



Balaram palace

Summary:

Once the hunting retreat of the Lohani Nawab Palanpur, is now a heritage classic hotel. It was built between 1922-1936 by 29th rule of Palanpur, His highness Zubd-tul-Mulk Dewan Mahakhan Nawab Sir Taley Muhammad Khan Lohani. It is a graceful manifestation of neo-classical and baroque architectural style. Situated amidst the Aravallis in the 542sq. kms of BalaramAmbaji Reserve Forest at the tip of North Gujarat, it borders Rajasthan. The palace is set in 13 acres of terraced upland rising from a hilly stream and surrounded by lush green gardens and designed flower beds. The Palace was visited by several dignitaries during the British Raj, including Lord Mountbatten.

Key words:

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Introduction:

History provides basic information about human life and human activities in the past. The tools for learning history are wide and varied remains ,monuments ,reports, documents, various texts, unwritten instruments etc. are called historical instruments. Monuments cannot be neglected among the many tools of knowing history which reveal the truth of social life. The northern part of Gujarat state is known as north Gujarat. Balaram palace in Palanpur taluka of Banaskantha district of north Gujarat is of historical architectural importance.

Mahal, meaning” a mansion or a palace”, though it may also refer to “living quarters for a set of people.” it is an Indian word which derives fooliyai from the persian word Mahal, deriving from the Arabic word Mahall which in turn is derived from hall‘stopping place,abode’-Lexico Archived from the original, 26 Nov.2016

Construction:

‘The Balaram House’ named after the Balaram River, on the bank of which it stands, was built by Lieut,-colonel.His highness Zubd-tul-mulk dewanmahakhn nawab shri Taley Muhammad khan bahadur. The 29th ruler of the Palanpur state. The site was selected by his highness and the foundation of the house was laid on 1st October, 1922. The

construction of the main house was completed in 1935 and the gardens surrounding it were laid out in 1936.

Main Attractions:

The main attractions of Balaram Palace Resort are mentioned below:

- Main attractions of this resort are Garden, swimming pool, children's play area and Hotel.
- The palace serves pure vegetarian food like Jain food, Vegan food, milk of cow.
- Sizzler is most popular in this resort.
- It provides 34-air-conditioned rooms equipped with all the latest amenities.
- Nawab suite, Begum suite, Deluxe suite, new palace room and Royal tent room are main attractions in this palace.
- This Resort provide Helipad Ground facility to foreigner also.
- In this resort there are many old trees like scaevola taccada (Bhadraksha), Rudraksha, Saptparni, sonchampa, khadcampa, Ashoka tree etc.

Related Myths:

One unsupported theory is that legal name of this resort was Jalaram Hotel pvt.ltd.. The foundation of the house was laid on 1st October, 1922. The construction of the main house was completed in 1935 and the gardens surrounding it were laid out in 1936. Currently, this palace, which was once enjoyed by Nawabs and Kings as a hunting retreat has now been transformed into a resort. It is situated at the top most point of the area in northern Gujarat.

Conclusions:

Balaram palace resort won Runner-Up award in the best heritage hotel Gujarat category organized by the Gujarat Travel and Tourism award 2020, Gujarat Tourism , Govt. of Gujarat and best heritage Hotel in other city category organized by tourism award 2020.

The resort is also well known for hosting VIP guest like politician, actors and businessman like Smt Anandiben Patel , Sri Amitabh Bachchan, smt Rekha, late Sri keshubhai Patel, Sri Shankarsinh Vaghela.

Famous Film Shootings done at Balaram palace resort like sooryavansham, DilhaiTumhaara, A New Love Story, Web series on shri Narendra Modi , Kinjal dave music album- Vraj ma velo Aay.

This palace attracts much more visitors in a year.

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