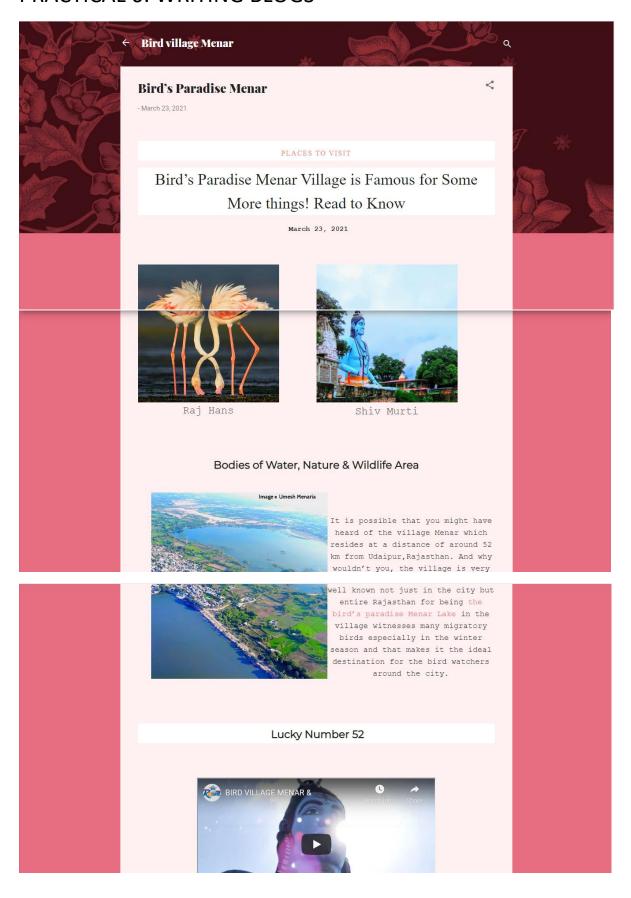
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## ← Bird village Menar



It is also said that the village has some sort of connection with the number 52. Villagers say that several years ago, Maharana Pratap got so impressed by the bravery and courage of the villagers that he gifted a land of 52 Bigha (a measure of land) to this village. Also, the distance between the district headquarters and the village is also 52 km. This can be the possible reason why the height of the idol is kept 52 feet.

## "Jamrabij Festival at Menar"



I had been fortunate to be invited to
Jamrabij festival this year by my Uncle Mr. Yogendra Menaria, and Mr. Sanju
Menariaa resident in Menar village, to witness this Jamrabij festival,

which takes place one day after Holi festival. This festival is celebrated every year for last 400 years by villagers in Menar. This village is perdominantly inhabited by Brahmins which took up arms against a Mughal outpost during King Uday Singh of Mewar.

The brave Menaria Brahmins were able to dislodge Mughal outpost due to which King Uday Singh of Mewar donated 52000 Bighas of land to Brahmins of Menar and now this village is known as Menar village. During this



festival, five different groups of people from five lanes leading to main market place in the heart of Menar village converge and celebrate the victory over Mughal outpost by bursting fire crackers, firing gun powder in air.



I think

all groups from the five lanes compete with each other for loudest fire-crackers. This festivity starts in the evening after 9PM with war drums. Villagers come with traditional war dresses and carry shield, guns, swords etc. At the end of the 'war drama with firecrackers, firing in the air', women folks come singing and worship for the victory.

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