



Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden

Why in News?

The Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir officially opened **the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden**, where **blooming tulips** created a beautiful setting for tourists in Srinagar.



Key Points

- **Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden:**
 - **About:**
 - Originally known as the Model Floriculture Center, the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden is a **major tourist attraction in Srinagar**, Jammu and Kashmir.
 - It is the **largest tulip garden in Asia**, covering approximately 30 hectares.
 - The garden is located at the **foothills of [the Zabarwan Range](#)**, overlooking [Dal Lake](#).
 - **Establishment and Layout:**
 - **Established in 2007**, the garden was developed to promote floriculture and tourism in the Kashmir Valley.
 - Designed in a terraced layout, it consists of seven terraces built on sloping ground.
 - **Floral Diversity:**
 - The garden houses **48 varieties of tulips**, offering a vibrant display of colors.
 - It also features other flowers, including **daffodils, hyacinths, roses, narcissus**, and various ornamental plants.

◦ **Tulip Festival:**

- **The Tulip Festival** is an **annual celebration** organized by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.
- The festival **aims to showcase the floral diversity of the garden** and attract tourists.
- It takes place at the **onset of spring**, marking the beginning of the **tourism season in the Kashmir Valley**.

Dal Lake



- It is a lake in **Srinagar, the capital of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)**.
- It is one of the **world's largest natural lakes and the second largest lake** in J&K.
- It is integral to tourism and recreation in Kashmir and is named the **“Jewel in the crown of Kashmir” or “Srinagar’s Jewel”**.
- It is also **an important source for commercial operations in fishing and water plant harvesting**.
- It covers an **area of 18 square kilometres and is part of a natural wetland including its floating gardens**.
 - The **floating gardens**, known as **“Raad”** in Kashmiri, blossom with lotus flowers during July and August.