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New Reserved Areas Near LAC and LoC

Why in News?

The Ladakh administration has declared 52 villages along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) as reserved areas, allowing residents to access reservation benefits in recruitment and other sectors.

Key Points

Official Declaration of Areas Along the LAC:

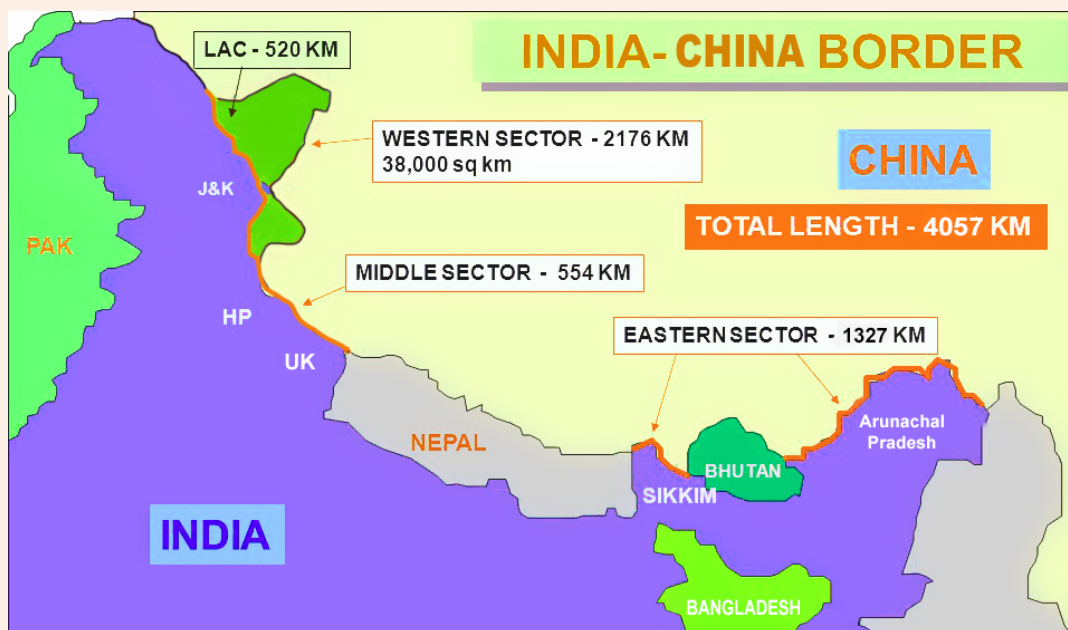
- ✦ The issued notification is under the **Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004**, as amended by the **Ladakh Reservation (Amendment) Regulation, 2025**.
- ✦ The notification includes:
 - ✍ 18 revenue villages in Leh district situated along the Line of Control (LoC) and LAC.
 - ✍ 34 revenue villages in Kargil district along the LoC.
 - ✍ In total, 52 villages have been declared as adjoining the LAC.

Reservation Benefits for Border Residents:

- ✦ Residents of these officially declared villages will now be eligible for reservation benefits.
- ✦ These benefits cover recruitment and other welfare sectors, aiming to support communities living in strategically sensitive and remote areas.

Line of Actual Control (LAC)

- ✦ It serves as the **boundary separating Indian-controlled territory from Chinese-controlled territory**.
 - ✦ The India-China Border is not fully demarcated which has led to tensions between the countries.
- ✦ This demarcation is categorized into three sectors:
 - ✦ **Eastern sector** encompassing Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim.
 - ✦ **Middle sector** spanning Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.
 - ✦ **Western sector** located in Ladakh.



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Line of Control



- 💡 The Line of Control (LoC) emerged from the 1948 ceasefire line negotiated by the **United Nations (UN)** after the Kashmir War.
- 💡 It was designated as the LoC in 1972, following the **Simla Agreement** between the two countries.
- 💡 LoC is demarcated up to the **Siachen Glacier (Point NJ9842)**- the world's highest battlefield.
- 💡 LoC is delineated on a map signed by the Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of both armies and has the international sanctity of a legal agreement.

Lotus Revival in Wular Lake

Why in News?

