Bhagalpur district is one of the thirty-eight districts of the state of Bihar, situated in eastern Bihar, with the Ganges flowing across, Bhagalpur is the third largest city of Bihar.

The district is surrounded by Munger, Khagaria, Madhepura, Purnea, Kathiar and Banka districts of Bihar and Godda and Sahebganj districts of Jharkhand.

Bhagalpur district falls within Angika region and language spoken in the region is Angika.

The district has 2340 MW Thermal Power Plant located at Kahalgaon owned and operated by NTPC.

The competitive advantage of Bhagalpur lies in the tradition as a silk weaving center. Bhagalpur occupies the most important part in production of Oak Tassar Silk and its products.

According to Hindu mythology, the name Bhagalpur is derived from “Bhagdatpuram” meaning city of good luck.

Bhagalpur finds reference in the Indian epics Ramayan and Mahabharat.

Bhagalpur formed part of Angika the ancient kingdom of Anga said to be ruled by Kunti’s eldest son, Karna. The temple of Manas-Kamna at Karnagarh in Nathnagar is dedicated to the memory of this generous king.

Cave sculptures indicate that Bhagalpur formed part of the ancient kingdom of Magadh under Emperor Ashoka.

The tomb of Shuja, the brother of Mughul emperor Aurangzeb, reminds one of Bhagalpur’s close association with the later Mughals.

Bhagalpur passed to the East India Company by the grant of the Mughal Emperor Shah Alam II in 1765. Bhagalpur was one of most important trade centers of Bengal Presidency during the British rule.

At Tilkamanjhi chowk in Bhagalpur, Tilkamanjhi, the renowned freedom fighter was hanged by the British.
Bhagalpur city is headquarters of the district.

Bhagalpur district comprises across 7 subdivisions: Birpur, Gopalpur, Pirpainti, Sultanganj, Nathnagar, Bhagalpur, Kahalgaon.

Bhagalpur district has been divided into 16 Municipal blocks:

- Bihapur
- Gopalpur
- Goradih
- Islampur
- Jadishpur
- Kahalgaon
- Kharik
- Naranpur
- Nathpur
- Nathpur
- Naugachia
- Pirpainti
- Rangra chowk
- Sabour
- Sanhoula
- Shahkund
- Sultanganj

Total number of Panchayats in Bhagalpur district 243.

There are 2536 villages in Bhagalpur district.

**ECONOMIC PROFILE**

- The district is having a background in art, skill, industry, agriculture and commerce.
- Primarily the district has an agrarian economy, being dependent mainly on agriculture and small businesses.
- Bhagalpur is famous for production of Silk and Cotton Textile.
- There is a huge potentiality for various types of Industries in Bhagalpur, in the field of food and Agro based products.
- Bhagalpur has the second largest economy in Bihar after the capital city of Patna.
- Bhagalpur is also known as educational hub of eastern Bihar.
- In field of natural resources Bhagalpur has mainly sand and stone available as minerals.

![Per Capita Gross State and District Domestic Product](image_url)

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

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### INDUSTRIAL

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<td>Food processing, general fabrication, mineral water, plastic, card board and service center</td>
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*Source: MSME – DI Patna, official website of district*
Bhagalpur has a strong agricultural background and has achieved commendable growth in this field over the last few decades. Bhagalpur is famous for silk industries, and above 200 small industrial units of silk are established in the district.

Government has established Food Park in Bhagalpur. The largest industrial belt of the district is Barari Industrial Area where 113 industrial units are being operated and Kahalgaon Industrial Area. In Barari Industrial Area, 42 units in food processing, general fabrication, mineral water, plastic, card-board and service centers are functional. Some big industries proposed for future are Cement, Paper Mill, Coca Cola plant, mineral water, etc. Industry type investment is provided in the chart below.

### INVESTMENT

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Bhagalpur district has huge potentiality for various types of industries in the field of food and agro based products.

The silk produced in Bhagalpur is famous for its export quality.

The handloom and power loom of Bhagalpur is famous in India.

The district has Large industrial estate at Barari and Kahalgaon.

