



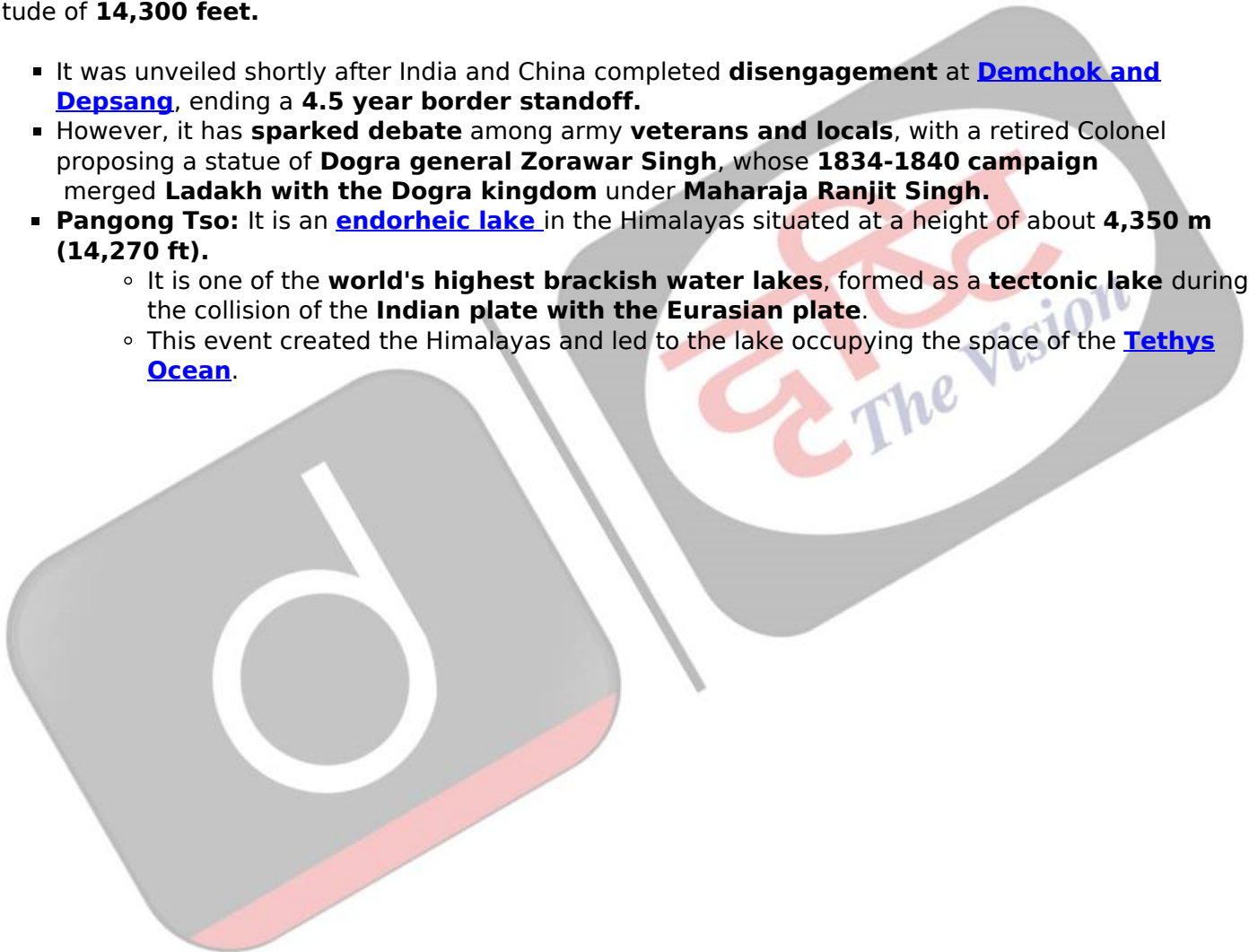
Shivaji Statue at Pangong Lake

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Recently, a statue of [Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj](#) was inaugurated on the banks of [Pangong Tso](#) at an altitude of **14,300 feet**.

- It was unveiled shortly after India and China completed **disengagement** at [Demchok and Depsang](#), ending a **4.5 year border standoff**.
- However, it has **sparked debate** among army **veterans and locals**, with a retired Colonel proposing a statue of **Dogra general Zorawar Singh**, whose **1834-1840 campaign** merged **Ladakh with the Dogra kingdom** under **Maharaja Ranjit Singh**.
- **Pangong Tso**: It is an [endorheic lake](#) in the Himalayas situated at a height of about **4,350 m (14,270 ft)**.
 - It is one of the **world's highest brackish water lakes**, formed as a **tectonic lake** during the collision of the **Indian plate with the Eurasian plate**.
 - This event created the Himalayas and led to the lake occupying the space of the [Tethys Ocean](#).

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