

## Sanctity of Kapalmochna

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### ABSTRACT

*The present deals with the religious and holy significance of Kapalmochna Tank. It is holy place right from Vedic age. Several Puranic and Historical story are associate with this place. In this paper author tries to present sanctity of Kapalamochna tank through these legends and historical facts as well as some archaeological also described.*

### Introduction

Kapalmochan is an ancient sacred *tirth* which is situated at 3 km north of the Bilaspur, District Yamunanagar on Bilaspur-Ranjitpur road. It is a historic and *puranic* place which is described in ancient *Brahminical* Literature. Several local beliefs also associated with this *tirtha* and place. According to the legend, this holy tank is existing right from *Satayuga*. Earlier it was called Somsara because Rishi-Muani and deities organized a *Shom-Yajna* and it looks like half-moon hence known as *Somasara*. After that this tank was known as Kapalmochan, this name has been derived from a very interesting *Puranic* incident. This is mentioned in *Vamnpuran* that on the beginning of *Kali-Yuga*, all the *Rishi* muni considered the appearance of the impious period on the earth, so they decided to go to the mahindaradi mount to avoid the effect of *Kali-Yuga*. Mahindaradi is known as living place of God Siva and Parashurama. After that, they conducted a Huge-Yajna, tri-deva, and other deities were also invited at this occasion. Yajna Started very peacefully but at the final stage (*PuranAhuti*) Rishi Muni thought that who has the right of *PuranAhuti*. On this question, Brahma said I am the creator of the world so I have the rights for *PuranAhuti*, but Vishnu said I am the guardian of *Sristi* so it is my rights. After that *Kali-Yuga* claims for the *Purnahuti* with the argument that it is my time so I will do it. God Siva was watching the whole episode than he suggested that all of you originated from me so I will give *PuranAhuti*. But Due to this disagreement, *Yajna* was adjourned. After some time *Kali-Yuga* gave the example of his supremeness and takes Brahma in his influence. Due to the influence of *Kali-Yuga* Brahma lost his wisdom to decide. God Brahma tried to commit incest with his own daughter, then she went to *Adi-Badri* where god Siva in the austerity and told about the event. After that god, Brahma also came here to search *Saraswati*. Lord Shiva was furious and attacked the head of Brahma. Skull of Brahma remained stuck to Siva's hand and then Siva said to Brahma that now you came out the influence of *Kali-Yuga*. Shiva was in guilty of *BrahmHatya* so God Siva took bath in many sacred tanks but he could not get the acquittal from the Brahma Hatya. One day God Siva and *Parvati* reached at the *Badhrpuri* (These days this place known as *Bhawanipur*) place which is situated in the northwest of the Kapalmochan in the *Sindhavana*. Then God Siva and *Parvati* lived under the *Banyan* tree in the night. There a *ShomkaramaBrahman* also lived near that tree; he had a cow and calf. In the night, the calf told his mother that our owner tomorrow will castrate me, and then I will kill him. Subsequently, cow suggest to son and said due to his murder you will faulty of *Brahm-Hatya*, and you could not have to get the freedom to *Brahm-Hatya* during the whole life. But calf told that today god Siva also stay here he is also guilty of Brahma murder. Tomorrow he will take the bath in the *Somsara* tank for acquittal at full-moon of the *Kartik* in the morning at 4 o'clock which will be the time of *Brahmamuhurat*. We will also take bath in the sacred tank in the morning. After that Goddess *Parvati* and cow asked to the calf that how do you know this, and then calf told that I was the student of *Rishi-muni*, where I lived, there many other *Rishi* doing *tapsya* from thousands of years. I teased them to know that they were alive or not. But *Rishi* give me srap and said go to the animal *Yoni*. But I requested to all *Rishiimuni* then they were kind and said to me you will take the birth from cow *Yoni* and after that, you should take bath in this tank then you will get the acquittal from our srap. However, in the morning Siva, *Parvati*, cow, and her calf took bath in the *somshar* they entered from the western side in the tank and came out from the eastern side. Due to this bath Cow and calf been again white and God Siva also found freedom from the Brahma's skull which was pasted to his hand. Subsequently, this tank called Kapalmochan. According to the *Purana* and epic, God Rama also visited this place with *Seeta* and *Lakshman* and took bath in this holy tank after the Killing of *Ravana* because *Ravan* was a *Brahman* and ram was also guilty of *Brahma-htya*. It is also mentioned that *Pandavas* also came here after the *Mahabharata* war.

