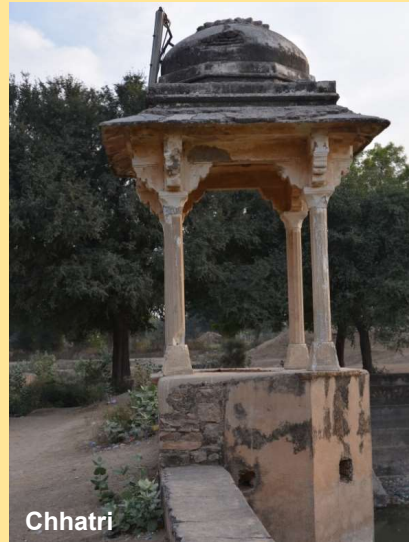


SHOBHA SAROVAR, NARNAUL, MAHENDRAGARH

Shobha Sarovar circa 18th century AD

Structure

Due to proximity of deserts, the availability of water was scarce in Narnaul. Therefore, this huge pond (sarovar) was built by a local chief during the late Mughal period for the use of general public. The sarovar was constructed in rubble masonry with thick layer of lime plaster in the style of the then prevailing Hindu architecture. Four staircases in each side of the pond lead to the water storage tank. There were twelve kiosks (chhatri) on its boundary wall, one each at the corners and two each on the either sides of the staircases. At present only two out of twelve are surviving. An inscription fixed on the eastern wall records that an enclosed chamber for ladies-bath was added to this pond in samvat 1986 (1929 AD). This sarovar is still in public use.



Chhatri



General view



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