

Masjid Mai Lado

Mai Lado was the one of the wet nurses of the Mughal Emperor Shahjahan. There is some controversy regarding the exact lifetime of Dai Lado. Latif places her as the wet nurse of Emperor Jahangir. However, Nur Ahmed Chishti's account seems plausible, according to which 'Lado Dai' was a midwife who delivered Shah Jahan, and rose to eminence during his reign. The pious woman this mosque, which is located at the crossing of busy area near Mayo Hospital and at Nisbet Road and turn towards Hall Road to the south. Mai Lado built the mosque and a madrassah in her lifetime, building them in the midst of her estate and gardens, once known as Talla Muhallah (an area which encompassed the present Mayo Hospital, Serai Rattan Chand and Bharat Buildings). She and her husband were both buried in the courtyard of the mosque”.

After the death of Mai Lado's childless son, the property became waqaf (trust) property and reverted to the state. There, a madrassah and a masjid remained functional till the end of Mughal period. The sikh period, Basant Gar a Hindu jogi occupied the mosque. Basant Gar established a shawala on one side and thakudawara on the other. However, British rulers reverted the masjid to the Muslims. It was recorded by Kanhaiya Lal.

After passage of time modern entrance of the mosque in the middle of other structures one can see, at the rear of which is located this old mosque, its lofty dome visible from Mayo Hospital.

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