

FAMOUS TOURIST DESTINATIONS IN BIRBHUM

Kankalitala Satipith



Kankalitala Mandir near Bolpur, Birbhum which is famous as one of the Shakti Peeth (this is where Maa's skelton fell to earth). The place is located on the bank of the river 'Kopai'. Kankalitala is situated on the Bolpur Labpur road. Kankalitala is also the place of Nabani Das Baul, known as "Khyyapa Baul". He was well known as Avadhuta of this area where he did his sadhana.

The mythology of Daksha yaga and Sati's self immolation is the story of origin behind Shakti Peethas. Shakti Peethas are holy abode of Devi formed due to the falling of body parts of the corpse of Sati Devi, when Shiva carried it and wandered through. There are 51 Shakti Peeth linking to the 51 alphabets in Sanskrit. Each temple has shrines for Shakti and Kalabhairava. The Shakti of the temple is addressed as "Devgarbha" and the Bhairava as "Ruru". It is believed that Sati Devi's bones have fallen here.