



## Jama Masjid: Call of the Soul

By NL Batra

Niyogi Books/ Niyogi Offset, 2005. Hardcover. Condition: New. First edition. Jama Masjid, the Call of the Soul takes the reader on a journey through the extraordinary expense of architectural excellence, the mosque, where time and tradition come together to weave a historic tale. It is an outcome of NL Batra`s deep and penetrative research in understanding the architecture and the construction of different ancient monuments, particularly those built during the Moghul period. The book meanders through Five Parts, containing different chapters, detailing different facets of the glorious structure in red sandstone, that stands about five hundred metres west of Red Fort-an enduring monument of Shah Jahan`s passion as never attempted before. The book is colourful and truly reflects the magnificence of the Mosque itself. It contains over 150 photographs and illustrations, some of which are over a century old. The Chapter one of Part One takes us back to October 6,1650 AD when the Mughal Emperor, Shah Jahan laid the foundation stone of `the finest mosque in the world`. " It was built under the supervision of Shah Jahan`s Prime Minister, Sadullah Khan and architect Fazil-mir-Saman. Simplicity in structure was the intent. Architects and sculptors, cartographers, calligraphers and engineers brought...



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