



MEERUT

THE BRITISH FORMALLY ARRIVED IN MEERUT IN 1803, THROUGH A TREATY WITH THE MARATHAS. THE CANTONMENT OF MEERUT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1806 WITH SPECIFIC STRATEGIC INTERESTS INCLUDING ITS PROXIMITY TO DELHI AND ITS LOCATION WITHIN THE FERTILE GANGES — YAMUNA DOAB. WITH TIME MEERUT EVOLVED INTO ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY STATIONS OF INDIA. HOWEVER, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT SETTLEMENTS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN MEERUT THAT DATE BACK TO THE INDUS VALLEY CIVILISATION .



MEERUT ALSO CONTAINED A HARAPPAN SETTLEMENT KNOWN AS ALAMGIRPUR. MEERUT WAS AN IMPORTANT CENTRE OF BUDDHISM IN THE PERIOD OF MAURYAN EMPEROR. REMAINS OF BUDDHIST STRUCTURES WERE FOUND NEAR THE JAMA MASJID IN THE PRESENT DAY CITY. THE ASHOKA PILLAR, AT DELHI RIDGE



Fragment of the 6th Ashokan

WAS CARRIED TO DELHI FROM MEERUT, BY FIRUZ SHAH TUGHLUQ .IT WAS LATER DAMAGED IN A 1713 EXPLOSION, AND RESTORED IN 1867.

A PROMINENT LOCAL LANDMARK, THE JAMA MASJID AND IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN BUILT BY MAHMUD'S VIZIR IN 1019 AD. THAT MAKES IT THE FIRST MASJID IN NORTH INDIA. AND ALTHOUGH IT WAS RESTORED BY HUMAYUN.

MYTHOLOGY –

MEERUT WAS FOUNDED AS MAYARASHTRA BY MAYA, WHO WAS THE FATHER OF RAVANA'S WIFE IN THE RAMAYANA. THUS THE CITY IS ALSO

MEERUT IS FAMOUSLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE INDIAN REBELLION OF



1857 AGAINST THE BRITISH EAST INDIA COMPANY. THE FAMOUS SLOGAN "*DILLI CHALO*" ("LET'S MARCH TO DELHI!") WAS FIRST RAISED HERE. MEERUT CANTONMENT IS THE PLACE WHERE THE REBELLION STARTED WHEN HINDU AND MUSLIM SOLDIERS WERE GIVEN RIFLE

CARTRIDGES RUMOURED TO HAVE A COATING MADE OF ANIMAL FAT.

THE LAST SESSION OF THE INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS BEFORE INDIAN INDEPENDENCE WAS HELD AT VICTORIA PARK IN MEERUT ON 26 NOVEMBER 1946. IT WAS IN THIS SESSION THAT THE CONSTITUTION-MAKING



COMMITTEE WAS CONSTITUTED.

AN IMPORTANT CHURCH ASSOCIATED WITH THE REBELLION OF 1857 IS **ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**. THIS CHURCH WAS ESTABLISHED BY CHAPLAIN THE REVEREND HENRY FISHER ON BEHALF OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY IN 1819 IN THE CANTONMENT AREA AND WAS COMPLETED IN 1822. DURING THE WAR OF 1857, THIS CHURCH WAS THE SCENE OF HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN INDIANS AND THE BRITISH FORCES.



AUGARNATH TEMPLE – THIS TEMPLE IS LOCATED AT THE SITE WHERE THE SOLDIERS OF THE WAR OF 1857 PLANNED THEIR OPERATIONS. THE TEMPLE ALSO HOUSES A MEMORIAL BUILT TO HONOUR THE MARTYRS OF THE REVOLT OF 1857, INDIAN REBELLION OF 1857.



GANDHI BAGH – THIS CENTRALLY LOCATED GARDEN HAS A VERY BEAUTIFUL AND SERENE ENVIRONMENT. LOCALLY KNOWN AS "COMPANY GARDEN", IT HAS BEEN PRESENT SINCE BEFORE INDEPENDENCE, WHEN IT GOT RENAMED TO ITS CURRENT NAME. IT RUNS A MUSICAL FOUNTAIN SHOW EVERY EVENING.





HAHPEER'S MAUSOLEUM- THIS IS A MUGHAL MAUSOLEUM ERECTED BY THE EMPRESS NUR JAHANIN 1628 IN HONOUR OF A LOCAL MUSLIM HAZRAT SHAHPEER. THE TOMB IS LISTED BY THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA AS A NATIONAL HERITAGE MONUMENT.

Did you know ???

Me erut is a world class producer of Scissors and Cricket sports goods and hence sometimes called as City of Scissors and Sports Capital of India

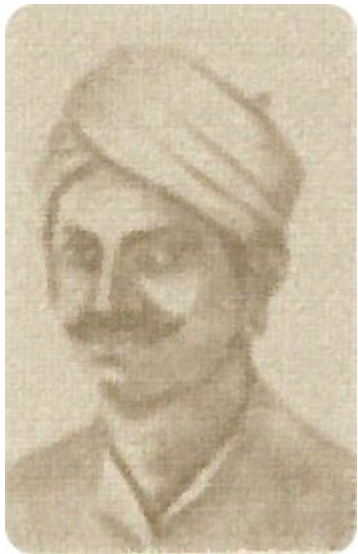
SURAJ KUND- THIS IS A POND, BUILT BY A BUSINESSMAN LAWAR JAHAWAR LAL IN 1714. IT IS FILLED WITH WATER FROM THE GANGA CANAL. IT IS SURROUNDED BY SEVERAL TEMPLES, INCLUDING THE BABA MANOHAR NATH TEMPLE, WHICH IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN BUILT DURING THE PERIOD OF SHAHJAHAN.



ACTIVITIES

NAME THE FAMOUS PERSONALITY GIVEN BELOW AND WRITE A 50 WORD ESSAY ON HIM.

HINT: A FAMOUS BOLLYWOOD MOVIE HAS BEEN MADE ON HIM



FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS

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