



Hussaini Dalan is an Imambara that was originally built during the later half of the Mughal rule in the 17th century in Dhaka. It was built as the Imambara of the Shia Muslim community.

History:

Hussaini Dalan ,some people pronounce as Hosaini Dalan, is another edifice from Dhaka. This is located beside the Nazimuddin Road of Old Dhaka. It is believed as a Shia Shrine, and was built during 17th century. There is a pond in front of the building.

It was built by Syed Murad during the governorship of Shah Shuja to commemorate the martyrdom of Al-Hussain, the grandson of our holy prophet Muhammad. Shah Shuja was a Sunni Muslim, but he had a predilection for Shia and patronized several such institutions.

This building has gone through several renovation and none of its antiquity left for the visitors. People only used to visit this place for its historical value. During the British period it was repaired heavily at 1807 and 1810. Also during the massive earthquake of 1897 caused a severe damage over this edifice. Now a days it just looks like a modern day's building covering with rich tiles with heavy ornate.



During the first 10 days of Muharram, Shia people used to gather at this place to mourn for Al-Hussain. Though it's a festival of Shia people, but local Sunni people used to join with them and bemoan with them. This ends at the day of Ashura.

Architecture:

The main building is situated in the middle of complex, built on an area of about 0.65 Bighas (9,380 sq. ft/ 88.05 sq. meters). In the south

touching the building there is a “pond” having an area of 1.01 Bighas (14,544 sq. ft/ 1376.95 sq meters). This pond is the main attraction of this building, which touches the walls of the building. The exterior incorporates both Mughal and British architectural traditions. Mughal characteristics are seen in the attached three-storeyed pavilion with arched windows and the row of kanjuras (decorative merlons) on the roof. The main floor of the building is raised on a platform that has rooms containing graves. On the main floor, two large halls known as Shirni hall and Khutba hall are placed back to back to form the nucleus of the building complex. Subsidiary two-storied rooms are on either side of the halls, probably to accommodate a congregation of ladies.



Location:

Hussaini Dalan Imambara is situated in the southern part of the city of Dhaka about few kilometers from the river Buriganga. The road in the north of the boundary (i.e. the main entrance) is called “Hussaini Dalan Road”. The south area is called “Tatkhana”. The west is called “Bakshi Bazar” and the east “Nazimuddin Road”.

Other establishments inside the complex:

Dalan (The Main Building), Tomb of Gaziuddin, Naobat Khana (the place for beating Drums), Ganj -E-Shaheedan & Kotwali Building, Gusal Khana, Courtyard Between Dalan & Naobat Khana, Ganjshaheedan Building.