Asia's Largest Tulip Garden Opens in Srinagar, Marking Arrival of Spring

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The Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden—Asia's largest tulip garden—has been opened to the public with the inauguration of the Tulip Festival 2026 by Omar Abdullah, marking the onset of the spring tourism season in Jamm& Kashmir.

Key Highlights

The garden, spread over about 74 acres, showcases 70–75 varieties of tulips along with several other flowers, attracting tourists from across India and abroad.

The annual Tulip Festival aims to promote tourism, floriculture, and local culture in the Kashmir Valley.

Situated at the foothills of the Zabarwan Range overlooking Dal Lake, the garden offers a major boost to spring tourism in Srinagar.

About the Tulip Garden

The Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden was established in 2007 to enhance floriculture and tourism in Jamm& Kashmir.

It is Asia's largest tulip garden

Houses around 1.5–1.7 million tulip bulbs

Contains ~75 varieties of tulips and other flowers like daffodils and hyacinths

Tulip Festival & Tourism Significance

The Tulip Festival is a major part of the "Bahaar-e-Kashmir" (Spring Festival) and plays a key role in:

Boosting tourism and local economy

Promoting Kashmiri handicrafts, cuisine, and culture

Generating employment opportunities in the region

The garden has recorded lakhs of visitors annually, making it one of the top tourist attractions in Jamm& Kashmir.

Additional Key Facts

Srinagar lies on the banks of the Jhelum River and is the summer capital of Jamm& Kashmir

The garden is located near Dal Lake, a major tourist attraction

Tulip bulbs were initially imported from Netherlands (Keukenhof Garden)

Floriculture is part of horticulture sector, contributing to agricultural diversification