

Zafar Mahal

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About Zafar Mahal:

- This is the **last structure built by the Mughals** and served as a **summer palace for the Mughal family**.
- **Location:** It is located in **Mehrauli village**, which is in the **Southern part of Delhi**.
- It was **built in memory of the Hazrat Khwaja Qutubuddin Bakhtiar Kaki**, the renowned **Sufi saint** to whom almost all the **Mughal Emperors were disciples**.
- Zafar Mahal **stands next to the Dargah of Qutubuddin Bakhtiyar Kaki**.
- It was **started by Emperor Akhbar Shah II** and was **finished by the last Mughal emperor, Bahadur Shah Zafar**, who also gave it the present name of Zafar Mahal.
- It **consists of two components**: one being the **Mahal or the palace, which was established by Akbar Shah II** during the 18th century and the other being the **entrance gate (Hathi Gate) that was developed** during 19th century **by Bahadur Shah Zafar II**.
- The Zafar Mahal complex **also contains some cenotaphs of the later Mughal Emperors**.
- The **famous festival** or the annual procession **known as Phulon ki Sair also starts from here** and is a festival that had long ago been started by the Khawja Bhaktiyar Kaki himself as a protest against the British.

Q1) Who was Qutubuddin Bakhtiyar Kaki?

Hazrat Khwaja Syed Muhammad Qutbuddin Bakhtiar Kaki was a renowned Sufi saint and scholar of the **Chishti** Order from Delhi, India. Khwaja Qutbuddin's original name was Bakhtiar but his title was Qutbuddin. The additional suffix of 'Kaki' to his name was attributed to him by virtue of a miracle that emanated from him at a later stage of his life at Delhi. Popularly, he is also called Khwaja Kaki and Hazrat Qutub Saheb.

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