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The official name of this mosque is "Atala Devi Masjid".

It still stands on the pillars of the Hindu temple that originally stood at this site.

The temple was destroyed and its material was used in the construction of the Mosque. Egyptian?

> Jama Masjid of Jaunpur is regarded as an eye-catching, creative and artistic attraction. It is adorned with Egyptian style engravings. The curves and arches are also skillfully decorated with lotus, sunflower and rose motifs.#Jaunpur #UPNahiDekhaTohIndiaNahiDekha #UmmazingUP pic.twitter.com/Pdq8kv9wa0
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> — UP Tourism (@uptourismgov) October 23, 2020

"The original name of Jaunpur was Yavanapura".

"Even in the 19th century, no Hindu called it by the name 'Jaunpur'".

"The local Sharqi Sultans were great destroyers, and every mosque in Jaunpur was built on an existing Hindu temple"

- Archaeological survey of India report

"There is a Sanskrit inscription dating back to 8th century in the Southern Gate of the Jaunpur's Jami mosque".

"There is at present not ANY trace of old temples standing, for the Muhammadan conquerors did their work of destruction with unusual completeness"

- ASI report

"After destroying Karar Bir temple, Firoz Shah saw Atala Devi temple.

He ordered the temple to be destroyed immediately.

But Hindus violently attacked the workmen & pelted the emperor with stones.

Hindus were initially victorious"

- Tarikh I Jaunpur, translated by Pogson

"But fresh Muslim troops arrived from Jaunpur Capital Zafarabad.

An order for slaughter was issued.

Thousands of Hindu infidels became food to the d0gs of death. The river Gomati ran red with Hindu blo0d. Yet, Hindus did not refrain from fighting" -

Tarikh I Jaunpur

"Seeing as how the Hindus did not stop fighting, the Sultan called for a truce.

The part of Atala Devi temple that was broken would remain so.

It would neither be rebuilt nor damaged further" -

Tarikh I Jaunpur by Khairuddin

"It was then that Sultan Ibrahim ordered the Atala Devi temple to be destroyed and the M0sque built on its foundation"

-Tarikh I Jaunpur.

The construction of the mosque was completed in 1408 CE

The pillars still show the impressions obtained after scraping the idols and carvings

"Egyptian looking" Pillars of the "mosque"."Egyptian looking" mukha mandapam Pillars