



Arab ki Sarai Baoli

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Arab ki Sarai Baoli is being revived by **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** and **Agha Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC)** with the support of German Embassy.



- Arab Ki Sarai Baoli was built in the 1560s by **Hamida Banu Begum**, who was wife (chief consort) of Mughal emperor **Humayan**, to accommodate 300 Arabs whom she had brought from Mecca.
- It is situated within the premise of **Humayun's Tomb Complex, Delhi**.
- It is a unique '**L' shaped baoli**.

Baoli

- Baolis or step-wells refer to **man-made water tanks**.
- The main purpose of baoli is **water conservation and groundwater recharge**.
- The structures bear witness to the fact that even before the modern world became aware of the threats of depleting freshwater, people in those times realised the gravity of conservation.

Baoli in Delhi

There are around 14 baolis in Delhi namely **Tughlaqabad Fort Baoli, Rajon Ki Baoli, Gandhak Ki Baoli, Qutub Sahib Ki Baoli, Anangtal Baoli, Wazirpur Monument Complex Baoli, Hazrat Nizamuddin Ki Baoli, Arab Ki Sarai Baoli, Purana Quila Baoli, Agrasen Ki Baoli, Feroz Shah Kotla Fort Baoli, Red Fort Baoli, Hindu Rao Hospital Baoli and Dwarka Baoli**.

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