

Hussain Sagar Lake

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Hussain Sagar lake is emitting a strong foul odour as rising summer temperatures trigger heavy algal bloom.

About Hussain Sagar Lake

- It is an **artificial lake** located in **Hyderabad, Telangana**.
- It is also **called Tank Bund** and **lies on a tributary of River Musi**.
- It spreads across an area of 5.7 sq.km. It is **one of the largest man-made lakes in Asia**.
- It is the **largest heart-shaped mark among the marks formed by 78 heart-shaped lakes and 9 heart-shaped islands on the face of the earth**.
- The **United Nations World Tourism Organisation** has **named the lake "Heart of the World"**.
- It was **constructed in 1562 AD during the reign of Ibrahim Quli Qutb Shah, the fourth ruler of the Qutb Shahi dynasty**.
- The lake was **named after Hussain Shah Wali, the chief engineer** who designed and supervised its construction.

- It is renowned for its **monolith of Lord Buddha** that stands right in its **centre**. It has a height of 16 m and weighs almost 350 tonnes.
- It had been of significance in the early days since it **connected the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad**.
- It was **initially built to cater to the irrigation needs** and other **water needs of the city**. **Until the year of 1930**, it was **used for the same purpose**.
- **Indira Park, Lumbini Park, and Sanjeevaiah Park surround** the lake on three sides.
- **Over the years**, Hussain Sagar Lake has **become polluted** through the entry of untreated sewage and industrial effluents through the **nalas** that flow into the lake.

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