



# CHAPTER-1 OUR COUNTRY - INDIA

(A) Superlatives in India



List of largest, biggest, longest : All Superlatives of India ...

# 1. THE LONGEST BRIDGE ABOVE WATER: BHUPEN HAZARIKA SETU, ASSAM ( LOHIT RIVER )

The Dhola–Sadiya Bridge, also referred to as the Bhupen Hazarika Setu, is a beam bridge in India, connecting the northeast states of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. The bridge spans the Lohit River, a major tributary of the Brahmaputra River, from the village of Dhola (Tinsukia District) in the south to Sadiya to the north. The bridge is the first permanent road connection between the northern Assam and eastern Arunachal Pradesh.

At 9.15 kilometers (5.69 mi) in length, it is the longest bridge in India over water.





## 2. THE LARGEST FRESHWATER LAKE: WULAR LAKE (J & K)

Wular Lake/ Wullar is the largest fresh water lakes in India. It is sited in Bandipora district in Jammu and Kashmir, India. The lake basin was formed as a result of tectonic activity and is fed by the Jhelum River. The lake's size varies seasonally from 12 to 100 square miles (30 to 260 sq km). Much of the lake has been drained as a result of willow plantations being built on the shore in the 1950s.

In ancient times, Wular Lake was also called Mahapadmasar (Sanskrit: महापद्मसरः). Nilamata Purana also mentions it as *Mahapadmasaras*. Mahapadmasar is referred as *Bolor* by Al-Biruni {960–1031 AD}

