

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD ABOUT THE NOVKA OTA

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It is said that once upon a time, the king of Balkh had a daughter who had no equal in beauty, and her father loved her too much. One day, the king went hunting with his servants. While the bored princess was walking around the flower garden around the palace, she noticed a light in the distance.

When he went, the boiling spring was basking in the sunlight. The thirsty princess filled a handful of water, drank it, and held out her hand again without bleeding. But the spring suddenly disappeared. The girl did not understand the secret of this miracle.

Soon it became clear that the princess was pregnant. When the governor learned about this, his face turned blue. The girl could not convince her father of her innocence. The king ordered the execution of his son. Then one of the palace sages called the father not to sin and warned that the child will not be able to bear the stain.



The king thought for a while and ordered his daughter to be deported. They put him on one camel and sent him away with food and wealth. The girl was persecuted. He spent the night in cities and villages and went on the road during the day. After exactly three months, the girl's pregnant date was approaching.

As if sensing this, the camel crouched down. The princess looked around for help, but no one was in sight. Here, the girl, a girl who knows she will give birth, began to pray to God, asking for safety for her child and herself. Being ashamed, he asked to turn his camel into soil.

The request has been granted. When the camel turned into a soil, the mother gave birth to a son. She took her child in her arms and began to look for water for purification. When he returns, when he can't find it anywhere, water is boiling from the place where his child's fingers touched.

Soon, the soil around the spring's eye was washed away, and stones resembling five fingers were revealed. The woman started



living here with her child. After a long time, a voice came from nowhere: "Put your child in the water." When the mother obeyed this voice and brought her child close to the water, he turned into a fish and fell into the water. Then the woman remembered that her child appeared from a handful of water. Soon, the mother herself was taken to heaven by the angels.

At this time, the uncle of the princess was worried about his niece and set out. He inquired and found the address where the woman and her son were staying. But no one could say where the mother and child disappeared. Hoping that his niece would come, he stayed in this place, dedicated his life to obedience, and improved the surroundings of the spring.



If you go to Novka Ota shrine in Bakhmal district of Jizzakh region, they will tell you this story. In fact, the stones in the spring are reminiscent of the five fingers of a person. We don't know how close the legend is to the truth, but Novka Ota Shrine is one of the greenest corners of our country.

Springs that boil the same amount of water in winter and summer, about a thousand trees such as walnut, almond, maple, mulberry, cherry, apricot, date, peach, alder, white poplar, and blueberry attract people's consciousness in any season of the year. creates an enchanting landscape. The common area of the shrine



It is 1.5 hectares and there are 6 springs in the area.

The eyes of the 5 main springs are located next to each other. Although their distance is on average 1 meter, there is a difference in the water temperature of each spring, that is, the source of the spring on the south side is the

coldest, and the water temperature starts to warm towards the north. Perhaps the reason for this is that the southern side is occupied by steep hills. The spring water is collected in the main, middle and lower basins, and its temperature does not change in winter and summer, it is 18 degrees.

The water in the basins flows in a 5-kilometer stream and improves the life of the village of Novka, which has 1.5 thousand households. The deepest part of the basins of Novka Ota Shrine is 1.5 meters. The villagers consider the fish here precious, so no one touches them. The length of the largest fish reaches 35 centimeters.

The sixth spring in the area is called an orphan and is located 5 meters above the main springs. Its water is much warmer than the following. The water of the orphanage flows from a separate stream, and all the spring waters are combined in the lower basin.

"Pilgrims from all regions of our republic come here," says Pardaboy Hamidov, who lives in the village of Novka Ota. - There is a mosque built a hundred years ago, a two-story recreation area for pilgrims and pilgrims. There is an assumption that the grave in Khanaqah belongs to the uncle of the Balkh princess who improved this place. During the time of the Soviets, the house was demolished, and in the years of independence, it was restored. Our grandfathers said that there was a 20-meter-long cave, and a sword hung on its wall. Those who entered the bottom of the cave heard the roar of the underground river. This cave was also buried during the Soviet period. The soil of the place where the Balkh queen's camel sank is considered a wart. Whoever has a wart will take soil from this place. There is also a belief among the people that the waters of our springs exchange with the waters of "Sa'd ibn Waqqas" in Gallaorol district and Nurota shrines in Navoi region through underground streams. There are several other legends related to these springs, which our people call "Beshpanja(Fivepaw)".



Due to the climate created by the springs, the village of Novka is 1-2 degrees warmer in winter than the neighboring regions, and much cooler in summer. In general, Bakhmal district has a lot of wonderful places like the shrine of Novka Ota, places that remind of the distant past. Only those who come here can feel their true freshness.