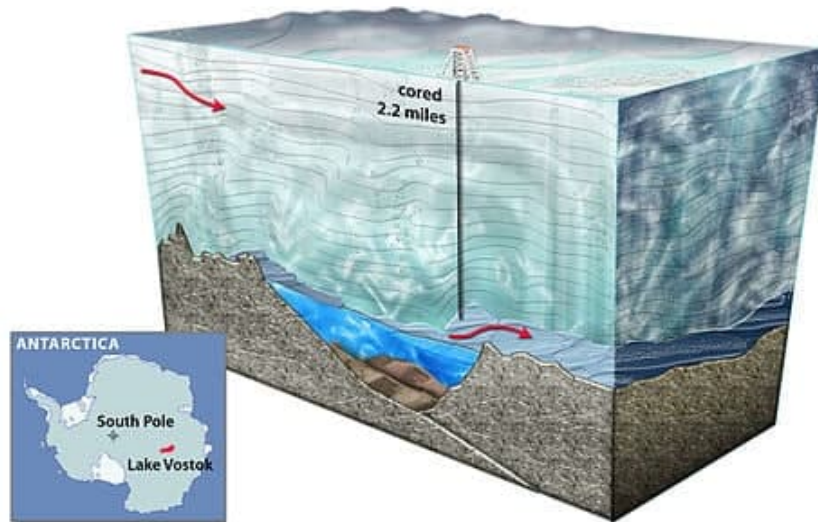
- **Lake is a surface water body that is surrounded by land.** Rivers will be outlet or inlet to the lakes i.e. lakes take the water from rivers or act as a source of water.
- Lakes are found in various landscapes like Hilly areas, plains, plateaus, rift zones, etc.
- **There are various types of lakes** that can be classified based on different criteria – They are
 - Fresh Water Lakes,
 - Salt Water lakes,
 - Natural Lakes,
 - Artificial Lakes,
 - Oxbow lake, (*Formed by river deposits*)
 - Crater Lake, etc. (*formed due to volcanic activity*)
- Lakes have various applications like drinking water, irrigation, navigation, water storage, livelihood (fishing, etc.), impact on microclimate, etc.

Subglacial Lake

- A subglacial lake is a **body of liquid water located in between an ice sheet and the continental landmass.**
- The water remains liquid because the **ice sheet above the water acts as an insulator** and traps geothermal heat from the Earth's crust.

Lake Vostok is the largest of Antarctica's almost 400 known subglacial lakes. Lake Vostok is located at the southern Pole of Cold, beneath Russia's Vostok Station under the surface of the central East Antarctic Ice Sheet, which is at 3,488 m above mean sea level.





Important Facts related to Lakes of India

- **Largest freshwater lake in India – Wular Lake, Jammu and Kashmir**
- **Largest Saline water lake in India – Chilka Lake, Orissa**
- **Highest lake in India (Altitude) – Cholamu lake, Sikkim**
- **Longest Lake in India – Vembanad lake, Kerala**
- **Largest Artificial Lake in India – Govind Vallabh Pant Sagar (Rihand Dam)**
- **Dhebar Lake is India's second-largest artificial lake**, after Govind Ballabh Pant Sagar. It is located in the **Udaipur District of Rajasthan**.



