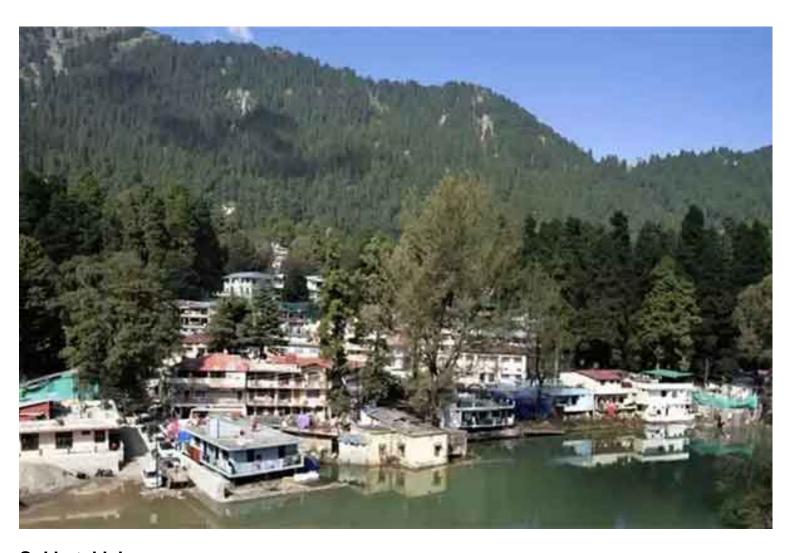


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The Uttarakhand High Court directed the State to stop all construction activities on the Sukhatal lakebed.



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Sukhatal lake

- It is dry lake located half a km from lake of Nainital.
- It is a freshwater lake having a length of 150 meters and is 10 meters deep.
- The lake is surrounded by dense pine and oak forests.
- It was earlier known as Khudariya Tal and was renamed as Sukha Tal because the entire water from this lake was drained in the extreme region of the Nainital Lake.

Why is Sukhatal important?

- It is believed that Sukhatal is a feeder lake for Naini Lake, as it acts as upstream storage for Naini Lake during monsoon by holding the runoff from the catchment of water.
- Studies show encroachment and dumping of construction and other waste have led to an unprecedented deterioration of the Sukhatal lakebed and its ability to recharge Naini Lake.
- Since 2000, **Naini Lake has reached zero level** —minimum water level to be maintained on at least 10 occasions.