

An Alien Hand

The Desert

Desert

- ▶ **Imagine a world where water is in such short supply, and so unpredictable, that it determines the pattern of life, not just across the landscape, or through the cycle of a year, but across a decade, a century or a millennium.....**

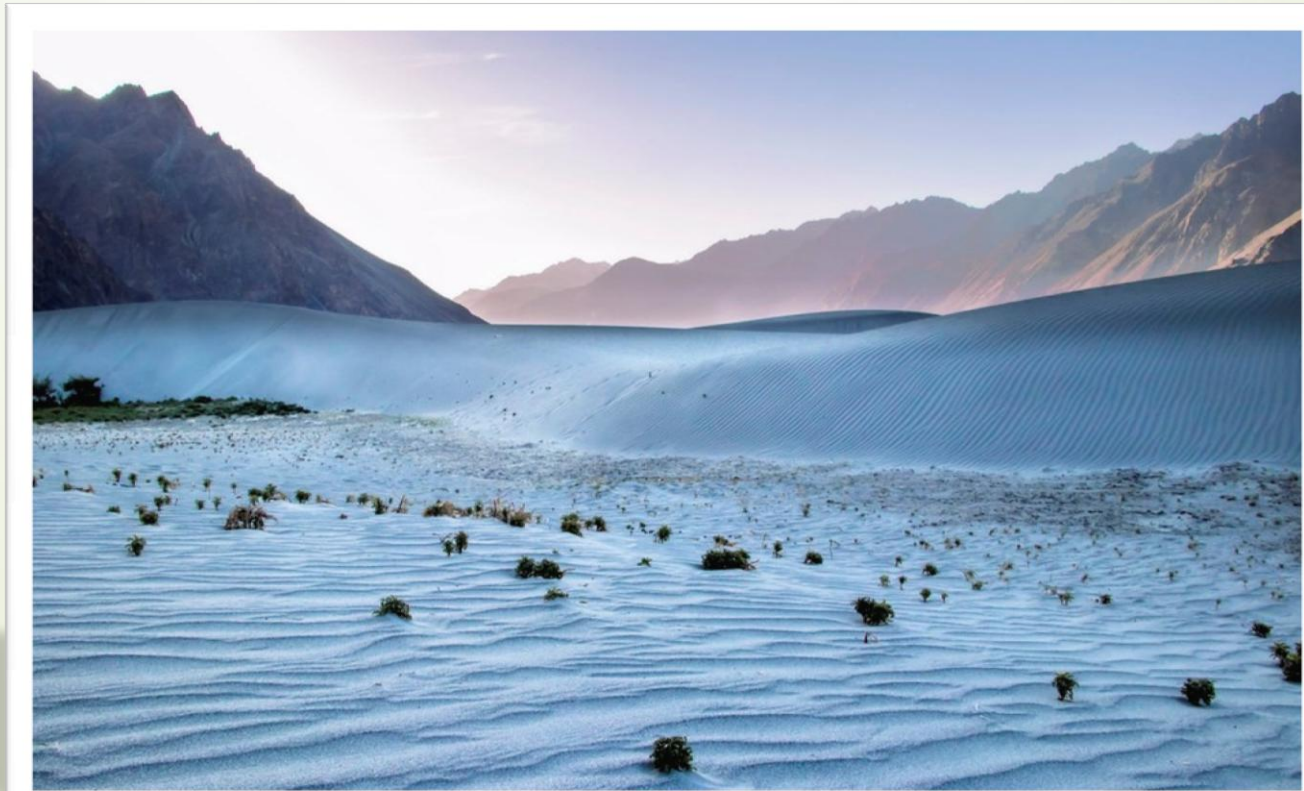
Characteristics of Desert

- **A place which has little or no water and vegetation is generally called as a desert.**
- **Deserts are difficult places for people because of their dryness, their unpredictable ecology. And also because they are patchy environments – where food, water and plants are often concentrated in small pockets.**
- **A desert may be hot like the THAR or cold like LADAKH.**

The cold Desert - LADAKH

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- **Ladakh is the cold desert lying in the great Himalayas, on the eastern side of Jammu and Kashmir. Due to its high altitude, the climate is extremely cold and dry.**
- **Ladakh is most famous for breathtaking landscapes, mountain passes and Buddhist monasteries. The frozen river trek and snow Leopards find their homes in Ladakh.**



Flora and Fauna and People - Ladakh

- **Due to high aridity, the vegetation is sparse in Ladakh. The animals of Ladakh are wild Goats, Sheeps ,Yaks.**
- **The people in Ladakh are either Muslim or Buddhists. Some famous monasteries in Ladakh are Hemis, Thiksey, Shey.**



Hot desert

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- **Sand Dunes – Sand Dune is a hill of loose sand built by wind-blown sand.**
- **Cactus plant is common in hot desert. It stores water in their stems.**
- **Some animals burrow themselves during daytime.**



The Ship of the Desert : The Camel

- **The Physical features of the camel are well adapted to the conditions of the desert.**



Oasis

- **An Oasis is a place in a desert where water comes up to the surface from deep underground. Trees and other plants grow around an oasis ,and animals come to drink, eat the plants , and find shade.**
- **It is like the heaven in the desert.**



Tourism in desert

- **Nowadays our perspectives towards the deserts have changed due to incredible cultures of desert people, their food, their language and heritage. Our knowledge of environment and the planet has increased over the period of time.**
- **Places and cities in the deserts are the attractions for tourists. They love to visit Forts, Deserts, Camel safari, Camping out, and colourful Culture.**
- **Deserts are an important part of nature's plan.**



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