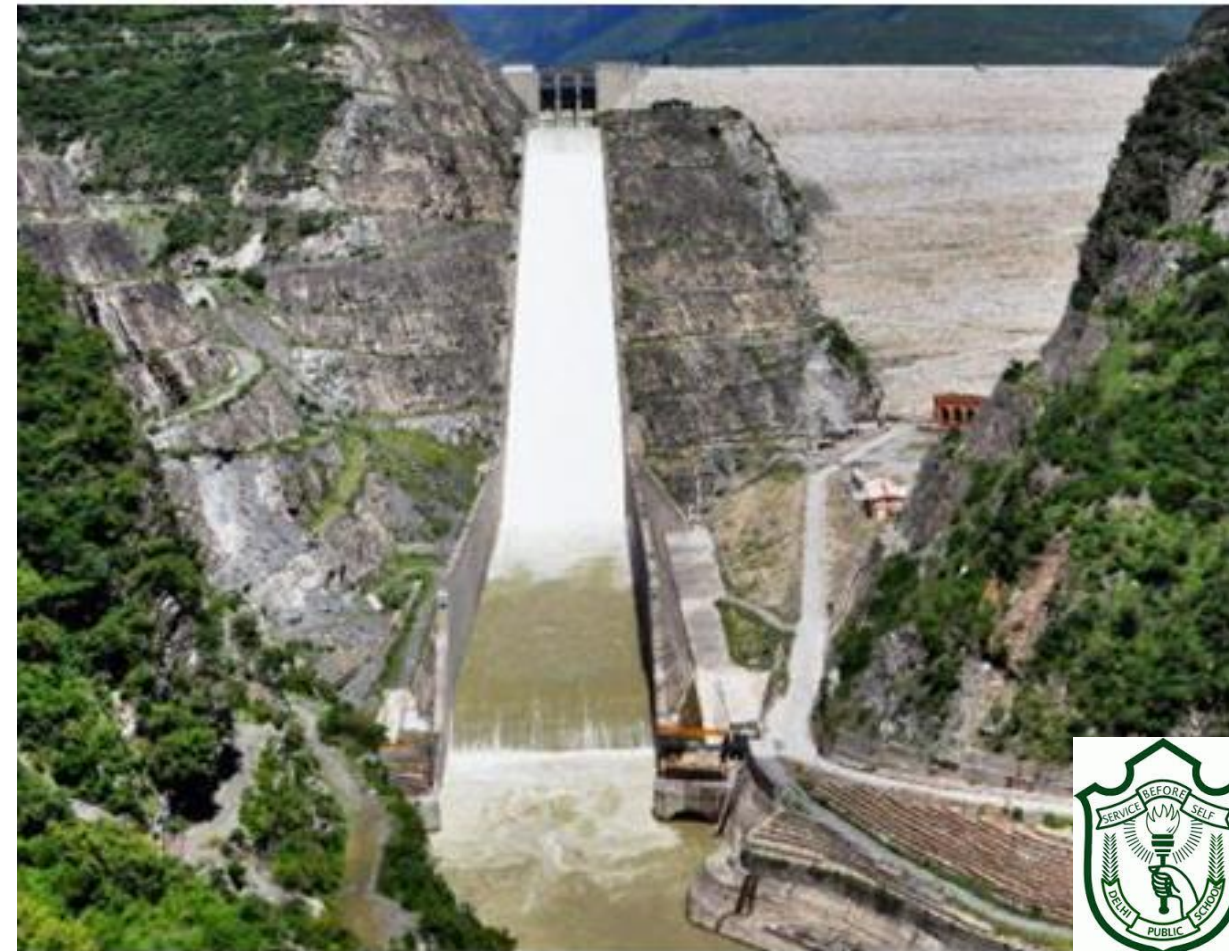
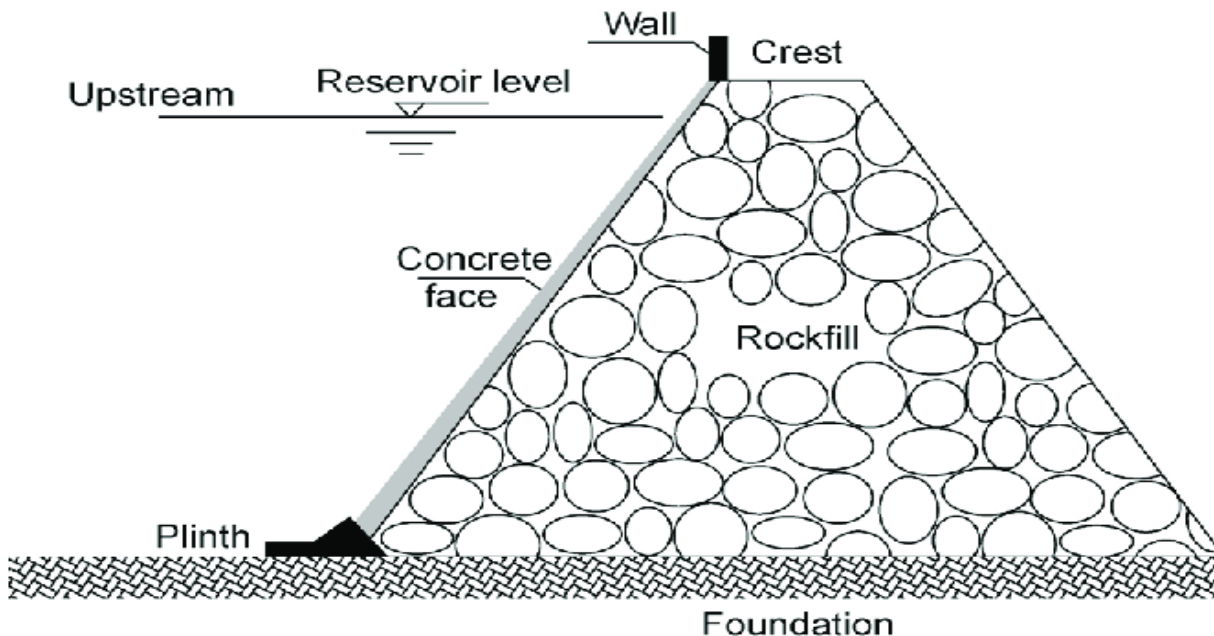




### 3. THE HIGHEST DAM: TEHRI DAM, UTTARAKHAND (BHAGIRATHI RIVER)

The Tehri Dam is located in the state of Uttarakhand. It is the highest Dam in India with a height of 260.5 meters. It is also listed in the top ten highest dams in the world. This Dam is situated on the river Bhagirathi.