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**Source:** MSME – DI Patna
### INDUSTRIES AT A GLANCE

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### MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREA

- **Barari Large Industrial Estate Bhagalpur**
  - 51.35 acre

- **Growth Centre Kahalgaon**
  - 1020.45 acre

*Source: MSME – DI Patna*
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<td>202</td>
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<td>Jute &amp; jute based</td>
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<td>416</td>
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<td><strong>2300</strong></td>
<td><strong>2960.12</strong></td>
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Source: MSME – DI Patna
The thermal power plant of NTPC is situated in Kahalgaon of Bhagalpur district.

The largest industrial belt of the district is Barari industrial Area spread across 51.35 acres and Kahalgaon industrial Area of 1020.45 acres.

The Government of India has established hand-loom park and food park in Bhagalpur.

There are more than 200 small industrial units of silk in Bhagalpur.

Many big industries are proposed like Star Cement, Nalanda Paper Mill, Coca Cola, and water packaging units.

Bhagalpur is famous for its silk and mango.

In two large industrial estates of Bhagalpur there are 42 industrial units, mainly of food processing, general fabrication, mineral water, plastic, card board and service center.
Paddy, wheat, maize, barley, lentils, oil-seeds are the main agricultural crops.
Famous for its mangoes which are one of the best in India and sold all over the country and also exported.
One of the best rice, wheat and vegetable growing area in the state of Bihar.
Major rice producing district and has a thriving rice milling cluster.
Excellent scope for rice mills, food processing industries such as processing of potatoes, tomatoes, maize, wheat, grams, oil seeds, mangoes and groundnuts and agri-waste based industry.
Rice husk, rice hull and rice husk ash are the agricultural waste generated in abundance in the rice producing districts such as Bhagalpur.
Agri-business projects based on agricultural waste have a great potential in Bhagalpur.
The district is producing silk for generations and its silk industry is hundreds of years old.

Famed for its Seri-culture, manufacture of silk yarn and weaving them into finest, lovely export quality products.

The weavers service center was established by the Government of India in the year 1974.

Government has established handloom parks in Bhagalpur.

famous for cotton textile industries where different types of cotton textile are produced on hand looms and power looms.
The largest industrial belt of the district is Barari industrial area and Kahalgaon industrial area.

Super Thermal Power Plant of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) at Kahalgaon which is 35 km from Bhagalpur.

The installed capacity of the Power plant is 2340 MW.

Medium Scale Enterprises
- Bhagalpur Cooperative Spinning mills
- Bihar Spun Silk Mill
- Modern food industries
- Arun Chemical Industries
- Bhagalpur Dairy

Micro & Small Enterprise
- Handicrafts
- Silk Industries
- Furniture
- Electrical
- Farming Equipments

Major Clusters
- Handloom Cluster
- Power Loom Cluster
- Rice Mill Cluster
- Lahathi Cluster

Service Enterprises
- Grill fabrication
- Computer hardware maintenance
- DTP & Screen Printing
- Cyber café
- Repairing of Vehicles etc.

Source: MSME – DI Patna
**Rice Mill Cluster - Jagdishpur**
- Principal products manufactured in the cluster - Arwa rice
- No. of functional units in the clusters - 69
- Turnover of the cluster - Rs. 3450 lakh
- Employment in cluster - 414
- Average investment in plant & machinery - Rs. 10 lakh

**Lahthi Cluster - Sanhola**
- Principal products manufactured in the cluster – Bangles (Lahtli)
- No. of functional units in the cluster – 25
- Turnover of the cluster – Rs. 23 lakh
- Employment in cluster – 100
- Average investment in plant & machinery – Rs. 2.5 lakh

**Handloom Cluster - Bhagalpur**
- Principal products manufactured in the cluster – silk cloth, cotton fabrics, home furnishing items
- No. of functional units in the cluster – 100
- Turnover of the cluster – Rs. 50.5 lakh
- Employment in cluster – 300
- Average investment in plant & machinery – Rs. 0.25 lakh

**Power loom Cluster – Bhagalpur**
- Principal products manufactured in the cluster - shirting fabric, silk cloth, sarees, furnishing items
- No. of functional units in the cluster – 300
- Turnover of the cluster – Rs. 500 lakh
- Employment in cluster – 700
- Average investment in plant & machinery – Rs. 5 lakh

*Source: MSME – DI Muzaffarpur*
TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Railway
- Eastern railway connects Kiul to Burdwan or Howrah
- North Bhagalpur is served by the Barauni-Katihar section of the North Eastern Frontier Railway
- Directly connected with Delhi, Patna, Kolkatta and other major cities of India

