Nalanda district is a part of the Patna division. Nalanda is famous all over the world for the ancient International Monastic University established in 5th century BC, which taught Vedas, Logic, Grammar, Medicine, Meta-Physics, Prose Composition and Rhetoric. Nalanda district is popularly known as Biharsharif. The rivers Phalgu, and Mohane flows through the district of Nalanda. Agriculture is the main source of occupation. Tourism plays an important role in the economy of Nalanda.

INTRODUCTION

The ancient university town of Bihar, goes back to the days of Buddha and Mahavira in the Sixth Century B.C. The town was home to Nalanda Mahavihara, a monastic university of international repute. Both Buddha and Mahavira often stayed at Nalanda during the rainy season. Buddhist scriptures reveal that they once stayed at Nalanda at the same time, but there is no record of them meeting one another. It was a flourishing hub where the philosopher and alchemist, Nagarjuna, studied and taught in the Second Century A.D. However, excavations have not revealed anything to suggest that the site was occupied before the Gupta period (Fifth Century A.D.), the earliest finds being a copper plate of Samudragupta and a coin of Kumaragupta (414-455 A.D.). Fa-Hien who visited in the Fifth Century A.D. makes no mention of the massive monastic establishments at Nalanda. But Hiuen Tsang who came in A.D 637 during Harsha's reign (606-647 A.D.) refers to the great monastery that Harsha endowed with liberal grants.
Biharsharif town is the district headquarters.

Nalanda district spread across 3 subdivisions: Biharsharif, Rajgir and Hilsa.

Nalanda district has been divided into 20 Municipal Blocks:

- Giriyak
- Rahui
- Nursarai
- Harnaut
- Chandi
- Islampur
- Rajigir
- Asthawan
- Sarmera
- Hilsa
- Biharsharif
- Ekangarsarai
- Ben
- Nagarnausa
- Karaiparsurai
- Silao
- Parwalpur
- Katrisarai
- Bind
- Tharthari

Total Number of Panchayats in Nalanda district 249.

Nalanda district has 1084 number of villages.

Agriculture is the main occupation in Nalanda

Rich Paddy Fields, Potato, Onion are major crops produced in the district

Handloom weaving is one of the occupation.

Since the district is a famous tourist destination, tourism plays a vital role in the economy of Nalanda

Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Govt. of Bihar
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<td>Literacy rate</td>
<td>66.41%</td>
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## Geographic

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## Industrial

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*Source: MSME – DI Patna, official website of district*
Nalanda is Buddhist circuit. Because of tourist attraction, there are plenty of opportunities in hotel industry in where much money can be earned from the foreigners.

Nalanda will be center for world tourism particularly after revival of Nalanda University which is on full swing. Here business opportunities are enormous where NRIs can invest and start development process in the state.

**Investment (Rs. Lakh)**

Source: MSME – DI Patna

**INDUSTRIAL PROFILE**

- Nalanda Has huge potentiality in the district for various types of Industries in the field of food and Agro based products.
- Auto Servicing and Agricultural equipments, Technical Consultancy Services, Plumber Works for Hand Pumps and Private ITIs have good potential in Nalanda District
- Potential for new MSME Rice Mill, Potato, Tomato, Corn Flakes and Packaged Drinkaged Water
- The district is well-connected by network of roads and railways, had been a cradle of multiple religious evolutions which is attraction of tourist
## INDUSTRIES AT A GLANCE

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Source: MSME – DI Patna

## MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREA

- Existing industrial area in Nalanda - Biharsharif Industrial Ares, Ramchandrapur Biharsharif
- Land Required – 10.6 Acre
- No. of Plots – 49
- No. of units production - 25
## EXISTING MICRO & SMALL ENTERPRISES AND ARTISAN UNITS

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td><strong>1993.83</strong></td>
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Source: MSME – DI Patna
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY

- Paddy, Potato and onion are major crops produced in the district
- Nalanda is emerging as an export hub of organic vegetables and other agricultural products in the state

HANDLOOM WEAVING INDUSTRY

- People in Nalanda district are involved in handloom weaving
- Weaver Training Centre was established in 1967 to impart training in cotton weaving and dyeing
IDENTIFIED CLUSTERS

