

DOCUMENTATION AND CONSERVATION OF HAJI BABA SALEH MOSQUE AND TOMB, NARAYANGANJ, DHAKA, BANGLADESH

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ABSTRACT

Mosques, Tombs and Shrines of famous religious people are one of the examples of South Asian Islamic Architectural Landmarks. Saints or famous preachers of ancient times were generally buried near mosques after their death. Due to the prejudice and religious beliefs of local folks these tombs were preserved in a decorative fashion after the death of these saints or religious men. Thus, these tombs are carrying historical importance as archeological establishments for decades. For restoration work, it is very important to know and follow the proper preservation or restoration rules. There are many heritages are now facing a lot of identical crisis because of improper restoration work especially in Bangladesh. Tomb of Baba Sales and His mosque are facing similar difficulties which have already lost its historic values. This historical monument is situated in Narayanganj region of Bangladesh. For lacking proper preservation and conservation of this historical architecture is losing its uniqueness and its own historic identity. Previously there was an attempt to restore the structure of the tomb. However, that attempt failed because of not maintaining a proper procedure of restoration. As a result, it led to a different set of problem.

This paper illustrates the documentation, Photography, and Restoration this old and historic building and preserved to its previous glory. This paper also deals with the different set of problems, solutions, and maintenances for preserving this monument which is standing for decades with its own historical rights.

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