

Important Lakes of India [UPSC Notes]

India is known for its diverse natural resources. There are many resources out of which water bodies have a significant hold on the scenic beauty of our country. Lakes are one of the major sources of natural beauty in India and there are many lakes in almost every state.

This topic holds a great significance for UPSC and various government exams in India. Important Lakes of India falls under static GK in the UPSC exam, you can check more articles on other [static GK topics](#) in the linked page.

Lakes can be classified into various categories:

S.No	Category of Lake in India
1.	Freshwater Lakes
2.	Saltwater Lakes
3.	Natural Lakes
4.	Oxbow Lakes
5.	Artificial Lakes
6.	Crater Lakes

Top 10 largest Lakes in India

The list of largest lakes is mentioned in the table below:

List of largest Lakes(Decreasing order of area covered)	State/UT
Vembanad Lake	Kerala
Chilika Lake	Odisha
Shivaji Sagar Lake	Maharashtra
Indira Sagar lake	Madhya Pradesh
Pangong Lake	Ladakh
Pulicat Lake	Andhra Pradesh
Sardar Sarovar Lake	Gujarat

Nagarjuna Sagar Lake	Telangana
Loktak Lake	Manipur
Wular lake	Jammu and Kashmir

List of Important Lakes in India

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Lakes in India	State/UT
Pulicat lake	Andhra Pradesh
Kolleru Lake	Andhra Pradesh
Haflong Lake	Assam
Deepor Beel	Assam
Chandubi Lake	Assam
Kanwar lake	Bihar
Hamirsar Lake	Gujarat
Kankaria Lake	Gujarat
Badkhal Lake	Haryana
Brahma Sarovar	Haryana
Chandra Taal	Himachal Pradesh
MaharanaPratap Sagar	Himachal Pradesh
Dal Lake	Jammu Kashmir
Wular Lake	Jammu Kashmir
Agara Lake	Karnataka
Ulsoor Lake	Karnataka

Kuttanad Lake	Kerala
Sasthamkotta	Kerala
Bhojtal	Madhya Pradesh
Shivsagar	Maharashtra
Loktak lake	Manipur
Umiam Lake	Meghalaya
Tam Dil	Mizoram
Chilika Lake	Odisha
Harike	Punjab
Kanjli	Punjab
Sambhar Lake	Rajasthan
Tsomgo Lake	Sikkim
Chembarambakkam	Tamil Nadu
Hussain Sagar	Telangana
Govind Bhallabh Pant Sagar	Uttar Pradesh
Belasagar	Uttar Pradesh
Bhimtal	Uttarakhand
Kaliveli	Tamil Nadu

Lakes in India – Application

Apart from being a symbol of natural beauty, lakes can be of many uses for the inhabitants.

Lakes in India are a great source of :

- Irrigation
- Drinking-Water
- Navigation

- Livelihood

Important Facts about Lakes for UPSC Prelims

1. **Wular lake** is one of the biggest freshwater lakes in Asia and it was formed as a result of tectonic activity.
2. **Chilika Lake** in Odisha is the largest saline water lake in India.
3. **Vembanad Lake** in Kerala is the longest lake in India.
4. **Cholamu Lake** in Sikkim is the highest lake in India.
5. **Lonar Lake** is a notified National Geo-heritage Monument, saline, soda lake, located at Lonar in Buldhana district, Maharashtra.

