

of instruments some new instruments were also made by the Band in which instrument made of barrel of gun can be called rare. At present the legacy of the Band is in the hand of the fourth generation..



Maihar Band

How to reach

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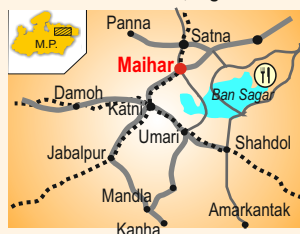
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35 kms from Satna district in the south on the Howrah-Mumbai Railroute, is Maihar city. Here at the top of Trikuta hill is the Sharda Devi temple, which is one of the 52 Shaktipeeths. This magnificent temple is reached by 1060 stairs and also by ropeway.



Maa Sharda Devi

As per the mythological beliefs, Sati's necklace fell here. In the local dialect Mata is called as Mai, in this way 'Mai ka haar' that changed with time as Maihar. The legendary folk heroes, Alha and Udal are associated with Maihar. The local natives believe that the two brothers were followers of the Goddess. Even today it is believed that the first worship of the day in this temple is offered by Alha. Maihar is a famous pilgrim city of Madhya Pradesh which is thronged by devotees throughout the year but during Sharad (Sept- Oct) and Chaitramas (March-April) Navratri there is additional crowd. Other than the statue of the Goddess, Hanuman, Narsingh and Kali statues are astounding. An old



Maa Sharda Devi Temple

inscription near the Devi temple dates it to the beginning of the Vikram Samvat 559 that is 502 AD.

Alha Deo Temple is situated behind the main Sharda Devi Temple of Maihar. Alha Deo temple is dedicated to the legendary warrior and wrestler Alha, of the Alha- Udal duo whose stories are well sung in form of folk tune Alha, by the people of Bundelkhand and Uttar Pradesh. Nearby there is a holy pond in which Alha used to take a bath and the Akhaada (place for practicing wrestling).

Madina Bhavan is the residence of Baba Allaiddin Khan which houses his tomb nearby. This is the venue for the Allaiddin Khan Sangeet Samaroh



Madina Bhawan

Allaiddin Khan Sangeet Samaroh held in the month of Feb-March, is an ode to Ustad Allaiddin Khan. This program is organized by the Ustad Allaiddin Khan Sangeet Academy in collaboration with the Madhya Pradesh Sanskriti Parishad, the district administration as well as the local people. Allaiddin Khan Sangeet Samaroh in Maihar offers a chance to witness presentations by several artists of Indian classical music.



Tomb of Baba

Allaiddin Khan is credited with experimenting with classical and instrumental music like he infused the dhrupad, bass sarod and beenbaaj into the playing of several classical instruments. He also put together an orchestra which played Indian instruments called the Maihar Band. Other than a variety