

Purana Qila

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About Purana Qila:

- **Location:**
 - It is located in the **South Eastern part of the present city of New Delhi.**
 - It is one of the oldest forts in Delhi and **built on the banks of river Yamuna.**
- It is also known as **Qila-e-Kohna** (meaning 'old fort').
- The present citadel at Purana Qila was believed to have been built **under Humayun and Sher Shah Suri** ('The Lion King'). Excavations point to **traces from the 3rd century BC, the pre-Mauryan period.**
- The Qila was **inspired by Jama Masjid**, which was established 15 years before the reconstruction of Qila.
- **Architecture:**
 - It is roughly **rectangular in shape** having a **circuit of nearly two kilometers.**
 - The Purana Qila has **three gates: Bara Darwaza** or the Big Gate facing west, the **Humayun Gate** facing south and the **Talaqui darwaza** or the forbidden gateway facing the northern side.
- These gates combine the **typically Islamic pointed arch with Hindu Chhatris and brackets.**
- **All of the gates are double-storeyed** and consist of **huge semi-circular bastions** flanking either of their sides.
- The Bada Darwaza acts as the **main point of entry.**

- It was surrounded by a **wide moat**.
 - The walls themselves are as **high as 20 m in places** and approximately **4m thick**.
 - A prominent structure of the Purana Qila is the **Qila-e-Kuhna mosque** built by Sher Shah in 1542 CE.
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Q1: What is “Adopt a Heritage” scheme?

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