Begusarai district is one of the thirty-eight administrative districts of Bihar.

Begusarai was notified as a district in 1972 and falls in Darbhanga division. It is a part of the historic Mithila region.

The rivers flowing through Begusarai district are Ganga, Burhi Gandak, Balan, Bainty, Baya and Chandrabhaga.

The name Begusarai originates from the words ‘Begum sarai’ meaning ‘queen’s inn’. The place was so called because the Begum of Bhagalpur used to visit "Simaria Ghat"-a holy place on the northern banks of river Ganga, for pilgrimage.

INTRODUCTION

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Begusarai was a sub-division of the erstwhile Munger district from 1870 to 1972.

Begusarai was called ‘Anguttarapa’ in Buddhist literature Majjhim Nikaya.

There is evidence of continued habitation in Begusarai since the Mauryan period.

Jaimangalgarh and Naulagarh in Begusarai was an important centre of administration, art and culture during the Mauryan and Pala period. Archaeological explorations have revealed that Jaimangalgarh was an important Buddhist center.
Begusarai town is a municipal corporation town and district headquarters of Begusarai district.

Begusarai district comprises of 5 sub-divisions, namely Begusarai, Manjhaul, Ballia, Bakhari and Teghara which is divided into 18 municipal blocks.

- Begusarai
- Manjhaul
- Teghara
- Samho
- Bachhwara
- Barauni
- Bhagwanpur
- Ballia
- Sahibpur Kamal
- Cheria Bariarpur
- Khudabandpur
- Bakhari
- Mansurchak
- Birpur
- Dandari
- Nawkothi
- Garhnpura
- Chhaurahi

Total no. of Panchayats in Begusarai district: 257.
Total no. of villages in Begusarai district: 1229.

Agriculture is the mainstay of the economy. The main cash crops of Begusarai district are oilseeds, aniseed/ tisi, tobacco, jute, potato, red chillies, tomato and rape-seed.

There are no minerals of economic importance.

There are many ancillary industries in Begusarai district, the main being Indian Oil Refinery at Barauni, Barauni Thermal Power Station, Barauni dairy, Bihar Carbon Pvt. Ltd., Neo Carbon Pvt. Ltd., Premier Industries, Graphite India.

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**ECONOMIC PROFILE**

**Source:** Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Govt. of Bihar
### Demographic

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<td>Population</td>
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<td>Population density</td>
<td>1540 per sq. km</td>
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<td>Population growth</td>
<td>26.44%</td>
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<td>894 per 1000 male</td>
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<td>66%</td>
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### Geographic

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| Coordinates          | Latitude: 25°15' to 25° 45' North  
                      | Longitude: 85°45 to 86° 36' East |
| Temperature          | 23° C (Max.)  
                      | 8° C (Min.)               |
| Average rainfall     | 1384 mm                |
| Area                 | 1918 sq. km            |
| Height above sea level| 41 meters              |

### Industrial

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| Registered medium & large units | Medium – 10  
                      | Large - 3               |
| No. of industrial areas       | 01                    |
| Types of industries          | Agro based, wood & wooden based  
                      | furniture, mineral based, electrical  
                      | machinery, repairing & servicing, rubber  
                      | plastic & petro based             |

*Source: MSME – DI Muzaffarpur, official website of district*
- Begusarai has an agrarian economy.
- Food processing industry is a viable option to improve the economy here.
- Huge potential for water treatment plants.
- Potential to develop an eco-tourist centre.

**INVESTMENT**

- There is an industrial complex at Barauni situated on the bank of river Ganga. Barauni industrial town has the potential to become the industrial capital of Bihar.
- The major industries are Indian Oil Refinery, Barauni Thermal Power Corporation, Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation, Barauni dairy, Bihar Carbon Pvt. Ltd., Neo Carbon Pvt. Ltd., Premier Industries, Graphite India, etc. There are also several small industries in the private sector here.

