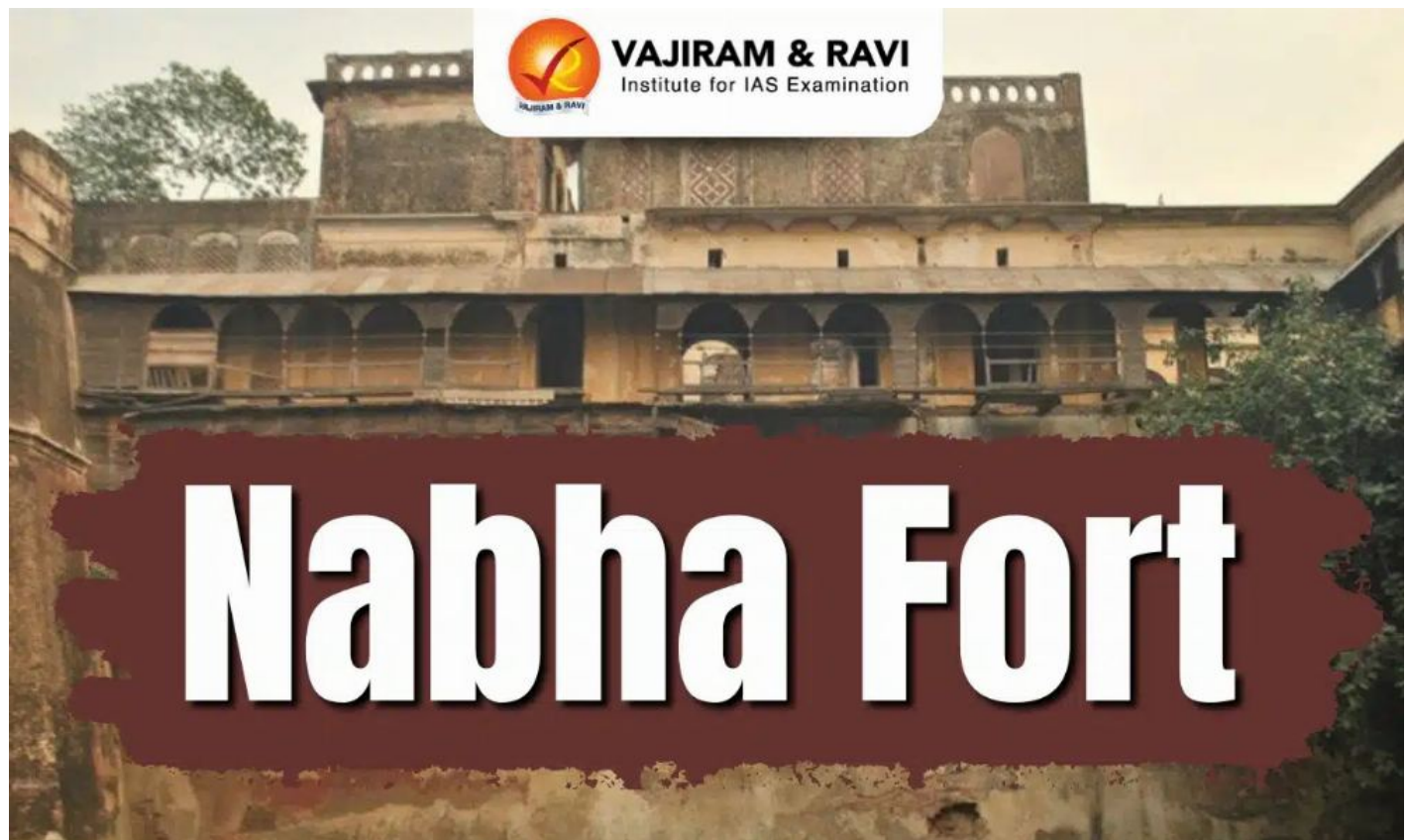


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Nabha Fort Latest News

Volunteers recently cleared four trolley-loads of garbage from the 18th-century Nabha Fort and an adjoining park, renewing demands that the monument linked to Maharaja Ripudaman Singh be protected and developed as a tourism destination.

About Nabha Fort

- It is located in Nabha city within the **Patiala district of Punjab**.
- It served as the **royal residence and administrative center** of the **Nabha princely state under the Phulkian dynasty**.
- **Constructed and expanded over more than 150 years**, notable rulers like **Maharaja Hira Singh (1843-1911)** contributed to its grandeur with decorative frescoes, intricate carvings, and spacious courtyards.
- The fort played a **significant role during the Anglo-Sikh Wars**, with **Nabha aligned with the British**, which secured its sovereignty under colonial rule.

Nabha Fort Architecture

- The fort features **traditional Indian military architecture with thick walls, bastions**, and large gates designed for defense, alongside palatial residences, gardens, and audience halls showcasing a **blend of Mughal, Rajput, and Sikh architectural styles**.
- The fort also consists of **painted chambers, gilding and mirror work**, colored glass and decorative fanlights, wood carvings, decorative plasterwork, stone door frames, and stone jaalis.
- Rediscovered artifacts include **rare wall paintings depicting Maharaja Ranjit Singh's army** and a **unique cooling system in the basement** known as the **Sard Khana**.

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