

PRESS STATEMENT FOR SADAR BAZAR JAME MASJID

The Sadar Bazar Jame Masjid , Imphal, Manipur located on the eastern bank of the Nambul River and western side of Masjid Road, Paona Bazar of Imphal City, Ward No. 4 Imphal Municipal Corporation is an age old and historic Masjid established in the year 1896 AD.

The present Paona Bazar was formerly called Sadar Bazar which means Main or Chief Market (sadar is an Arabic word meaning Chief or Main). The Sadar Bazar area was under the British Reserve the administration of which was under the British Government through the Political Agent. The name was originally called Jame Masjid, Sadar Bazar.


When the World War-II broke out and Imphal was bombed by Japanese Forces in 1942, the firm who was managing and most of the businessmen left Imphal for their homeland. The masjid was abandoned for a short period but some Muslims personnel of Madras Regiment of British Indian Army stationed at Kangla took care of the Masjid till the war was over. After the war was over, the local residents of Hafiz Hatta who were doing business at Imphal formed a Committee comprising eight members to take care of the Masjid.

During the course of time, the masjid committee planed for re-construction and expansion and the Masjid was re-constructed in 1965 with pucca structure and expanded its area to accommodate more namajis.

In 1970, the Masjid was expanded further vertically by constructing 1st floor. Further, in 1974, 6 (six) stalls were also constructed in front of the Masjid to prevent misuse by public as urinals and garbage dumping. In 1975, the Masjid verandah was reconstructed with donations from well wishers and loans from some businessman/tenants of the masjid shops.

In the year 1975, a proper bye laws was framed and the Masjid Committee got registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 vide Registration No. 1639 of 1975.

In 1994, the Masjid got registered in the Wakf Board, Manipur also under the Wakf Act, 1954 as a wakf institution vide Registration No.52 of 1994.


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