

PIR-E BANU PARS



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Dedicated to the youngest daughter of King Yazdegerd III, and named after her, Banu Pars is the farthest of the shrines built near the village of Zarju, 115 miles from Yazd. The legend of Banu Pars is tied to a profound miracle involving a blind traveller who had his sight restored. The Princess escaping the pursuing Arabs ran towards the rugged mountains and saw a cow being milked. Desperately thirsty she asked the cowherd to give her some milk but before she could drink it the cow kicked the pail and spilt all the milk. Exhausted and in despair she called out to the mountains to hide her and the mountains opened and took her in and she disappeared forever into the rock.

Years after the princess vanished, a blind man arrived unknowingly at the exact spot where she had vanished. Exhausted from his long journey, he fell fast asleep and as he slept, he dreamt of a beautiful young woman who revealed herself as Banu Pars, the daughter of King Yazdegerd III. She appealed to him to build a sacred shrine in her honour at that very location. When he woke up, he discovered amazingly that his sight was restored, and he immediately vowed to fulfil his promise to build a shrine dedicated to her.