**INDUSTRIAL PROFILE**

![Investment Graph](source: MSME – DI Muzaffarpur)
INDUSTRIES AT A GLANCE

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| Registered medium & large units | Medium – 10
|                             | Large – 3 |
| Estimated avg. no. of daily workers employed in small scale industries | 10 |
| Employment in large and medium industries | 3000 |
| No. of industrial areas    | 01   |

Source: MSME – DI Muzaffarpur

- There are several small industries in Begusarai district:
- **Oil Refinery at Barauni**: It is one of the biggest oil refineries in India. The refinery is managed and controlled by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. The refinery was built in collaboration with Soviet Union at a cost of Rs. 49.40 crore and became functional in 1964.
- **Thermal Power Station at Barauni**: It was established on 26 January 1963. Starting from 15 MW with a unit of (kerosine oil to Coal) 365 MW, it went through different stages of revolutions.
- **Fertilizers**: Chemical fertilizer plant is located at Barauni in Begusarai district. Established in 1967, it is set up in 330 acres of land. The name of the final product is Moti Urea.
- **Barauni Dairy**: Established in 1959, it is a co-operative organisation which markets its product to Kolkata, Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Bokaro, Gaya, Danbad, etc.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREA

- Industrial area at Barauni
- Areas acquired – 8.59 hectares.
- No. of plots – 46.
- No. of units in production – 27.
## EXISTING MICRO & SMALL ENTERPRISES AND ARTISAN UNITS

<table>
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<th>Type of industry</th>
<th>No. of Units</th>
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<td>Agro based</td>
<td>824</td>
<td>3463</td>
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<td>Soda water</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>28</td>
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<td>Cotton textile</td>
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<td>Woolen, silk &amp; artificial thread based clothes</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>24</td>
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<td>Jute &amp; jute based</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>Readymade garments &amp; embroidery</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>160</td>
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<td>Wood/wooden based furniture</td>
<td>386</td>
<td>1930</td>
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<td>Paper &amp; paper products</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>32</td>
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<td>Leather based</td>
<td>88</td>
<td>154</td>
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<td>Chemical/chemical based</td>
<td>170</td>
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<td>Rubber, plastic &amp; petro based</td>
<td>168</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mineral based</td>
<td>450</td>
<td>2564</td>
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<td>Metal based (Steel Fab.)</td>
<td>126</td>
<td>245</td>
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<td>Engineering units</td>
<td>360</td>
<td>486</td>
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<td>Electrical machinery and transport equipment</td>
<td>462</td>
<td>650</td>
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<td>Repairing &amp; servicing</td>
<td>623</td>
<td>900</td>
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<td>Others</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>4212</strong></td>
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*Source: MSME – DI Muzaffarpur*
There is one industrial area.

Total no. of hospitals and health centers: 558.

Total no. of commercial banks and financial institutions: 19

Educational institutions:

- No. of primary schools – 803
  - No. of middle schools – 671
  - No. of secondary and senior secondary schools – 75
  - No. of colleges – 6
  - No. of technical institutions - 1
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY

- The soil is fertile alluvium brought by the Ganga river and its tributaries. Irrigation is also done by tube-wells.
- Major crops are paddy, wheat, maize, gram, peas, oil-seeds such as mustard, aniseed/ Tisi and sunflower, lentils such as Arhar, Urad and Masur.
- Cash crops are oilseeds, tobacco, jute, potato, red chillies, tomatoes and castor seed.
- The district has developed fruit farming like mango, guava, litchi, etc.
POTENTIAL INDUSTRY

Service Industry
• Computer hardware & repairing centers.
• Beauty parlours/saloon.
• Ladies boutiques.

Micro & Small Enterprise
• Agro based products.
• Water treatment plant.
• Readymade garments.
• Restaurants.