Silaw Ka khaja, Silaw
- Principal Products Manufactured in the Cluster- Khaja Sweets
- No. of functional units in the clusters - 31
- Turnover of the Clusters - Rs. 983 lakh
- Employment in Cluster - 152

Leather Shoes and Chappal, Moratalab
- Principal Products Manufactured in the Cluster – Shoes and Chappal
- No. of functional units in the clusters – 35
- Turnover of the Clusters – Rs. 252 Lakh
- Employment in Cluster – 140
- Average investment in plant & Machinery – Rs. 60,000/ unit

Source: MSME – DI Patna

LARGE SCALE INDUSTRY/ PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKING

There are no large scale industry/ public sector undertaking present in the district

- Auto Servicing and Agricultural equipments,
- Technical Consultancy Services,
- Plumber Works for Hand Pumps and
- Private ITIs

- Leather and Non Leather Shoes and Chappal Cluster at Moratalab, Biharsharif
- Silaw ka Khaja, Silaw, Nalanda
- Loha Ka Jhula, Kanhaiganj, Nalanda

- Leather and Non Leather Shoes and Chappal Cluster at Moratalab, Biharsharif and
- Loha Ka Jhula Kanhaiganj Kanhaiganj,
**Railway**

- Well Connected with Railways
- Though Rajgir (12 km) is the nearest railway station to Nalanda yet the nearest convenient rail head is at Gaya 95 km.

**Road**

- Nalanda is connected by good road with Rajgir 12 km, Bodh Gaya 110 km, Gaya 95 km, Patna 90 km, Pawapuri 26 km, Bihar Sharif 13 km etc.

**Airport**

- The nearest airport is at Patna 89 km.
- Airlines connect Patna to Calcutta, Ranchi, Bombay, Delhi and Lucknow
Nalanda was an ancient center of higher learning in Bihar, India

The university attracted scholars and students from as far away as Tibet, China, Greece, and Persia.

The great library of Nalanda University was so vast that it is reported to have burned for three months after the invaders set fire to it, ransacked and destroyed the monasteries, and drove the monks from the site.

In 2006, Singapore, China, India, Japan, and other nations, announced a proposed plan to restore and revive the ancient site as Nalanda International University.

Educational Institutes in Nalanda

- No. of Primary schools – 1521
- No. of Middle schools – 408
- No. of secondary and senior secondary schools – 141
- No. of Colleges - 02
Rajgir, Nalanda and Pawapuri are most important tourist destinations of the district.

Ancient seat of learning - Nalanda University has been revealed and excavated by ASI. Griddhkuta peak in Rajgir is known to attract Buddhists from all over the world.

Pawapuri is known for Mahaparinirvan of Bhagavan Mahavir. Malmas mela of Rajagir attracts Lakhs of persons. Similarly Brahma kund and makdum kund draw a lot of religious tourist every year.

Nalanda ruins, Museum, Huan-Tsang memorial are major center of attraction. Pawapuri jal mandir and shanti stupa along with ariel rope way in Rajgir are most popular tourist sites in Nalanda district.

Every year Rajgir Mahotsav is organised by district administration and tourism department.

Some of the tourist places are as follows:

- **Nalanda University Ruins Archaeological Complex**: The total area of the excavation is about 14 hectares. All the edifices are of the red brick and the gardens are beautiful. The buildings are divided by a central walk way that goes south to north.

- **Nalanda Archaeological Museum**: Opposite the entrance to the ruins of the university and houses, there is a small but beautiful collection of Buddhist and Hindu bronzes and a number of undamaged statues of the Lord Buddha that were found in the area.

- **Nava Nalanda Mahavihara**: Nava Nalanda Mahavihara is devoted to study and research of Pali Literature and Buddhism. This is a new institute, where students from foreign countries also study.

- **Hieun Tsang Memorial Hall**: A new construction in memory of the great Chinese traveler, Hieun Tsang.

- **Rajgir Dance Festival**: Bihar State Tourism Department organizes every year, this colorful festival of classical and folk dances from October 24 to October 26.

- **Chhath Puja**: Chhath puja or sun worship held twice a year in "Vaishakha" (April-May) and in "Kartika" (October - November) in Surya Temple, The Sun temple of Surajpur Baragaon.
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