

# Archaeology of Akbars 'Ibādat-Khānah at Fatehpur Sikri, 1576-1582 A.D.

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In 1606, Qutubuddin Khan Koka, on orders from Jehangir, covered the edifice in white marble. Historians have so far been able to identify only 18 members of this new religion. Haresara female quarters occupies the largest central area in the royal enclosure at Sikri.

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The more inquisitive can go around the mosque to look at the derelict Rang Mahal, the house where prince Salim was born. The real grave lies in an undisturbed repose in the crypt, closed to visitors. Close to Diwan-I-Khas is Ankh Micholi, a set of three inter-connected rooms, where the Emperor, it is surmised, played hide and seek with his ladies.

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Others regard it as a tactical move to uproot the nobles once again. Built during the second half of the 16th century by the Emperor Akbar, Fatehpur Sikri the City of Victory was the capital of the Mughal Empire for only some 10 years.

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Akbar also wanted to sharpen his theological grasp because he had been told of the imminent arrival to his court of Mirza Sulaiman of Badakshan, a with a predilection for spiritual debates. Is it really the famous Ibadat-Khana where Akbar initiated religious discourses amongst diverse religious groups-Hindu, Muslim, Jain and Jesuit etc? Situation of the Ibadat Khanah 3.

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