

Asia's largest Tulip Garden opens in J&K's Srinagar

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In news– Tulip garden was opened for visitors in J&K's Srinagar recently.

About the Tulip garden-

- **The Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden(Model Floriculture Cente), formerly Siraj Bagh,** boasts of approximately 15 lakh tulips in over 60 varieties which are the star attraction of the garden during spring in Kashmir, which **ushers in the beginning of peak tourist season.**
- It is the **largest tulip garden in Asia spread over an area of about 30 hectares.**
- **It is situated on the foothills of Zabarwan Range with an overview of Dal Lake.**
- The garden was **opened in 2007 with the aim to boost floriculture and tourism in Kashmir Valley.**
- The **garden is built on a sloping ground in a terraced fashion consisting of seven terraces.**
- **Apart from tulips, many other species of flowers – Hyacinths, Hyssen, Daffodils, Muscari blooms and Ranunculus have been added as well.**
- **Tulips are considered the most delicate and sensitive flowers and can grow in a particular climatic condition.**
- The climate of Kashmir valley at the end of March is perfect for these flowers to bloom and they are among the first blooming flowers in the Valley.
- **Tulip festival is an annual celebration that aims to showcase the range of flowers in the garden as a part of tourism efforts by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir. It is organized during the onset of spring season in Kashmir valley.**