### Rin-Mochan

Rinmochantirath is existing near the Kaplmochantirath on the south-east side. It is also very holy ancient and blessing tank like Kaplamochantirath. According to a local belief, who takes the bath in this tank, he gets the freedom to all loan (Rin) like *PitriRin, Guru-Rin, Istri-Rin* etc. In early time its name was Sataya-Narayana *tirath* because SatayanarayanaYajna was organized here so it's identified with Sataya-Narayana. But later on it was known as RinmochanTirtha, a story also behind its modified name that after the end of Mahabharata war Pandavas, Dropdi and God Krishna visited this place and organized a *pittri-rinmuktiyajna* and *pind-dana* after that took bath in this tank for the freedom from relative's hatyaRin because Pandavas killed their relative in the Mahabharata war. They washed their weapon which was used in war. Due to such activities, pandvas got the freedom from All Rina. So it's called Rinmochantirtha. Rama also came here and got the freedom from the *pittri-rina*. After the Bhagwani war, Gurugobind Singh Ji arrived at this place and took bath and stayed here for 52 days. Other many religious legends are associated with this tank. So it's very sacred tank, a lot of people come at here and get the bath and free themselves from their all Rina.

### SurajKund (Sun Tank)

Sun is a very famous deity in Hindu mythology throughout the world from ancient time. One more very important holy tank which knows as SurajKund also exists in the east of Rinmochna *tirtha*, on the right side of Bilaspur to Ranjeetpu road. According to a legend, God Rama came here with Sita, Lakshman, and Hanuman by Pushpakvimana after the killing the Ravna. They took bath in Kapalmochantirtha for acquittal from Braham hatya. Thereafter they built a Kund now which called SurajKund. According to one other myth that in the ancient time this region was known as Sindivana, where Kunti worshiped of Surya and give the birth of epic hero Karana from the blessing of Surya. Now, this tank is renovated in modern style, the very beautiful wide step is made of red sandstone. A stone pillared railing also made in the tank for safety principle. Two 18th century rooms were also erected on the northeastern corner of the tank which were built in arch style roof and *Lakhori* bricks and *chunna* were used for masonry. The villager told a story that here lived a very famous and sidh Baba who was known as *DudhaDhari* baba. A lot of people were come at here for the good blessing of Baba. It is faith that, baba brought the milk from the village in his pot, this milk was not used to finished whole day even after many people take this milk. Now grave of Baba Dudha Dari has also situated on the bank the tank. People come here for the worship.

### Gurudwara Shiree Kpalmochan.

A very beautiful Gurudwara is situated at the northern bank of RinmochanTirtha, Kapalmochn. This Gurudwara was erected in memory of the journey of Gurunanak Dev Ji and Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Both of the Sikh's religious Guru visited this place. Nanak Visited one time when he came back from the Haridwar and Guru Gobind Ji two times. Guru Gobind Ji came here after the won the Bhangini War he stayed 52 days and took bath in Rinmochna and Kapalmochan. Next time he celebrated the Guru Paraw (Nanak Birth Day) on Kartik full moon. In the early time it was constructed with lakhori bricks but later it is renovated inform of 8 angle gurudwara. Two main Darbar Sahib 1st patshahi and 10th Patshahi are built here. A big amount of Sikh and other devotees come here for the celebration of guru-parava and get the blessing. According to archaeological point of view this place is very important because this placed was occupy by the Painted Grey Ware people and early historical and Historical material culture also founds here (Bhan 1975), in addition to that Gupta period inscription also recovered here (Cunningham 1872). During the exploration at this place several early medieval stone sculpture were also come to light (Manoj 2015).

### Conclusion

On the behalf of above said legend, story and archaeological references can say that Kapalmochanisvery old, holy and religious palace right from the ancient period. It was situated on the holy Saraswati River and several temple's remains were found at this place, they are also indicate its holy ness. The tradition of Bath in Kaplmochan tanks is still continue till present due to the burning faith in its sanctity.

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