Lakes of India

Name	State	District	Type of Lakes	Facts/Description
<u>Pulicat Lake</u>	Andhra Pradesh	Sullurpet	Brackish Water	It encompasses Pulicat Lake Bird Sanctuary; Satish Dhawan Space Centre located here
Kolleru Lake	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	Freshwater	Home to migratory birds
Nagarjuna Sagar	Andhra Pradesh	Nalgonda	Freshwater	Artificially constructed; Krishna river
Cumbum Lake	Andhra Pradesh	—	—	—
Haflong Lake	Assam	Silchar	Freshwater	High altitude lake
DeeporBeel	Assam	Kamrup	Freshwater	Under Ramsar Convention
Son Beel	Assam	Karimganj	Freshwater (Tectonically formed)	Largest wetland in Assam
Chandubi lake	Assam	Kamrup	Freshwater	Migratory Birds (winter); formed by 1897 earthquake
Sala Lake	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—
Sangestor Tso (Madhuri Lake)	Arunachal Pradesh	Tawang	—	—
Ganga Lake (Geker Sinying)	Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	—	—
Kanwar Lake	Bihar	Begusarai	Oxbow (freshwater)	Asia's largest freshwater oxbow lake;
Nal Sarovar	Gujarat			
Hamirsar lake	Gujarat	Kutch	Artificial	Situated in centre of Bhuj
Kankaria lake	Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Artificial	During 14th century by Muhammed Shah II
Narayan Sarovar	Gujarat	Kutch	Artificial freshwater	Pilgrimage site for Hindus
Thol Lake	Gujarat	Mehsana	Lentic lake	Constructed for irrigation purpose
Vastrapur	Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Freshwater	Narmada River; Picnic spot

Sursagar Lake	Gujarat			
Lakhota Lake	Gujarat			
Badkhal Lake	Haryana	Faridabad	Freshwater	Man made
Blue Bird Lake	Haryana	Hisar	Freshwater	Migratory Birds, Wetland Habitat
Brahma Sarovar	Haryana	Thaneswar	Freshwater	Ancient water pool sacred to Hinduism
Damdama Lake	Haryana	Sohna	Freshwater	Constructed by British government for Rainwater Harvesting
Karna	Haryana	Karnal	Freshwater	Connected to great epic Mahabharata
Tilyar	Haryana	Rohtak	Freshwater (canal inflow)	Located inside Tilyar Zoo
Surajkund Lake	Haryana	Faridabad		
Chandra Taal	Himachal Pradesh	Lahul and Spiti	Sweetwater lake	Ramsar wetland site
Suraj Taal	Himachal Pradesh	Lahul and Spiti	Freshwater (High Altitude)	Bhaga River inflow
MaharanaPratapSagar	Himachal Pradesh	Kangra	Freshwater	Ramsar site
Prashar lake	Himachal Pradesh	Mandi	Holomitic (Freshwater)	It has a floating Island
Renuka lake	Himachal Pradesh	Sirmaur	Freshwater	It is designated as the Ramsar site
Nako Lake	Himachal Pradesh	Kinnaur		
Dal lake	J &K	Srinagar	Warm monomitic	Remnants of past glacial period
Pangong Tso	J &K	Ladakh	Endorheic Lake (saline water)	Indo-China Border
Wular lake	J &K	Bandipora	Tectonic lake (fresh water)	Largest freshwater lake in India
TsoMoriri	J &K	Ladakh	Saltwater	High altitude lake
Anchar Lake	J &K			
Manasbal Lake	J &K			
Gadsar Lake	J &K			

Gangabal Lake	J &K			
Vishansar Lake	J &K			
Mansar Lake	J &K			
Marsar Lake	J &K			
Tarsar Lake	J &K			
Sheshnag	J &K			
Tulian lake	J &K			
Agata lake	Karnataka	Bangalore	Freshwater	Located in the southwest part of the city
Bellandur Lake	Karnataka	Bangalore	Freshwater	–
Karanji lake	Karnataka	Mysore	–	Butterfly park
Ulsoor lake	Karnataka	Bangalore	Stale water	It has several islands
Kukarahalli lake	Karnataka	Mysore	Freshwater	Recreational
Honnamana	Karnataka	Kodagu	Freshwater	Holy lake, place for various festivals
Pampa Sarovar	Karnataka	Hampi	Freshwater	Tungabhadra river
Hebbal Lake	Karnataka	—	—	—
Ashtamudi Kayal	Kerala	Kollam	Brackish water	Ramsar wetland site
Kuttanad	Kerala	Alappuzha, Kottayam		Backwater paddy cultivation
Vembanad	Kerala	–	Brackish water	Ramsar wetland; boat race
Shashtamkotta	Kerala	Kollam	Freshwater	Ramsar wetland
Vellayani Lake	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram		
Bhojtal	Madhya. Pradesh	Bhopal	Freshwater	Ramsar site; largest artificial lake in India
Salim Ali Lake	Maharashtra	Aurangabad	Freshwater	Birdwatching
Shivsagar	Maharashtra	Satara	Freshwater	Koyna dam
Lonar lake	Maharashtra	Buldhana	Crater lake	National Geo-Heritage monument
Gorewada Lake	Maharashtra			
Pashan Lake	Maharashtra			
Powai Lake	Maharashtra			

