

Tandulwadi Fort

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Tandulwadi Fort Latest News

Six tourists were recently rescued after they lost their way and got stranded in dense fog while coming down from Tandulwadi Fort in Maharashtra's Palghar district.

About Tandulwadi Fort

- It is located near Lalthane village in Palghar district, about 104 km from Mumbai, **Maharashtra**.
- The fort **dates back 800 years** and was **primarily used** as a **watch tower** over the surrounding plain.
- Tandulwadi is **not a fully built up fort**, but a **series of structures** spread over the **top of the mountain**.
- At a height of 1524 feet, it has **views of the surrounding towns** of Saphale, the **Zanzorli lake**, and the **confluence of the Surya and Vaitarna rivers**.

Tandulwadi Fort History

- In the thirteenth century, King Bhimdev's kingdom comprised the cities of Shurparak (Nalasopara) and Mahikawati (Mahim).
- The **first known history** of the fort was in the **15th century** (about 1429) during the **rule of Jafar Khan, son of Ahmed Shah of the Gujarat Sultanate**.
- It was used as a **reconnoiter fort** to keep a **watch on neighboring forts and the Arabian Sea**.
- **In 1454**, the **Sultan of Ahmedabad captured Mahikavati (Mahim Fort)** and one of **his Sardar** named **Mallik Allauddin was made chief of Tandulwadi fort**.
- **In 1509**, the **Portuguese took** the fort but **lost control** of the area to the **Marathas in 1737 after the Battle of Bassein**.

Tandulwadi Fort Structure

- It has several rock cut water cisterns.
- There are **no bastions, walls or houses** on the fort.
- There is **no evidence of fortification except for a small stone wall** on the southern side.
- A **small water pond** is situated in the center.

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