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## Shani Shingnapur Holy Place

The lock-less place that came in news. A village so naive where faith is a legacy. A village that is open to all, always.

Legends say, visiting the temple during Saturdays and Amavashya (No Moon Day) keeps one away from bad timings and brings one luck and prosperity. Finally there is a temple celebrating Saturday.

So let's celebrate Saturday the desi-way and dive in to the world of faith and spirituality, where people trust people and they mean it.

The temple is a unique of its kind where the locals worship God Shani's (Saturn) Swayambhu avatar. The legend says, the holy rock that is the main idol of the temple was emerged on its own, while the local shepherds were digging when suddenly they found a bleeding rock underneath.

The very next day the senior most of them had a dream of the God himself asking to build a temple of him. Soon the work progressed. However, every time they tried building a roof, it would collapse leaving the process undone. The senior again had a next dream where the God instructed not to build any roof as the enormous sky itself is his roof and he doesn't like any doors or roofs.

Since then, the villagers have been worshipping this auspicious temple. Not only the villagers, but thousands of devotees from other parts of India and even the foreign tourists visit the temple.

Hordes of devotees gather during this period to pour oil over the Black Idol-the Swayambhu Shani.

You can easily feel the spiritual aura as soon as you enter the temple campus, which already has the devotional songs playing around to take you to another world of spirituality.

Shani Shingnapur is akin to any other Holy Place with? its quintessential local Indian Village charm packed with hotch-potch noises of the priests, the market, the temple bells, auto rickshaws and what not.

Be it a solo travel or a full fun family trip, a visit to this simple small town wonder won't leave you disappointed.? Pack up a pair of traditional clothes for the not so objecting priests and the sweet Shani Shingnapur to make a new desi-flavoured entry into your travel diary.

Apart from the temple, a stroll can be taken in the nearby market place to be even more surprised when you see houses, banks, shops, and hotels, SANS? ? locks.

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