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**Hauz-i-Shamsi**, literally "sunny water tank", also called *Shamsi Talab*, is a water storage reservoir or tank built by *Iltutmish* of the *Slave Dynasty* in 1230 CE, at a location revealed to him in a dream by the Islamic prophet *Muhammad*. A palace called the *Jahaz Mahal* was built on the eastern edge of the same reservoir during the *Lodi dynasty* period in the 16th century as a *retreat* or *inn* for use by pilgrims. Also at the edge of Hauz is the tomb of 17th-century Persian writer in the Mughal court, *Abdul-Haq Dehlavi*. The monuments are situated in *Mehrauli, Delhi*.<sup>[1][2][3][4]</sup>

Legend [ edit ]

A popular legend narrated is of *Iltutmish*'s dream in which *Muhammad* directed him to build a reservoir at a particular site. When *Iltutmish* inspected the site the day after his dream, he reported to have found a hoof print of *Muhammad*'s horse. He then erected a pavilion to mark the sacred location and excavated a large tank (reservoir) around the pavilion to harvest rain water.<sup>[5][6]</sup>



Stone slab depicting imprint of Muhammad's horse's hoof

According to *Shama* <sup>[7]</sup> "A red stone domed pavilion resting on twelve pillars, located near the south-western corner of the tank, but originally believed to have been situated in its centre, is identified with the pavilion built by *Iltutmish*. The original stone with hoof print is believed to have been removed, the present stone being a later removal. The waters of the tank are regarded as sacred, and several graves of Muslim saints lie around it."

**Reservoir** [ edit ]



## Hauz-e-Shamsi

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A traditional windcatcher used in Pakistan that uses a tower with a series of vents to capture and direct cool air into a building.

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