Existing Major Clusters
• Nil

IDENTIFIED CLUSTERS

Extraction of oil from Aromatic plant - Begusarai
• Principal products manufactured in the cluster - Aromatic oil
• No. of functional units in the cluster - 28
• Turnover of the cluster - Rs. 35 Lakh
• Employment in cluster - 1025
• Average investment in plant & machinery - Rs. 3 Lakh

Engineering cluster - Barauni
• Principal products manufactured in the cluster - Parts for refinery power plant
• No. of functional units in the cluster - 20
• Turnover of the cluster - Rs. 250 Lakh
• Employment in cluster - 400
• Average investment in plant & machinery - Rs. 20 Lakh

Source: MSME - DI Muzaffarpur
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<td>Identification of Project Profiles, techno-economic and managerial consultancy services, market survey and economic survey reports.</td>
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<td>Land and Industrial shed</td>
<td>BIADA, Patna</td>
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<td>6.</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>Quality &amp; Standard</td>
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TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Railway
- Begusarai is well connected with the rest of the country through railways.
- There are 18 railway stations in Begusarai district.
- Barauni is the main rail head and originating place of many trains.
- New Delhi - Guwahati railway line passes through Begusarai.

Road
- Rajendra Setu/ Mokama bridge on Ganga is road cum rail bridge.
- NH 28 and NH 31 meet at Zero mile also known as Dinkar chowk.
- There are bus services for long distance places by government owned Bihar State Road Transport Corporation.

Airport
- There is a small aerodrome in Ulao.
- Nearest airport is at Patna, 102 km

EDUCATION

- There are many schools and colleges in the district.
- In higher education, Begusarai district ranks among the best in Bihar.
- Some of the schools and colleges are listed below:
  - There are three Kendriya Vidyalaya, DAV schools and schools affiliated to ICSE board, CBSC board and Bihar board.
  - All colleges of Begusarai district are affiliated to Lalit Narain Mithila University Darbhanga.
  - Famous colleges are G.D. College, Co-operative College, Mahila College, etc.
  - For technical studies there are Ramdhari Singh Dinkar Engineering College, Shiv Kumari Ayurvedic Medical college, etc.
Tourist attractions in Begusarai district:

- **Kavar lake bird sanctuary**: Kavar Jheel/ Taal in Manjhaul sub-division is Asia's largest ox-bow lake. This freshwater lake rich in aquatic life is a famous bird sanctuary where rare and endangered species of birds are found. This natural wetland is a resting spot for hundreds of species of domestic and migratory birds. Declared as Kavarjheel Wildlife Sanctuary in 1989, this national protected area is spread over 63 sq. km. Birds from Siberia and Himalayan region can be seen here during winter season. The whole area can be developed as an eco-tourist centre.

- **Jaimangalpur/ Jaimangalgarh**: Situated on the southern flank of Kavar lake, it has religious, archaeological and scenic importance. The topology and the height of the Harsai Stupa found in Jaimanglagarh mounds are archaeologically remarkable. A variety of potsherds such as Northern Black Pottery, Black slipped, burnt, Red ware in the form of heavy storage vessels, water jar, dish, cookware, plate, bowl, pan, etc., have been found here. There is an ancient temple of Goddess Sarvamangala here.

- **Masuriyadih**: This Chaur region created by distributaries of river Ganga such as Deoki, Koyal, etc., has a remarkable landscape and topology. A variety of potsherds, some representing Neolithic culture, have been found here.

- **Naulagarh**: The remains of a fort have been excavated. An enormous intact mound remarkable for its landscape with natural and man-made water channels, has been found here. Various types of pottery have been excavated. A black stone broken sculpture with inscription of Pala period has also been found.
HERITAGE & TOURISM

- **Museum:** Displayed here are stone sculptures of Vishnu, Ganesh, Sun, Buddha, Nandi, etc., from the Pala period, thousands of coins from Mauryan to British period, potteries of different cultural strata, terracotta, manuscripts, etc.
- There are many temples worth visiting such as Kalisthan, Karpuristhan, Ram Janki mandir, Nawlakha temple, Ankurinath temple, etc.
- Simaria village situated in the south-east part of Begusarai district is famous as the birth place of India's national poet Ramdhari Singh Dinkar. Kartika Mela held at Simaria Ghat situated on the northern flank of river Ganga has been recognized as state fair of Bihar.