After three decades of ecological dormancy caused by the 1992 flood, lotus flowers have once again begun blooming in Kashmir's Wular Lake due to focused conservation efforts led by **Wular Conservation and Management Authority (WUCMA)**.

- 💡 **Lotus stems** (locally called *Nadru*) couldn't grow since 1992 as **seeds were buried under heavy silt**, but the **rhizomes** (*creeping root stalks*) **survived deep below** and **sprouted once the silt was removed**.

Key Points

💡 Wular Lake:

- ✦ **About:** It is the **largest freshwater lake in India** and the **second largest in Asia** (after **Lake Baikal** in Siberia, Russia), located between **Bandipora** and **Sopore** in **Jammu & Kashmir**.
- ✦ **Geography:** It is located at the **foothills of the Haramuk Mountain** and is **fed by the Jhelum River** along with **25 other streams** that feed it.
 - 📌 It has a small island in its centre called the **Zaina Lank**, constructed by **Zainul-Abi-Din**, the **8th sultan** of Kashmir.
- ✦ **Ecological Importance:** In **1990**, it was designated as a **Wetland of International Importance** under the **Ramsar Convention**.
- ✦ **Geology:** The **basin of the lake** was **formed due to tectonic activity**. It is also believed to be a remnant of the ancient **Satisar Lake**.
- ✦ **Avian Fauna:** **Wular Lake** is home to **56 bird species**, **39 fish species**, and **over 20 types of plants**.
 - 📌 Notable **migratory bird species** found here include the **White-bellied Heron**, **Pink-headed Duck**, **Baer's Pochard**, and the **Kashmir Catfish**.

💡 Lotus (*Nelumbo Nucifera*)

- ✦ The lotus is a **perennial plant** with **owl-shaped flowers** that have petals with an **8 to 12 inch diameter**.
 - 📌 It is an **aquatic plant** that thrives in **nutrient-rich, murky conditions**.
- ✦ It comes in shades of **pink hues, yellow or white**.
- ✦ It is recognised as the **national flower of India**. The lotus is a recurring motif of **Hindu and Buddhist religions**.

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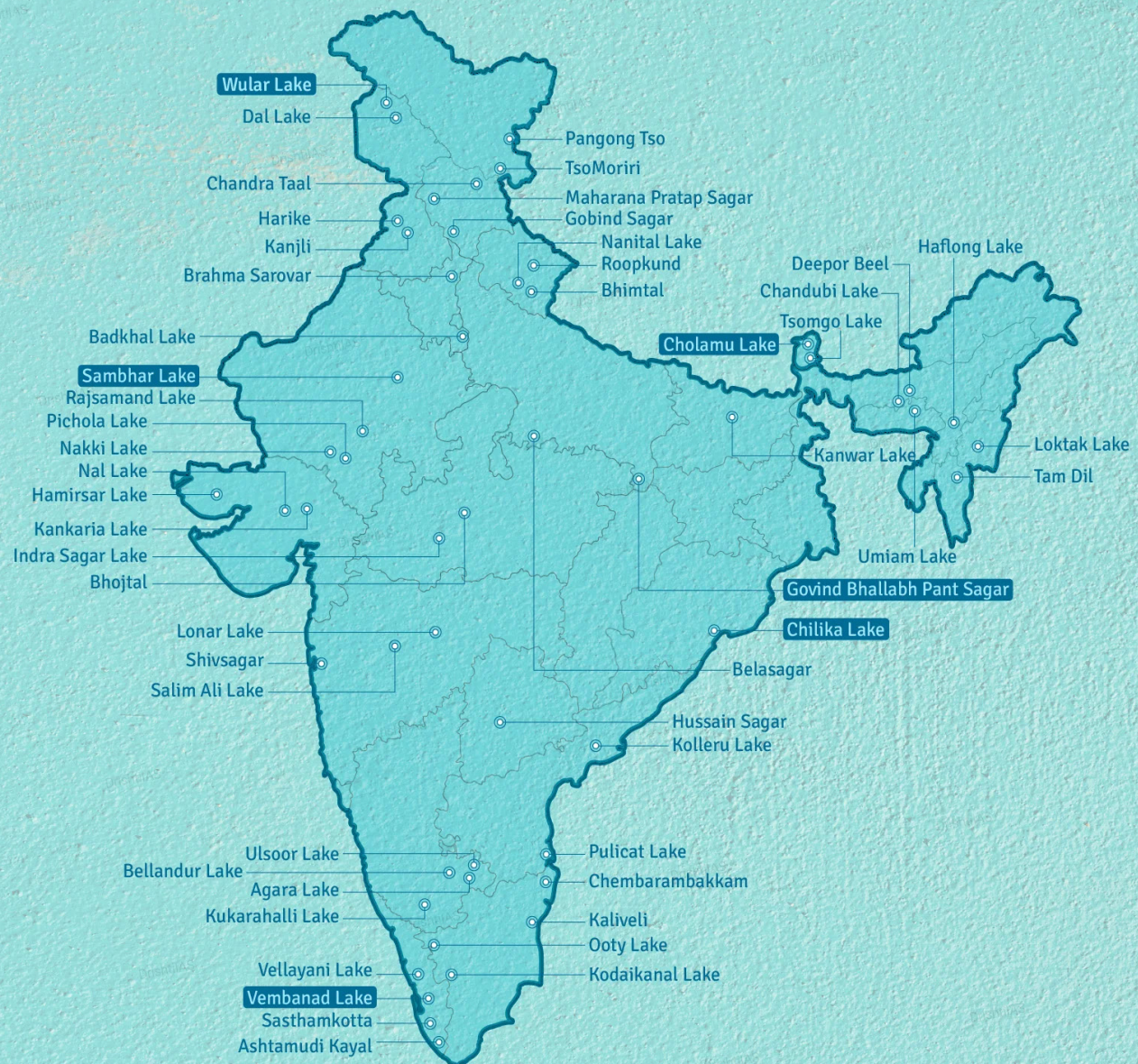
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IMPORTANT LAKES IN INDIA