- Height of the Dam– 260.5 m
- Length of the Dam– 575 m
- Type of Dam– Rock fill





## 4. THE LARGEST CAVE TEMPLE: KAILASH NATH TEMPLE (ELLORA, MAHARASHTRA)



The Kailasa temple (Cave 16) is the largest of the 34 Buddhist, Jain and Hindu cave temples and monasteries known collectively as the Ellora Caves, ranging for over 2 kilometers (1.5 miles) along the sloping basalt cliff at the site.





## 5. THE HIGHEST PEAK: KANGCHENJUNGA ( 8586 M )



Kangchenjunga lies on the Sikkim–Nepal border. It is the highest mountain peak located in India and the third highest mountain peak in the world after Mount Everest and K2. Nanda Devi is the highest peak located entirely within India. The local name 'Kanchinjānga' meaning “The five treasures of the high snow” Originating from the Tibetan word it means a group of five peaks.



## 6. THE LONGEST TUNNEL: PIR PANJAL RAILWAY TUNNEL, (J & K)

The Pir Panjal Railway Tunnel or Banihal railway tunnel is an 11.215-kilometre-long railway tunnel located in Pir Panjal Range of middle Himalayas in Jammu and Kashmir, India, north of Banihal town. It is a part of the Jammu–Baramulla line.

### Atal Tunnel

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday October 3, 2020 inaugurated Atal Tunnel at Rohtang in Himachal Pradesh. The 9.02 km long tunnel passes through Rohtang pass and it is the longest highway tunnel in the world, connecting Manali to Lahaul–Spiti valley throughout the year.





## 7.THE LONGEST CORRIDOR: CORRIDOR OF RAMANATHASWAMY TEMPLE OF RAMESWARAM (TAMIL NADU)

The outer set of corridors is reputed to be the longest in the world, measuring about 6.9 m in height, 400 feet each in the east and west and about 640 feet in the north and the south. The inner corridors are about 224 feet each in the east and the west and about 352 feet each in the north and the south.





## 8. THE HIGHEST WATERFALL: KUNCHIKAL FALLS (KARNATAKA)



Kunchikal Falls is located Nidagodu village near Masthikatte in Shimoga district of state Karnataka. Kunchikal falls cascades down rocky boulders and total height of fall is 455 meters according to world waterfall database. Kunchikal falls is formed by Varahi river. Kunchikal falls is the largest fall in India. Jog falls is the second highest plunge waterfall in India located in Sagara taluk, in the state of Karnataka.





## 9. THE HIGHEST GATEWAY: BULAND DARWAZA, FATEHPUR SIKRI (U.P)

Buland Darwaza, or the "Door of victory", was built in 1602 A.D. by Mughal emperor Akbar to commemorate his victory over Gujarat. It is the main entrance to the Jama Masjid at Fatehpur Sikri, which is 43 km from Agra, India. Buland Darwaza is the highest gateway in the world and is an example of Mughal architecture.

