

## Raisen Fort

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### Raisen Fort Latest News

Police in Madhya Pradesh's Raisen district recently arrested four youths after a video showing cannon firing from the hilltop ASI-protected Raisen Fort and alleged slogans referring to war-prone countries surfaced on social media.

### About Raisen Fort

- Located on a **sandstone hill** in **Raisen town**, it is one of the most prominent forts in **Madhya Pradesh**.
- It is located approximately **40 km from Bhopal**.
- **Built in the 11th century**, the Raisen Fort has **witnessed the rule of:**
  - **Local Hindu chieftains**
  - **Sultans of Mandu**
  - **Mughals under Akbar** (Raisen was a **Sarkar headquarters in the Ujjain Subah**)
  - **Nawabs of Bhopal**, including **Fiaz Mohammad Khan**, who **occupied** the fort around **1760** and was later **acknowledged by Emperor Alamgir II** as **Faujdar of Raisen**.

## Raisen Fort Features

- The fort represents **medieval Indian hilltop military architecture** and offers panoramic views of the surrounding countryside.
- It spans over nearly 800 acres, making it **one of the largest forts in Central India**.
- The fort has a **massive stone wall** pierced with nine gateways.
- Adorned with a large courtyard and a beautiful pool in the middle, the Raisen Fort has **four palaces**, namely Badal Mahal, Rohini Mahal, Itradaan Mahal & Hawa Mahal, within its boundaries.
- It also houses a **temple dedicated to Lord Shiva** and a **shrine dedicated to Muslim saint Hazrat Peer Fatehullah Shah Baba**, making it a unique **blend of Hindu and Islamic heritage**.
- The fort also had a **well-maintained water management** and conservation system with more than **40 wells**.
- It also abounds in rock **shelters** with **paintings created by the cave dwellers**.

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