

Superlatives of India

The superlatives of India include the extremes of geography, like the tallest, longest, biggest, smallest, and highest things in India.

Along with the naturally occurring structures in India, there are structures built by humans since old times that display great artwork and act as a centre of attraction for tourism. Some of these structures were built in ancient times, while others are new.

List of the Longest, Tallest, Largest and Smallest Things in India

The list of the longest, tallest, largest and smallest things in India belonging to different categories is given in the tables below-

Longest, Tallest, Largest and Smallest Bridges, Roads, and Rail Routes in India-

Indian bridges, roads, and rail routes are the fascinating network built by the Indian railways to connect the country's breadth and length. Among all, the Bogibeel bridge is India's longest rail cum road bridge. Here is the list of the longest, tallest, and biggest bridges, roads, and rail routes-

Quality	Category	Description
Biggest	Cantilever bridge	Rabindra Setu (Howrah Bridge), Kolkata
Tallest (Highest)	Road	Leh- Manali at Khardungla, (Jammu and Kashmir)
Largest	Share of national highway	Uttar Pradesh (8483 km)
Largest	Road density (KM per unit Area)	Kerala (5268 km/km ²)
Largest	Road Network (state)	Maharashtra (6.08 lakhs km)
Largest	Sea Bridge	Anna Indira Gandhi Bridge (Tamil Nadu)
Longest	longest Elevated Expressway	Chennai Port Maduravoyal Elevated Expressway
Longest	Which State has the Longest Highway	Uttar Pradesh (752 km)
Longest	Electric railway line	From Delhi to Kolkata via Patna (1532 km)

Longest	Road	Grand Trunk road from Delhi to Kolkata. (2500 km; one of the oldest roads in Asia).
Longest	National Highway	• NH-44 (Srinagar to Kanyakumari, 3745 KM)
Longest	Railway Tunnel	Pir Panjal Railway Tunnel (11.215 km), Jammu & Kashmir
Longest	Railway platform	Gorakhpur, UP (1355.4m)
Longest	Highway Tunnel	Chenani-Nashri Tunnel(also known as Patnitop Tunnel, 11.2 Km) on NH44, Jammu & Kashmir
Longest	Train Route	Vivek Express, Dibrugarh to Kanyakumari (4286 km)
Longest	Railway Bridge	Vembanad Rail Bridge, Kerala
Longest	Sea bridge	Bandra Worli Sea Link on Mahim bay, Mumbai (5.6km)
Longest	Bridge/ River Bridge	Dhola Sadiya Bridge on Lohit river, Assam (also known as Bhupen Hazarika Setu, 9.15km)

Longest, Tallest, Largest and Smallest Coasts, Borders, and States-

As per the population, India is the 2nd most populated country in the world. It has a vast area divided into 27 states and 9 union territories with varying populations. Some have small areas while the few ones are least populated. The list of the longest, tallest, biggest, smallest coasts, borders, and states is as follows-

Quality	Category	Description
Smallest	State (Least Urbanized)	Himachal Pradesh (10%)
Smallest	State (Population Growth Rate)	Sikkim (12.89%)
Smallest	State (Population Density)	Bihar (1,106 per sq km)
Smallest	State (Sex Ratio)	Haryana (879)
Smallest	State (Population)	Sikkim (6.1 lakh)
Smallest	State (Area)	Rajasthan (3.42 Lakh km ²)

Tallest (highest)	Battlefield	Siachen Glacier, Jammu and Kashmir
Largest	State (Most Urbanized)	Goa (62%)
Largest	State (Population growth rate)	Meghalaya (27.95%)
Largest	State (Sex Ratio)	Kerala (1084)
Largest	State (Literacy Rate)	Kerala (94%)
Largest	State (Population Density)	Bihar (1,106 per sq km)
Largest	State (Population)	Uttar Pradesh (204 million)
Largest	State (Area)	Rajasthan (3.42 Lakh km ²)
Largest	State with the maximum number of the neighbouring state	Uttar Pradesh (8 states)
Largest	State with the maximum number of international borders	Arunachal Pradesh (3 Countries) > West Bengal (3 Countries) > Sikkim (3 Countries)
Longest	International Border (State)	West Bengal (2509 km)
Longest	Coastline (South Indian State)	Andhra Pradesh (974 km)
Longest	Coastline (State)	Gujarat (1600 km)

Longest, Tallest, Largest and Smallest man-made structures-

India has several monuments and other man-made structures that defy the expectations of what humans can build and sometimes the laws of physics. They are complex, too detailed, and a unique piece of art. The list of the longest, tallest, biggest man-made structures is as follows-

