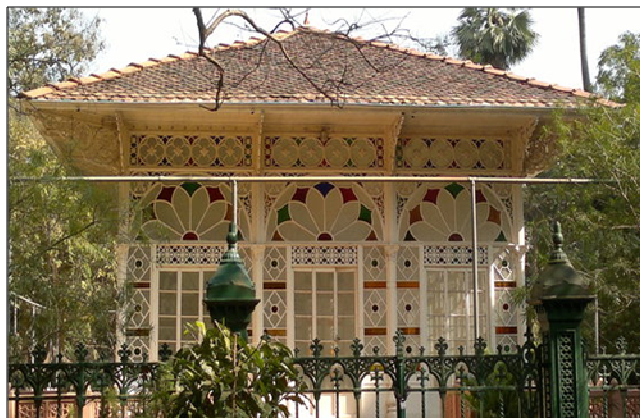


FAMOUS TOURIST DESTINATIONS IN BIRBHUM

Bolpur-Santiniketan

In 1862, Maharshi Devendranath Tagore, while on a visit to Raipur, he met with his earlier friend who happened to be the zamindar of Raipur. Maharshi Devendranath expressed his desire to open up an ASHRAM and an educational institution in Birbhum. His friend readily agreed to give the entire barren land to Maharshi Devendranath and registered it in the name of Maharshi Devendranath against Rupee One as a token value. He called his home Shantiniketan (after the name of the house). Shantiniketan became a spiritual centre where people from all religions were invited to join for meditation and prayers. He founded an 'Ashram' here in 1863 and became the initiator of the Brahma Samaj.

Bolpur-Santiniketan is one of the perfect weekend gateway destinations for the people who are eager to travel. It's a great relief from metropolitan's delirious pace and pollution. Rabindranath Tagore's Visva-Bharati Vishyavidyalaya is the main attraction of the place. It is an International University and a great center of Oriental education and culture.



Prayer Hall, Santiniketan

It is a colorful festivals for all Indians and known as Holi. It occurs at the end of winter when spring comes with its beauty. Falgun and Chaitra according to the Bengali calendar is the season of Dol Utsav.



Basanta Utsav, Santiniketan

Rabindranath Tagore started Dol utsav in his institution with colourful programmes. It coincides with Holi. The students of Visva-Bharoti celebrate Basanta utsav in very special way. They make the festival more colorful and attractive to all came from outside the district and also from abroad by their magnificent live performance.