

## **ZIYARAT BABA RESHI**

1. The Ziarat of Baba Reshi is a popular shrine of Baramulla, situated near the Alpather Lake at 13 Km from Gulmarg and belongs to saint Baba Payam-Din. Baba Payam-Din was a well known Muslim saint as well as a courtier of the King of Kashmir, Zain-ul-Abidin. The Shrine is that very site where Baba Payam-Din died in 1480 after spending his days in prayer and meditation.

2. The main feature of the shrine is the grave of Payam-Din covered with a sheet of cloth decorated with unique workmanship. The shrine is popular for granting the boons to its devotees. Devotees that get their boons granted, revisit this shrine, to make grateful offering in honour to the great saint.

## **BABARESHI**

3. Babareshi is the name of a village, forest area, tourist and religious place in Jammu and Kashmir, India. It is named after the Sufi saint Baba Payam uddin Reshi which is located a few kilometres from Tangmarg and near the hill station Gulmarg.

## **SHRINE**

4. Situated at an altitude of about 7,000 feet (2,133 meters), the Ziyarat Baba Reshi shrine is a three-storey monument. It is located near Ramboh village in Baramulla District. Built in 1480, in Mughal and Persian style, the tomb is named after Baba Payam Uddin. The shrine and its surrounding garden is a tourist attraction as well as a destination for pilgrims visiting the shrine.

## **ROZA SHARIEF BABA PAYAM UDDIN**

5. Baba Payam Uddin was a courtier of 15th century Kashmir King Zain-ul-Abidin, and he is said to have given up all his belongings in order to serve the common people. He lived and meditated at this location, which became the site of his tomb and a shrine for his disciples. This shrine has a big minaret and inside the shrine is the Noor Khwan where the grave of the Sufi saint lies. It is covered with cloth with Quran embroideries. The Noor Khwan is made of glass and wood carvings.

## **URS**

6. The Urs or the anniversary of Baba Payam uddin Reshi is celebrated annually and people from far off places visit the Shrine on the occasion.

## **DAMAGE BY FIRE**

7. On 2 September 1989 the 300-year-old Baba Reshi shrine was gutted in a fire under mysterious circumstances. The place known as Daan that Baba Reshi built in the village Ramboh went ablaze and caused severe damage to several buildings surrounding the shrine causing a huge economic loss to the historic place.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRAVEL**

8. There are accommodations for tourists and pilgrims around the shrine. Each building has a Daan or cooking place where the Kashmiris prepare their meals and everyone traditionally contributes some of it to the Langar (collection Place). The Langar staff distribute the food in charity.



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