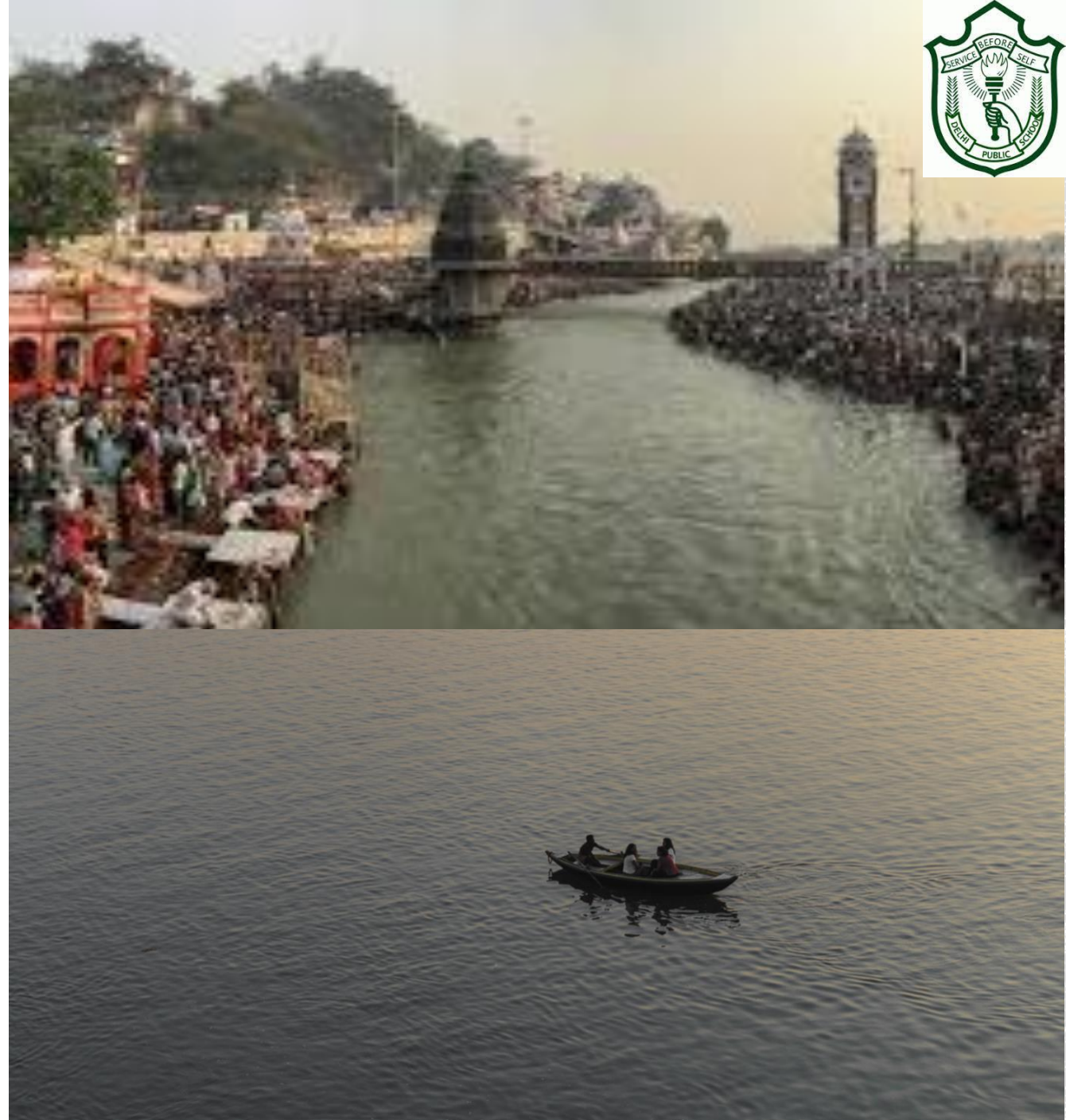




## 10. THE LONGEST RIVER: THE GANGA (2704 KM. LONG)

Longest River in India: Ganges: 2704 km

The Ganges, known as Ganga in India is the most sacred river when it comes to Hindu beliefs and it is also the longest river, enclosed with the Indian subcontinent. Its origin is the Gangotri Glacier in Uttarakhand and it starts at the confluence of Bhagirathi and Alaknanda rivers in Devprayag, Uttarakhand.





# Quiz for you...



- The longest bridge in India over water.
- The largest fresh water lakes in India.
- The tehri dam is located in the state of
- The largest cave temple.
- Where does Kangchenjunga lies?
- The highest waterfall of India.
- Who build the Buland Darwaza?
- The longest River in India.
- Which temple of India has the longest corridor ?







# THANK YOU

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