

KAMALASAGAR KALI TEMPLE

This popular Shakti Shrine is 31 km away from Agartala and is located beside the international border of our neighbouring country Bangladesh. The serene lake in front of the temple adds to the enigmatic charm of this place. Although Maharaja Kalyan Manikya started the work, Maharaja Dhanya Manikya ultimately built this temple in the late 15th century. The name and fame of this Shakti shine draws substantial religious-minded tourists from far and wide. The idol installed inside the temple is of goddess Durga but as the base platform has an image of Shiva, the ten-handed Durga fighting the buffalo demon Mahisasur, she is worshiped as goddess Kali. The area where the temple is located is also known as Kasba which is a Farsi word meaning town. The ancient name of the place was Kamalagarh or Koylagarh. After defeating Surja, the then ruler of Bengal, Maharaja Kalyan Manikya built this fort to further secure the princely kingdom of Tripura. A township gradually developed around the fort and the name Koylagarh faded into oblivion being replaced by the name Kasba.

Maharaja Dhanya Manikya (1940-1520) dug a large water body in front of the temple and named it Kamalasar following the name of his wife Kamala Devi. Over the years the Durga temple of Kalyan Manikya turned into the Kali temple of Kasba. History says that Nawab Hossain Shah of Bengal invaded Kasba but was defeated by the Maharaja Dhanya Manikya's army and fled away to save his life. Presently an Indo-Bangla Border Hut has been established here and that is also a special attraction for the visitors. Every year a big fair is held near the temple in the month of April and thousands of devotees throng to offer their puja in the temple.

How to Reach :

Air - The State Capital, Agartala, is well connected by air with Delhi, Kolkata, Guwahati and Chennai. The M.B.B. Airport at Agartala is 40 km away from Kamalasar/Kasba Kali Temple under Bishalgarh Sub-Division of Sepahijala District.

Rail - The nearest rail head is Bishalgarh Railway Station which is about 25 km from Kamalasar. One can reach Kamalasar from Agartala by bus/cabs. Local tourist cabs, bus etc. are available at Agartala's Nagerjala bus stand/Bishalgarh Railway Station/Bishalgarh Motor stand to reach Sepahijala.

Road - Kamalasar is well connected by road with Agartala, the state capital of Tripura. It is under Bishalgarh Sub-Division in Sepahijala District and is 31 km from Agartala. It takes

about 0.45 hours to reach Kamalasar by road from Agartala. Luxury coaches of private travel agencies as well as Public Sector Transport Corporation including tourist cabs, and small cars ply on this road from Nagerjala bus stand, Agartala and Bishalgarh.

Local Transport :

Tourist cabs, local taxi services etc. are available to and from Nagerjala bus stand of Agartala, and Bishalgarh bus stand to reach Kamalasar on hire. Tourist cabs are also arranged by Tourism Department at Agartala Airport Tourist Information Centre on hire.

Entry Formalities :

There is no need of entry formalities like Restricted Area Permit (RAP) or Inner Line Permit (ILP) to visit Tripura.

Nearby Attraction :

Indo-Bangla Border Hut, Sepahijala.

Where to Stay :

Name of Hotel/ Guest House	Address	Contact details
Comilla View Tourist Lodge	Kamalasar	0381-2916014

Where to Eat :

Ashimantik Cafeteria, Ph. 8258889880

Shopping:

Indo-Bangla Border Hut, Kamalasar.

