

Loktak Lake

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The northeastern state of Manipur contains the amazing freshwater body of Loktak Lake, known for its perfect circular floating islands called phumdis.

About Loktak Lake

- It is located in the state of **Manipur**.
- Spread across nearly 287 sq.km., it is the **largest freshwater lake** in **Northeast India**.
- The lake is famous for its **phumdis**.
 - Phumdis are unique, **heterogeneous masses of vegetation, soil, and organic matter** that **float on the water's surface**.
 - **Only 20% of a phumdis' thickness floats above the water** surface; the other 80% remains submerged.
 - The floating masses are **strong enough to support fishing huts, human settlements**, and animal habitats.

- The **Keibul Lamjao National Park** is an integral part of the lake. It is the **world's only floating national park**.
- The park is best known as the **habitat of the endangered sangai deer**, also called the **brow-antlered deer**, which is **native to Manipur**.
- **Rivers** like **Khuga, Western, Nambul, Imphal, Kongba**, Iril, Thoubal, Heirok, and Sekmai **drain into this lake**.
- It was designated as a **wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention** in 1990.
- It features under the **Montreux Record** in 1993, "a record of Ramsar sites where changes in ecological character have occurred, are occurring, or are likely to occur".
- It supports hydropower, fisheries, transport, and tourism.

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