

## Golden Mosque (Sunehri Masjid)

The Golden mosque (Sunehri Masjid) stand amidst Chowk Rang Mahal, situated at the junction of two roads, viz., Kashmiri Bzar and Ban Battan Street. Later Mughal period mosque was built in 1753 A.D. (1163 A.H.) by Nawab Bhikari Khan, a noble living during the governance of Mir Mannu.

“Bhikari Khan, was a disciple of Miran Syyhid Bhik Chisti, a prominent saint of Lahore and a confidant of the widow of Mir Mannu, regent during the minority of her son Muhammad Amin. It is related that Bhikari Khan requested Mir Mannu for a grant of land in the Kashmiri Bazar. Fearing it might prove a hindrance if built there, a fatwa was obtained from Muslim scholars that there was no harm in doing so as it was to be used purely for Allah”. (Rehmani 2016). The Nawab wished to incorporate into the new plan the small mosque, however, as the muslim scholars opposed its inclusion, two entrance were created. The present eastern gate was built much later.

The mosque is built throughout of masonry, and the three arched entrances are covered with three large gilt domes, the center dome being larger than those on either side. So there is nothing much of architectural interest in this mosque except its very prominent and pretty gilt domes.

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