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## The Land of Dharma

Our one day road trip to Kurukshetra from Delhi  
 Tour Route - Delhi - Kurukshetra  
 Total No of days - 1  
 Dated - September 2011

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Kurukshetra is just 180 kms from Delhi and crossed umpteen times but had ever thought of the place with so much historical importance. It was a quick decision as we had a Saturday before us, didn't have any meeting at office and my parents were much interested in visiting religious places and it could be suitably done in a single day. A quick browse did not give me much travelogues, just a list of temples with its historic importance.

Our plan of moving out early as we usually do, proved futile as my daughter's PTM was on. After attending it by 8.45 we started our journey. The traffic was smooth. Took around 3 hours with 30 min tea break. Roads as usual had diversions after panipath. Traffic deisity was less. So progress was quick.

The places we saw were:- (In order visited)

Sri Krishna Museum  
 Sheikh Chillli tomb  
 Staneswar Mahadev temple  
 Bhadrakali temple  
 Jindal park  
 Jyotisar  
 Ban Ganga (bhisma kund)  
 Brahm Sarovar  
 Kalpana Chawla Planetarium (closed by time we reached)



The Krishna Museum was our first halt. The Kurukshetra Development Board has built this 4 tier museum with Sri Krishna as the theme. The varied phases in his life coupled by the historic potteries and jewellery of the Mohenjodaro and Harappan period are displayed here. Various paintings depicting the life of Krishna - Madhubani, Pichavari, Lepakshi, Tanjavore etc have been put up in an interesting way. The bronze collections dating to the Pallava, Chola period are also showcased here. The wooden carvings and even work done in ivory depict various scenes from the life of Lord Krishna. It was a good walk around. But there are places to take rest just sit and relax for a while in here. The palm leaf manuscripts of Bhagvad Gita, Vedas, Ramcharit Manas and their translation to Persian needs special mention.

There are six galleries

- First - is pertaining to Krishna theme consisting of art objects like wood carving, metal casting and ivory carving.
- Second - Devoted to archaeological objects from Harappan sites, stone sculptures from 1st to 10th century AD.
- Third - Illustrated manuscripts, paintings
- Fourth - Krishna theme
- Fifth - Tanjavur paintings of Krishna
- Sixth - Collections of Madhubani paintings on paper.

The bad part is photography is not allowed. Adjacent to it was Kurukshetra science and panorama center. The 3D film show was cancelled due to technical problem, we didn't go inside it.

After spending an hour we headed to our next destination :-



### Sheikh Chaheli's tomb

Not much heard of but Sheikh Chilli tomb is a beautiful tomb which is said to be uniquely built in Persian architecture and is ranked 2nd after Taj in North India. The tomb is of a sufi saint Adb-ur-Rahim or popularly called Sheikh Chilli (he got his name from the word chilla - as he used to undergo prayers for a period of 40 days).



### Staneswar Mahadev Temple

Next was Staneswar Mahadev temple just after the tomb (1 kms) Mahadev temple located. It was constructed by Raja Pushyamurty, ancestor of Emperor Harsha Vardhan. It was raised by Mahmud Gazani and was rebuilt by Sada Shiv Rao. The name is of a sacred tank in front of the temple and is believed that few drops of its water cured leprosy of an ancient king named Vena and Pandavas worshipped Lord Shiva here and received his blessing of victory in the war of Mahabharata.

### Bhadrakali temple

This temple is just opposite Jindal park and is around another 1 km away from Mahadev temple. This is only Sidh Peth in Haryana and is one of the 51 Shakti Peths where the right ankle of Devi Sati fell. According to Purana, a munda ceremony of Sri Krishna was performed at this place.

### Jindal Park

Just opposite to the temple a well-maintained park.



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### The Land of Dharma (Kurukshetra, Haryana)

Location - Haryana in India

Ideal time to Visit - October to February

No of Days Req'd to see Kurukshetra - 1-2 days

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#### Jyotisar

it is around 12 kms away from town on pehowa road. it here Lord Krishna delivered the Holy Bhagavad Gita to Arjun. Also there stands a banyan tree which is believed to be more than 5000 years old witness to the event.

#### Kalpana Chawla Planetarium

Just after 2 kms from Jyotisar. it open only till 4 pm. Took a shot from outside.



#### Ban Ganga

Situated enroute to Jyotisar at Narkatari where it is believed that when Bhishma Pitamaha lying on the bed of arrows felt thirsty ,asked arjuna to quench his thirst. He pierced the earth with his arrow to quench the thirst of Bhishma. It is also know as bhishma kund.

#### Bhram Sarovar

After Ban Ganga, we headed to our last destination Brahm Sarovar.

Tt is one of the holiest water tanks and during solar eclipse lakhs of pilgrims take a holy bath in it to brings salvation from all sins. Also believed that it is here that Lord Brahma conceived the earth. This size is around 1.6 kms x 0.6 kms. According local info, it was first excavated by King Kuru. In the center of it there is an island called Purshotampura.