

# Mansions at dusk - the havelis of old Delhi

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## Bhagirath Palace: Begum Samru's Forgotten Haveli

Left as signatures of traditional aristocratic living, there are numerous such mansions, across the city, which survive with traces of



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architectural technique and gracious lifestyle. . The old city - my city - has been buried.

### **Bhagirath Palace: Begum Samru's forgotten haveli in Old Delhi**

Not one of our five havelis finds a mention in author Pavan K. Sometimes, this cultural pressure leads to the wilful destruction of Islamic monuments but more often it results in studious indifference.

### **Bhagirath Palace: Begum Samru's forgotten haveli in Old Delhi**

Sarup Narain ki Haveli, as it was known during the early 19th century, was originally a three-storeyed grandiose structure located at the end of Sadak Prem Narain Bazaar — intersection of Churiwala and Bazaar Sita Ram.

### **Haveli**

The largest havelis could have up to three or four courtyards and were two to three stories high. Connaught Place and the Making of New Delhi, by Swapna Liddle It is a short read of 190 pages that talks about New Delhi, the capital of Britishers after Kolkata and its evolution as the capital of Republic of India.

### **The Purani Dilli courtyard**

However, Bhagirath Mal chose not to live in the building, and occupied the 25-room outhouse in the gardens known as Bagh Begum Samru,

renting out the palace for marriages and parties. The Havelis also had a place for each household activity. Yet by and large these losses go unrecorded.

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