

## NEEVIN MASJID

From Lohari Gate one enters Naya Bazar and ones are reaches Chauk Matt, if one looks at the left amidst the cluster of shop, one find its gate. This mosque of shop. One finds its gate. This mosque of the pre Mughal Lodhi's period is smaller in size. The architect is simple. It was built in 1460s. The mosque has been modified over the time and the original structure might have been referred by new construction. Its drainage system is miraculously working for the last five centuries.

The plinth of this masjid is, in fact, almost 20 feet down from natural ground level so this is the reason to call it *Neveen Masjid*. Its exact location is *Koocha Dogran* near chowk Mati in between *Lohari Gate* and *Shah Almi gate*.

“The mosque is known as Nivin Masjid because it is sited at a spot which is over six metres below present ground level” (Rehmani 2016)

Outwardly, no reason is found to construct it such a down level but constructor wanted to make it distinctive. It was quite common to construct a building on high platform even one masjid called *Unchi masjid* was available so Zulfiqar Khan, the creator of this masjid, who was an Ameer in *Lodhi* period and was in charge in the office of *Haibat Khan Suba Dar* Lahore, just thought contrary to make it unique. All the used or waste water never passed out rather went down to the sub soil through septic tank. Worshiper use down stairs to move in the masjid. Verandah is open to sky 50 feet in length and 25 feet in width. There are three arches to enter into the main prayer chamber. Super structure is considerably heavier particularly, three cupolas are looked strengthen and well supportive. The edifice still in use and welcomes the

faithful. Masjid is surrounded by commercial markets and all the arrangements of the masjid are doing well through the masjid committee.

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