Largest Freshwater Lake: Wular Lake, Jammu and Kashmir

Largest Brackish Water Lake: Chilika, Odisha

Largest Saltwater Lake: Sambhar Lake, Rajasthan

Largest Artificial Lake: Govind Ballabh Pant Sagar, Uttar Pradesh

Longest Lake: Vembanad Lake, Kerala

Largest High Altitude Lake: Cholanu Lake, Sikkim



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Operation Mahadev

Why in News?

Operation Mahadev, carried out by the Indian Army and Jammu & Kashmir Police, eliminated the alleged mastermind behind the Pahalgam attack, along with two other terrorists affiliated with Lashkar-e-Taiba, in an encounter in the forests near Dachigam National Park, Jammu and Kashmir.

- One of the other terrorists killed in the operation was allegedly involved in the **Sonamarg Tunnel attack**.

Key Points

- About Pahalgam Terror Attack:** The Pahalgam terror attack took place on **22nd April 2025**, in **Baisaran Meadows in Pahalgam**, Jammu and Kashmir, where terrorists ambushed a group of tourists, resulting in the deaths of 28 people.
- The Resistance Front (TRF)**, an offshoot of Lashkar-e-Taiba, claimed responsibility for the attack.
- The US officially designated **TRF** as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) and a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) group.

- India carried out Operation Sindoor in self-defense following the attack, in accordance with Article 51 of the Right to Self-Defense under the UN Charter.

Key Facts About the Sonamarg Tunnel

- Official Name:** Z-Morh Tunnel
- Length:** Approximately 12 km, including the main 6.4 km tunnel, an egress tunnel, and approach roads.
- Strategic Importance:** Enhances all-weather connectivity **between Srinagar and Sonamarg en route to Leh**, bypassing Z-shaped, avalanche-prone areas.
- Travel Efficiency:** Reduces travel time **between Gagangir and Sonamarg** from several hours to approximately 15 minutes.
- Along with the **Zojila Tunnel (completion by 2028)** it will reduce the route length from 49-43 km and boost vehicle speed from 30-70 km/hr, ensuring seamless NH-1 **connectivity between Srinagar Valley and Ladakh**.
- Zojila Tunnel** is a 14.2 km tunnel under construction to enhance connectivity between Sonamarg and Leh.



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