

Dal Lake

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Labourers from the Jammu and Kashmir Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LAWDA) recently removed weeds from the waters of Dal Lake in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.

About Dal Lake

- It is an **urban freshwater lake** located in **Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir**.
- It is **surrounded by the Pir Panjal mountains**.
- It is integral to tourism and recreation in Kashmir and is named the "**Jewel in the crown of Kashmir**" or "**Srinagar's Jewel**".
- It covers an area of about 18 sq.km. It is the **second-largest lake in Jammu and Kashmir** after the Wular Lake.
- It is **one of the world's largest natural lakes** and also known as the **Lake of Flowers**.
- The lake **gets its water** mainly from the **Telbal stream**. This stream flows from the **Jhelum River**.
- **During the winter season**, the temperature sometimes reaches **-11°C (12°F)**, freezing the lake.

- The wetland is **divided by causeways into four basins: Gagribal, Lokut Dal, Bod Dal, and Nagin** (although Nagin is also considered an independent lake).
- Lokut-dal and Bod-dal each have an island in the centre, known as Rup Lank (or Char Chinari) and Sona Lank, respectively.
- The **floating gardens**, locally known as “**Rad**,” are a spectacular highlight of the lake.
 - These are **patches of land that float on the water**.
 - **Farmers grow vegetables** and flowers on them.
 - It **blossoms with lotus flowers** during July and August.
- It is also popular for the **floating market**, where vendors have their own Shikaras/wooden boats and approach tourists.
- The **shoreline** of the lake, about 15.5 km, is encompassed by a **boulevard lined with Mughal-era gardens, parks, houseboats**, and hotels.

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