

Lower Lake

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The central bench of National Green Tribunal (NGT) in its order directed the MP Pollution Control Board (MPPCB) to inspect the Lower Lake and present a detailed report with photographs with latitude and longitude details in support of its findings.

About Lower Lake

- Lower Lake, also known as **Chhota Talaab**, is a **man-made lake** located in the city of **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**.
- It was **built in 1794** by **Chote Khan**, a **minister of Nawab Hayat Muhammad Khan Bahadur**, to beautify the city. Several earlier wells were merged in this lake.
- **Chota Talaab**, along with the **nearby Upper Lake/Bada Talaab**, **constitutes Bhoj Wetland**, which is now a **Ramsar site**.
 - The **Lower Lake** is positioned to the **east of the Upper Lake**. The **two lakes** are **separated by** an **overbridge called Pul Pukhta** or **Lower Lake Bridge**.

- The **two lakes** are **constructed in a terraced way**; the lowest level of the Upper Lake is just underneath the highest stage of the Lower Lake.
- **Supplying water** to almost **40% of the residents in Bhopal**, these lakes play a vital role in serving the city.
- The Lower Lake has an area of 1.29 sq. km and a catchment area of 9.6 sq. km.
- The Lower Lake does not have any sparkling water supply. The lake **receives subsurface seepage from the Upper Lake.**
- It **drains into the Patra rivulet**, which **joins the Halali River**, a small **tributary of the Betwa River**.

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