

Tomb of Zeb un Nisa

Zeb un Nisa, was the poetess of Persian and a learned daughter of the Emperor Aurangzeb. As mentioned in Shah Jahan Nama, she established gift this garden at Chauburji and gifted it. The farmer to her beloved *Kaneez(maid)* named Mia Ba. She laid out an extensive garden at the spot where the village of Nawan Kot was situated on later dates.

“This garden she furnished with handsome buildings and summer-houses. In the midst of it she constructed a mausoleum for herself, and in this she was interred on her death at Lahore. It was one of the most beautiful edifices of Lahore, decorated with costly stones, and furnished with pavilions, fountains and reservoirs. The floor was of marble and the latticed windows were of the same material; but Ranjit Singh divested the building of all its valuable material, to construct his summer house of Hazuri Bagh and nothing of this once picturesque building now remains but the Skeleton“ (Latif 1892)

Now the tomb is in dilapidated condition. The boundary wall's traces which had stood on the south is near to demolished. Moreover, the human interferences in the shape of encroachment and installation of electricity wires and poles give the more lose to the edifice.

Latif mentioned that “Zeb un Nisa, whose poetic name was Mukhfi (concealed) was the eldest daughter of Aurangzeb. She never married. Her charming diwan, or collection of poems, is a work of a great merit; She died in 1080 A.H. (1669 A.D.). Her chronogram was thus versified:

اه زيب النساء بحكم قضا ناگهان از نگاه مخفی شد
منبع علم و فضل حسن و جمال همچو يوسف بچاه مخفی شد
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“Zaib un Nisa disappeared from the sight, all of a sudden with the order of fate. Her person combined knowledge, wisdom, beauty and grace together. Like Joseph, she disappeared in a well. It asked about the date of her death from my brain. I remained a message from the hidden angle that the Moon had gone to ablution.

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