

Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary

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About Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary:

- It is located in the Ladakhi **Changthang plateau** in the Leh district of Jammu and Kashmir.
- It covers an area of almost 1,600 sq. km and is home to the highest altitude water lakes, namely, **Tso Moriri** (which also happens to be the highest lake on earth), **Pangong Tso and Tso Kar**.
- The Changthang region is inhabited by **nomadic pastoral communities**, primarily the **Changpa tribe**, who lead a traditional way of life herding yaks, goats, and sheep across the vast grasslands.
- This region is steeped in Tibetan Buddhist culture and heritage.
- It includes one of the **world's highest villages, Korzok Village**, which attracts tourists to the **Korzok Monastery**.
- **Fauna:** Tibetan wolf, wild yak, bharal, brown bear and the marmot that seems to be present everywhere.
- **Flora:** It is home to almost 200 species of wild plants that grow in the higher pastures and are food for the animals inside the sanctuary.

Q1:Who are Changpas?

They are semi-nomadic people found mainly in the Changtang plateau of southeastern Ladakh. A smaller number resides in the western regions of the Tibet Autonomous Region in China. They share linguistic and cultural affinities with Tibetans.

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