

## Renovation/ reconstruction of Cheshma Sahibi Temple at Srinagar

Refer(to) a mention in Kalhan's Rajtarangini ,of the divine status of Kashmir, known world over, as Heaven on the planet Earth . Kalhan in Rajtarangini, authoritatively states that Lord Krishna Himself, then in Kashmir to attend a congregation, announced that the land of Kashmir in itself is the manifested form of Mata Parvati, the primordial Energy of Lord Shiva.

No wonder, therefore, it is also called Rishvaer (the land of Rishis, Munis, seers etc.). This pious place has witnessed the descent to humanity, all for the upliftment of mankind, of great saints, yogis and Yoginis, incarnations of gods and goddesses. One such Goddess Sharika-incarnation, in the guise of a Yogini of the highest order, Mata Shree Roop Bhawani (Rooff Ded) descended to humanity in the year 1621 A.D (1677 Bikrami) on Madhavi/Jeshth Purnima, as illustrious daughter of Pandit Madhav Joo Dhar of Dedmar, Nawakadal, Srinagar. The legend goes that Shree Madhav Joo Dhar was an ardent devotee of Ashtadashbuja Durga (Sharika Baghwati),who visited Hariparbat , the citadel of his Aaradha-Devi (deity) daily, without fail regardless of the climatic conditions, to perform intense penance, meditating upon Shree Chakra (yantra) for hours together and perform a long circumbulation of the holy hillock before leaving for home. Then, on one occasion, at predawn, he was blessed by the mother Supreme with a vivid darshan (sakshatkar) in the guise of a small girl, flashing divinity and dazzling but soothing light full of bliss. When asked to express his wish, he asked for a boon that befits and is expected of a supreme devotee; He wished that She be born in his household as his daughter. The wish was granted instantly before the goddess vanished from the scene. Consequently a daughter was born to Smt. Sampat Maej and Pt. Madhav Joo Dhar.

So, this is enough to believe that Rooff Ded descended to humanity by Her Supreme free WILL and the intense tapasya of Shree/Pandit Madhav Joo Dhar was a means towards that heavenly act of the goddess and Lord Shiva.

Mata Shree Roop Bhawani chose solitary places, away from the maddening crowd, to do meditation for 12-1/2 years each at Cheshma Sahibi , Manigam, Waskura and Lar blessing people living in these places respectively and also mankind in general. The complete description of Her Supreme Being's life, philosophy and divine acts (miracles) is available on Website of the trust **mataroopbhawani.org**.

## **About SAST.**

Shri Alakh Sahiba Trust (Rgd.) came into existence in 1933 under a pledge taken by the the then elders (the devout virtuous devotees and disciples) at a meeting held at Wasturvan; the formal announcement was made on Magh Saftami of 1934. The trust got registered in 1951. Since the unfortunate mass exodus of Kashmiri Pandits in 1990, trust has been operating /functioning from its office at Tirath Nagar, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

The trust is the sole custodian of all Taposthals and temples in Kashmir and Jammu. It is actively engaged in the renovation and up gradation of these sanctified places of worship and pilgrimage to ensure the preservation and maintenance of these places of huge importance & above all, giving top priority to upholding, at all costs, the sanctity (divine status) of Taposthals, shrines & Mandirs.

Other principles objectives of the trust include:-

- ✓ Promotion/Propagation of Mata Shree Bhawani's philosophy of spritual elevation;
- ✓ Working towards the welfare of common man in general and the community in particular; working in close association with sister religious bodies and social organisations for the spread of Hindu philosophy and more importantly, working towards mitigating the sufferings of have-nots & helping the youth in fulfilling their well conceived aspirations.

As a step towards fulfillment of its stated aims and objectives Shri Alakh Sahiba Trust has started a journey on road to renovate, repair and rebuilt her first taposathal at Cheshma Sahibi, located appx. 500 meters from famous Cheshma Shahi garden enroute another famous tourist spot Pari Mahal, and develop it as a model meditation cum Yoga centre incorporating modern technology to enable it to be a part of digital ecosystem.

This centre will have;

- 1. Mata ShreeRoop Bhawani's hermitage**
- 2. A Shivaliya exclusively for shiv parivar**
- 3. Beautified holy spring**
- 4. An indoor meditation cum yoga hall**
- 5. A mini amphitheatre for open air yoga and meditation**
- 6. A hawan kund**
- 7. A very well laid terraced garden with water ways**
- 8. Wheelchair enabled access from the gate**
- 9. Limited residential accommodation for devotees.**
- 10. A hut for pujari cum caretaker**
- 11. Research centre on life and works of Mata Shree Roop Bhawani.**

Dear esteemed blessed devotee,

it is in recognition of your devout devotion to the mother divine as also your unquestionable and inspiring faith in her divinity (Mysticism and sacred sermons enshrined in Her Rahsyaupdes) together with the fact that in the past too, your services in one form or the other, at her lotus feet have been praise worthy and fruitful that we feel emboldened to approach you for a reasonably generous donation towards the ongoing renovation and purposeful mandatory construction of Mata Shree's Taposthal where Mata Shree spent 12-1/2 years meditating upon Lord Shiva, day in and day out. The Taposthal is also synonymous with a holy spring, brought into existence by the Mata Shree Herself with her divine power.

A conscientious devotee like your esteemed self can very well realize the spiritual and divine status/sanctity of Her Taposthals. So, the ongoing project is obligatory upon us all to ensure preservation and maintenance of this sacred Taposthal on the pattern of heritage places; more so, in view of its huge religious, spiritual and cultural significance.

Dear blessed devotee, this ongoing project involves huge financial commitment of more than one crore. Shri Alakh Sahiba Trust, on its part, has already made huge expenditure from its ex-chequer, comprising of donations and Niyaz money received from the

disciples and devotees. So, the Trust has now decided to approach the disciples and devotees for generous donations for this noble cause. May Mata Shree's blessings be always with you.

Hope, in the light of aforementioned statement of facts, your esteemed self will not disappoint us. Blessed are those who totally surrender at her lotus feet.

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