

Mad in South Asia Indigenous Healing Report

Dear All,

We wanted to announce that we published our 4-part report on faith healing/indigenous healing sites in India. Our consultant reporter went to two sites, one Balaji and another in West Bengal, to understand why people visit these sites, what they get out of them, and their overall experience with indigenous healing, more specifically temple healing. We wanted to have a perspective that was neither romanticising nor demonising of these places — just trying to understand service-user perspectives.

Part 1 sets context, but if you want to dig immediately into the findings and stories, part 2 and 3 are the articles you should read. The links are below or alternatively you can just go to madinsouthasia.org and read them all.

Medicine and Miracles:

Part 1: [INSIDE THE BATTLE BETWEEN FAITH AND PSYCHIATRY](#)

Part 2: [SHUNNED BY MEDICINE, SAVED BY FAITH](#)

Part 3: [THEY SPENT THOUSANDS ON TESTS; A TEMPLE FIXED IT FOR RS. 5](#)

Part 4: [STRUGGLING WITH BELIEF](#)

Best,

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