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Caspian Sea

- The **Caspian Sea**, with an area of approximately **371,000 square kilometers**, is the world's largest **inland** body of water (lake).
- Although it is a lake, its water is saline (**its salinity is about one-third that of seawater, approximately 1.2%**).
- It is located between **Europe and Asia**, with **Central Asia** to the east, the **Caucasus Mountains** to the west, and **Russia** to the north.
- The **Caspian Sea** is bordered by five countries: **Russia, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Iran, and Azerbaijan**.
- Its **northern part** is shallow (5–6 meters), while the southern part is very deep, reaching depths of more than **1,000 meters (3,300 feet)**.
- The **Volga River**, which is the longest river in Europe, is the largest source of inflow into the **Caspian Sea**.
- The region is famous for its vast reserves of oil and natural gas, making it economically very significant. **Baku**, the capital of Azerbaijan, located on its coast, is a major oil producing center.

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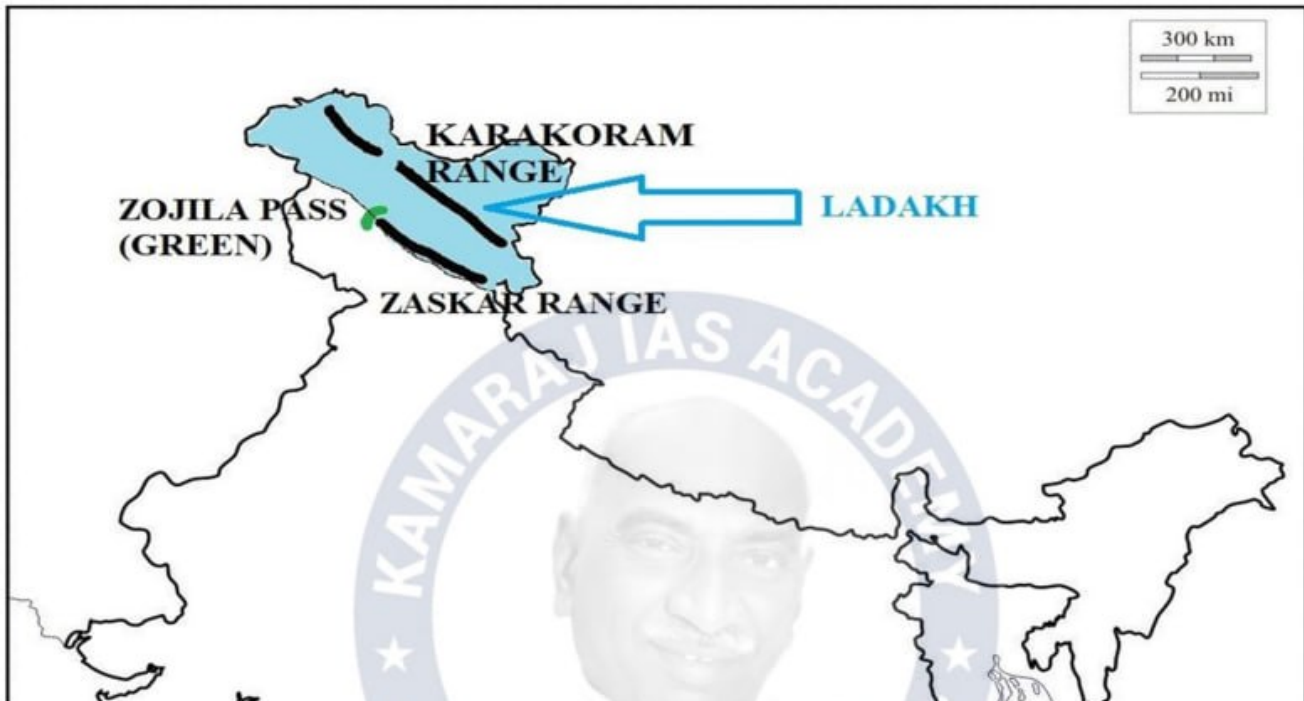
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Karakoram Range

- It is situated on the border between the Indian Union Territory of **Ladakh and the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of China.**
- It is located at an extreme altitude of approximately **5,540 meters (18,176 feet)** above sea level.
- It is part of the **Karakoram Range**, which lies to the **north of the Great Himalayas.**
- 'Karakoram' is a Turkic word meaning **"Black Gravel."**
- Due to icy and high-velocity winds, snow cannot settle on the ground, leaving the black slopes and gravel clearly visible.
- In ancient times, it served as the primary route for **caravan trade between Leh (Ladakh) and Yarkand (Tarim Basin, China).**
- It is considered relatively easier to cross compared to other passes because it remained largely free of snow throughout the year.
- The pass is located on the **Line of Actual Control (LAC) between India and China.**
- It is a highly sensitive military zone due to ongoing regional disputes between India, China, and Pakistan.
- It is located just **northeast of the disputed Siachen Glacier** region, making it vital to India's defense strategy.
- The **1963 Sino-Pakistan Frontier Agreement** suggested a **tri-junction near this pass.**
- India does not recognize this agreement. According to India, the actual tri-junction is located about **100 km to the west, near**

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