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## Have a glimpse of the only wonderful self-styled "Ardhanarishvara Shivlingam"

Born in a Brahmin family in Mahan village, Lakshmi Narayan Das (later known as Pauhari Maharaj - I) took a bath in the Rapti river flowing near the village from his childhood, under a huge peepal tree in the temple premises to worship Lord Shiva.

Used to worship People tell that that Mahakal Bhole Shankar, sitting in the form of Ardhanarishvara, used to give enlightenment to them and the lion used to guard the said place.

Seeing the sage attitude of Lakshmi Narayan Das, his parents tried to tie him into the household life by marrying him, but even after marriage, his routine did not change.

The husband leaving the house early in the morning and coming back home late in the evening started knocking the wife.

One day she reached the place of his sadhana. He was preaching to Lord Shiva Lakshmi Narayan Das. The sermon was disturbed by the presence of his wife and Lord Shiva became the same root.

Since then the said place got fame as the abode of Mahendranath. The Mahendranath temple, the place of knowledge of Pauri Maharaj, was built with stones by Madrasi Baba of Maharashtra about a hundred years ago.

Baba Mahendranath Temple situated in Mahan village, situated in Deoria district, Uttar Pradesh, between Rudrapur and Barhaj area.

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