

IMAGE GALLERY

Astronomical Observatory

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This photograph was taken at Jantar Man-
tar, one of India's most famous astronomi-
cal observatories, located in Central Delhi.
It was built in 1724 by Maharaja Jai Singh
II of Jaipur, who then went on to build
other observatories in Jaipur, Varanasi, and
Mathura. It was used to make astronomical
tables and predict movements of the planets

and the sun. Its name is derived from *yantra*
meaning instruments and *mantar* meaning
formula.

Due to the construction of several high
rise buildings around the monument, it is
no longer used for astronomical purposes. It
however continues to be one of the biggest
tourist attractions of the capital city.

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