Quality	Category	Description
Biggest	Hotel	Oberoi-Sheraton (Mumbai)
Biggest	Stadium	Yuva Bharti Stadium, Salt Lake, Kolkata
Tallest	Straight Gravity Dam	Bhakra Dam on Satluj river, Himachal Pradesh
Tallest	Civilian Award	Bharat Ratna
Tallest	Airport	Leh airport, J&K

Tallest	Statue	Statue of Unity (statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel), Kevadia, Gujarat
Tallest	Gateway	Buland Darwaza, Fatehpur Sikri, UP
Tallest	Dam	Tehri Dam on Bhagirathi River, Uttarakhand (Height 260 m)
Largest	Monastery	Tawang Monastery, Arunachal Pradesh
Largest	Church	Saint Cathedral (Goa)
Largest	Port	Mumbai (Maharashtra)
Largest	Animal Fair	Sonepur (Bihar)
Largest	Zoo	Zoological Gardens, Alipur, Kolkata
Largest	Gurudwara	Golden Temple, Amritsar
Largest	Cave	Amarnath (J & K)
Largest	Public Sector Bank	State Bank of India
Largest	Museum	Indian Museum, Kolkata
Largest	Planetarium	Birla Planetarium, Kolkata
Largest	Dome	Gol Gumbaz, Bijapur, Karnataka
Largest	Temple	Sri Ranganathaswamy temple, Tamil Nadu
Largest	Auditorium	Auditorium Sri Shanmukhanand Hall, Mumbai
Longest	Longest Corridor	Corridor of Ramanathaswamy Temple at Rameswaram (Tamil Nadu)

Longest, Tallest, Largest and Smallest dam, lakes, and water bodies-

India is surrounded by water from three sides. Water bodies and lakes are naturally occurring geographical features. Dams are built on the water bodies as it provides huge social, environmental, and economic benefits, including hydroelectric power, wildlife habitat, recreation etc. Some of them are big, while others are small. Here is a list of the largest, tallest, and longest dams, lakes and water bodies-

Quality	Category	Description
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Largest	Barrage	Farakka Barrage, Ganga
Largest	Artificial Freshwater lake	Shivaji Sagar lake on Koyna Dam, Maharashtra. (891 km ²)
Largest	Freshwater lake	Wular lake, J&K. (260 km ²)
Largest	Saltwater lake	Sambhar lake, Rajasthan
Largest	Brackish (Partial Saline) water lake	Chilika Lake, Odisha
Largest	Lake	Chilka Lake, Odisha (Chilika Lake is the largest non-freshwater lake in India and the world's second-largest brackish lagoon)
Tallest (highest)	Tower	Pitampura Tower, Delhi
	Lake	Tso-Lhamo Lake, Sikkim (Height 5330m)
Longest	Lake	Vembanad lake, Kerala (length 96.5 KM)
Longest	Man-Made lake	Govind Vallabh Pant Sagar (Rihand Dam, 934m), UP.
Longest	Dam	Hirakud Dam on Mahanadi River, Odisha (25.8 km)
Longest	Glacier	Siachen Glacier, Ladakh, J&K.
Longest	Beach	Marina Beach (Chennai)
Longest	Canal	Indira Gandhi Canal, Rajasthan (Source Harike barrage, Punjab)

Tallest, biggest, largest, and longest natural resources in India-

Natural resources are not only a source of raw materials, food or fuel, but it also contributes towards the income, fiscal revenue, and poverty reduction. The natural resources in India includes islands, waterfalls, peaks, deserts, etc. The list of the tallest, biggest, largest, and longest natural resources is as follows-

Quality	Category	Description
Biggest	Riverine Island	Majuli island on Brahmaputra River, Assam
Biggest	Most Populous city	Mumbai
Tallest (highest)	Waterfall	Kunchikal Falls, Varahi River, Karnataka

Tallest (highest)	Mountain peak	Godwin Austin of, Karakoram Range, J&K (8611 m)
Largest	State with a maximum percentage of Forest area	Mizoram (about 75%)
Largest	State with Maximum Forest Area	Madhya Pradesh (94 K km ²)
Largest	Delta	Sundarban Delta (on the mouth of Ganga – Brahmaputra River)
Largest	Desert	The Thar Desert, Northwestern India (2 lakhs km ²)
Longest	The longest river which forms an estuary	Narmada (Falls in the Arabian sea, 1300 km)
Longest	Tributary river of India	Yamuna (1376 km, tributary of Ganga)
Longest	River(India)	The Ganga (2640 km. long)
Longest	Longest River which Flows entirely in India	Godavari river (1465 km)

