

## Sheesh Mahal

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### Why in the news?

*Recently Sheesh Mahal, a Mughal-era palace, located in Shalimar Bagh, North Delhi, was restored and unveiled by Union Culture and Tourism Ministry.*

- The magnificent 17<sup>th</sup>-century palace, constructed under Emperor Shah Jahan's reign, showcases skilled Mughal architectural elements.
- The building is an important part of the vast complex Mughal garden complex.
- **Construction** - Originally constructed of bricks and red sandstone.
- It was intended to be a replica of Shalimar Bagh in Kashmir, which was created by Emperor Jahangir in 1619.
- It is still intact in Delhi outside of Red Fort and Humayun Tomb complexes.
- The garden and water channels resemble paradise, offering both peace and display of dominion over nature.
- **Historical importance** - Aurangzeb held his imperial coronation here.
- It also served as one of the British forces' camping sites during the 1857 uprising.
- **Recent developments** - the palace and its surrounding gardens are now protected monuments under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- ASI undertook restoration works of palace heritage features, Mughal-style *Char-Bagh* landscape recreated by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to revive its original glory.

### Charbagh architecture



Charbagh is a ***Persian-style garden layout, in which the main building is put at the centre of a quadrilateral garden, divided by walkways or flowing water into four smaller parts.*** where four gardens are positioned at four corners of four quadrants. Charbagh style was brought to India by Mughals

## Reference

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