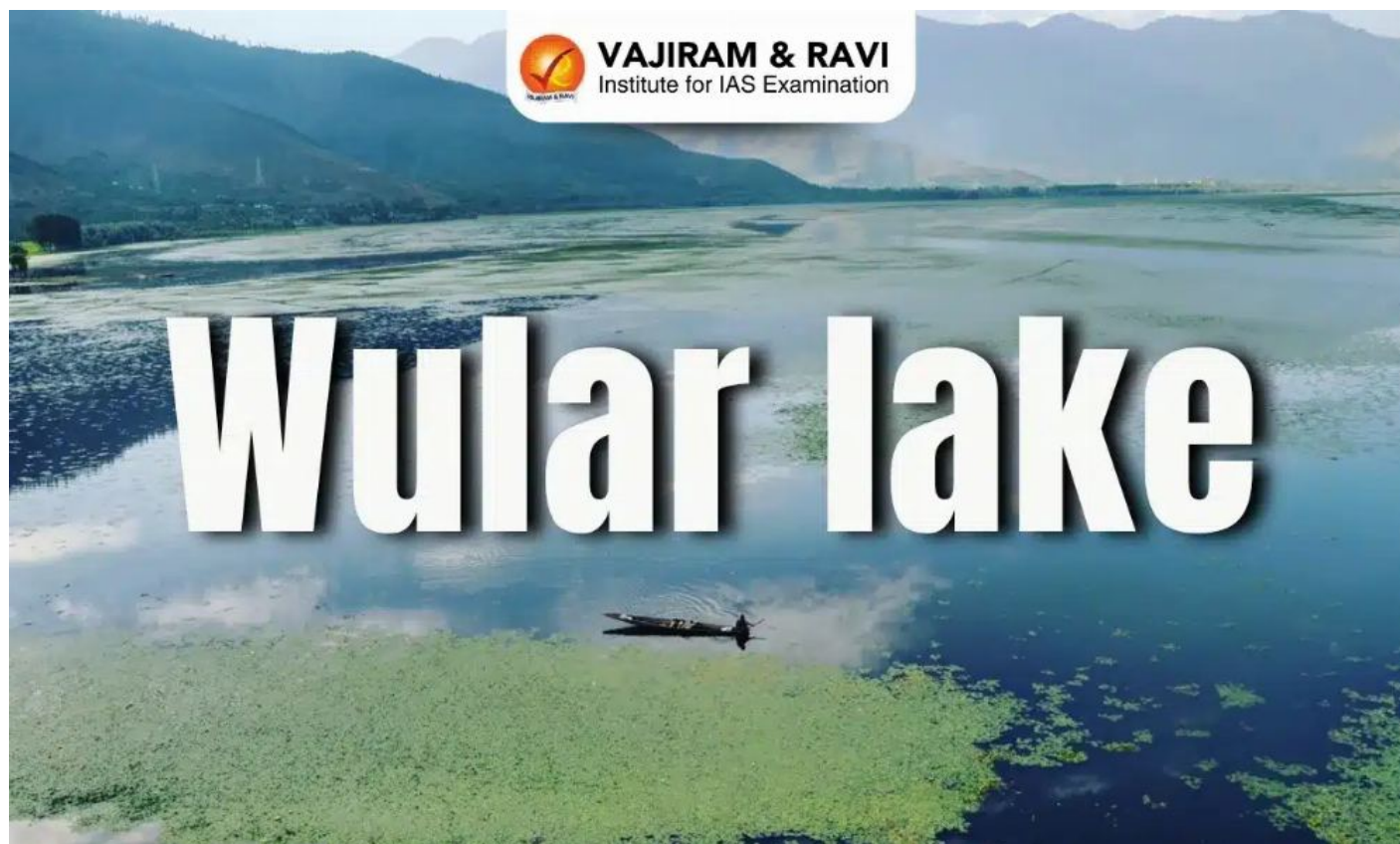


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Conservation initiatives at Wular Lake in Kashmir have reclaimed 5 sq.km. of silted land, removed willows, and reinforced lake embankments to boost its ecological integrity and flood resistance.

About Wular Lake

- It is the **largest freshwater lake in India** and the **second largest freshwater lake in Asia**.
- **Location:**
 - It is located in the Bandipore district of **Jammu and Kashmir**.
 - It lies at the **north end of the Vale of Kashmir**, 32 km north-northwest of Srinagar.
 - The lake lies at an altitude of 1,580 m on the **foothills of Haramuk Mountain**.
- The lake **controls the flow of the Jhelum River**, which **runs through it**.
- It is 16 km long and 10 km wide. Its area varies from 30 to 260 sq.km. according to the season.
- The **lake basin** was **formed as a result of tectonic activity**.
- It is also **said to be a remnant of Satisar Lake** that existed in ancient times.

- This lake also has a small **island** in its centre called the '**Zaina Lank**'. This island was **constructed by King Zainul-Abi-Din**.
- It is an important habitat for fish and contributes about **60 percent** of the **fish yield of the Kashmir Valley**.
- In 1990, it was designated as a **Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention**.

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