Road
- Well connected with Patna
- NH 80 or 81 and NH 31 pass through Bhagalpur district
- NH 31 connects Patna, Guwahati
- NH 81 connects Mokama - Farakka road
- NH 80 to NH 31 connects Vikramshila Setu

Airport
- Nearest airport is at Patna 257 km

Map not to Scale

District Boundary
Major Road
District Headquarters
Taluk Headquarters
Town
Roads
River
Railway Track
Bhagalpur is the educational hub of eastern Bihar having colleges and technical institutions e.g. engineering college, medical college, polytechnic and Govt. ITI.

Ranked next to the Nalanda ancient university is the royal university of Vikramsila, located 40 km east from Bhagalpur.

Silk Institute, Agricultural University, Tilka Manjhi Bhagalpur University, Bihar Agricultural University.

Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College at Bhagalpur, KNH Medical College and Hospital at Mayagunj.

Indian Railways Institute of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, Bhagalpur College of Engineering.

T.N.B. Law College.

There are numerous schools affiliated to Bihar state board, ICSE board and CBSE board, Govt. Intermediate Zila school at Bhagalpur

- Govt. Girls' Inter School at Bhagalpur
- Christ Church Girl's High School
- Sir Syed Urdu School
- Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Boys High School
- St. Joseph School
- Mount Assisi School
- St. Paul's School
- Holy Family School
Heritage of Bhagalpur refers primarily to Architectural, Natural, living and Traditional sites.

Architectural heritage sites include the ancient site of Vikramshila University (Atichak); the Rock Temple (Golgong); the Patalpuri Cave and land adjoining the Bateshwar Cave on the Patharghata Hill (Madhorampur) and the rock sculptures at Patharghata.

The natural heritage includes the River Ganga and four city water bodies; the Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary covering Bhagalpur to Kahalgaon stretch of 55km.

The living and traditional heritage includes the silk industry that has been in existence for last 200 years.

Bhagalpur’s regional festivals are Bihula and Madhu Sravani.

Bhagalpur has various temples like Dudheswara Mahadeva, Venkateswara temple at Naugachia, Manas-Kamna Temple in Nathnagar, Jain temple at Nathanagar, Budha Nath Temple which is an ancient Shiva Temple on the bank of Ganges, Maharshi menhi aashram at Kuppa Ghat on the bank of river Ganges, Ajgaibinath Shiv temple at hillock in Sultanganj.

Mandar hills has a splendid landscape and is a popular picnic spot which abounds in legend of ancient times.
Bhagalpur has a rich heritage in art and painting, one of the famous art is Manjusha.

The name Manjusha is associated with an art form that originated in Anga Pradesh, a popular folklore about a mortal Bihula and snake goddess Mansa, and also a festival dedicated to snake deity Naga which is celebrated in Bhagalpur in the month of “Bhadra”(August).

Manjusha, which means box in Sanskrit, is temple-shaped colorfully painted and decorated box made of bamboo, jute, straw or paper, containing eight pillars, inside which the devotee keeps ceremonial offerings for the puja of Bihula-Vishahari.

Manjushas are illustrated with paintings of Gods, Goddesses and other characters which narrate the lore of how Bihula saved her husband from the wrath of the snake goddess known for her anger when displeased but also her fierce protectiveness when propitiated.

Manjusha art is one of the oldest and historically important art forms,

It is often referred to as snake painting as swirling snakes in the art depict the central character Bihula’s tale of love and sacrifice. Apart from snakes, the other motifs in the paintings are the sun, the moon, fishes, sandal or bamboo.

Manjushas are painted only in three colors – red, yellow, and green. The faces of the characters in Manjusha are always side profile and the eyes and nose are conic.

The demand for Manjusha art has increased in the market but only for the paintings made on paper. Since the last 30-40 years, Manjusha kala has taken the shape of a cottage industry.

In the popular festival of Bihula-Vishahari, women sing “Bihula-Vishahari Gatha” in Angika to propitiate the snake goddess. W.G. Archer an ICS officer posted in Bihar between 1931-48, discovered Manjusha art and carried some Manjusha paintings to the India Office Library in London which became part of the Archer Collection.
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