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Himachal Pradesh is diversifying its tourism sector with the first-ever island tourism project at the Gobind Sagar Lake in Bilaspur district, which is likely to be operational soon.

About Gobind Sagar Lake

- It is a **manmade reservoir** located in the Bilaspur district of **Himachal Pradesh**.
- The lake is **named after Guru Gobind Singh**, the **tenth and last Sikh guru**, who spent some time in the region during his military campaigns.
- It was created by the **construction of the Bhakra Dam** on the **Sutlej River** in the 1950s and 1960s.
- **One of the world's highest gravity dams**, the Bhakra Dam is perched at an elevation of 225.5 m above its lowest foundations.
- Gobind Sagar reservoir is 90 k.m. long and encompasses an area of approximately 170 sq. k.m.
- It is **one of the deepest man-made lakes** in the world.
- It is surrounded by lush green hills and the **snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas**.

- It is also the **third-largest in the country** concerning the **storage of water**.
- To maintain the level of water, the **flow of river Beas** was **channelized to Gobind Sagar** by the **Beas-Sutlej link**, which was accomplished in 1976.
- It helps in **supplying water for irrigation** to the states of **Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan**, significantly benefiting agriculture in the region.
- **Flora and Fauna:**
 - In 1962, the lake was recognized as the '**waterfowl refuge**.'
 - Even today, the lake is home to many species of birds and animals like **Panther, Wolf, Chausinga, Sambar, Hyena, Sloth bear**, Nilgai, Chinkara, and wild boar.
 - It is home to fifty species and sub-species of fishes, namely **Tor Putitora (Mahasheer), Labeo Dero (Gid)**, Mystus Seenghala (Singhara), and mirror carp.

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