

Dal Lake

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Why in news?

- Jammu and Kashmir authorities launched the **first anti-poaching boat for the safety of winter migratory birds in Dal Lake**. It aims to control poaching of birds which have been continuously under the threat of poachers.

About the lake

- Dal Lake is the **second largest lake in the state** and is known as the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir.
- It is named the **“Jewel in the crown of Kashmir” or “Srinagar’s Jewel”**.
- The lake is **located in the Zabarwan mountain valley, in the foothills of the Shankaracharya hills**, which surround it on three sides.
- The lake is an important source for commercial operations in fishing and water plant harvesting.
- The **lake has four main interconnected basins** namely Hazratbal, Bod dal, Gagribal and Nagin.
- It also serves as a **flood lung of the Jhelum River**.