



## EMĀMZĀDA

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**EMĀMZĀDA**, a shrine believed to be the tomb of a descendent of a Shi'ite Imam. In addition to *emānzāda*, such structures are also known as *āstāna* (lit., threshold), *marqad* (resting place, mausoleum), *boq'a* (revered site), *rawza* (garden/tomb), *gonbad* (dome), *mašhad* (place of martyrdom), *maqām* (site/abode), *qadamgāh* (stepping place), and *torbat* (dust, grave).

- i. *Function and devotional practice.*
- ii. *Forms, decorations, and other characteristics.*
- iii. *Number, distribution, and important examples.*