Rankala Lake	Maharashtra			
Venna Lake	Maharashtra			
Tulsi Lake	Maharashtra			
Vihar Lake	Maharashtra			
Loktak lake	Manipur	–	Lenticular freshwater	Ramsar wetland; Phumdis (Floating Islands); Multipurpose project
Umiam	Meghalaya	Shillong	Freshwater	Famous for cycling and boating
Tam Dil	Mizoram	Saitual	Freshwater	–
Chilika lake	Orissa	Puri	Brackish water	India's largest brackish water lake; lagoon
Kanjia lake	Orissa	Bhubaneswar	Freshwater	Wetland of national importance
Anshupa Lake	Orissa	Cuttack	Freshwater	On the left bank of the Mahanadi river
Harike	Punjab	Ferozepur	Freshwater	Ramsar wetland site
Rupar	Punjab	Rupnagar	Freshwater	Manmade riverine lake
Kanjli	Punjab	Kapurthala	Freshwater	Ramsar wetland site
Sambhar lake	Rajasthan	Sambhar Lake-town	Saltwater	Ramsar wetland; largest inland saltwater lake in India
Rajsamand	Rajasthan	Rajsamand	Freshwater	–
Dhebar Lake	Rajasthan			
Kaylana Lake	Rajasthan			
Nakki Lake	Rajasthan			
Pachpadra Lake	Rajasthan			
Man Sagar Lake	Rajasthan			
Didwana Lake	Rajasthan			
Lunkaransar Salt Lake	Rajasthan			
Anasagar Lake	Rajasthan			
Talwara Lake	Rajasthan			
Tsomgo lake	Sikkim	East Sikkim	Freshwater	Winter frozen
Khecheoplari	Sikkim	West Sikkim	Freshwater	Sacred lake for Hindus and Buddhists

Gurudongmar Lake	Sikkim	—	—	north of the Kanchendzonga range
Ooty lake	Tamilnadu	Nilgiris	Freshwater	Boat House
Chembarambakkam	Tamilnadu	Chennai	Artificial lake	—
Kodaikanal Lake	Tamilnadu	Dindigul	Artificial lake	Boat club, boathouse, and boat service
Kaliveli Lake	Tamil Nadu	Viluppuram	Coastal lake and lagoon	—
Kolavai	Tamil Nadu	—	—	—
Puzhal lake (Red Hills Lake)	Tamil Nadu	—	—	—
Sholavaram lake	Tamil Nadu			
Berijam Lake	Tamil Nadu			
Veeranam Lake	Tamil Nadu			
Hussain Sagar	Telangana	Hyderabad	Artificial lake	Artificial Gibraltar rock-island
Badrakali lake	Telangana	Warangal	Freshwater	Artificial lake
Osman Sagar	Telangana	—	—	—
Himayat Sagar	Telangana	—	—	Artificial lake
Pakhal Lake	Telangana	—	—	Artificial lake
Shamirpet Lake	Telangana	—	—	Artificial lake
Saroornagar Lake	Telangana	—	—	Artificial lake
Durgam Cheruvu	Telangana	Rangareddy		
Govind Ballabh Pant Sagar	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra	Man-made lake	Rihand dam
Belasagar	Uttar Pradesh	Kulpahar	Freshwater	Irrigation lake
Bhimtal	Uttarakhand	Nainital	Freshwater	Medium altitude lake
East Calcutta wetlands	West Bengal	Calcutta	Brackish water	Ramsar wetland