

JANAKPUR DHAM



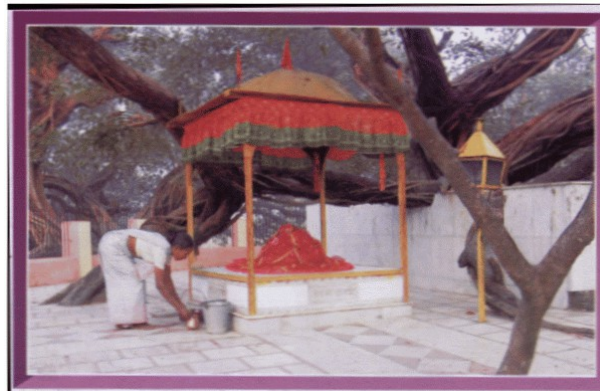
It was the Capital of the kingdom of Raja Janak. "Sita Swayambar" was held here . It is situated in Nepal and is connected by rail from Jaynagar and by road from Sitamarhi and Janakpur Road stations. It is the birthplace of Janaki, or Sita, daughter of King Janak.

Janakpur, historically called Mithilanchal, is the centre of the ancient Maithil culture, which has its own language and script.

SITMARHI



Situated on Darbhanga - Narkatiaganj section is famous for being the birth – place of Goddess Sita. It is also directly connected with Muzaffarpur



MADHUBANI



It is cultural center of Mithilanchal and is famous for its rich cultural heritage and Madhubani paintings. The famous "Shastrartha" with Mandan Mishra and "Adi Guru" Shankaracharya was held in a place near by. Madhubani is also famous for Makhana and sweet water fish. One more thing is Saurath Sabha in which almost every year, during suddha or auspicious days for the settling of marriages, thousands of Maithil Brahmins gather at Sabha Gaachchi in Saurath.



VALMIKINAGAR



Formally known as BHAINSA LOTAN, it is a famous tourist spot where a dam is built on the river Gandak (Gandak Project). For any tourist interested in exploring natural beauty, a visit to the sylvan surroundings of Valmiki Nagar is a must, where the gushing streams of Gandak break the ascetic calm of the Himalayan foothills.

Bhainsalotan is also famous for Valmiki Ashram where Maharshi Valmiki, the author of the Ramayan is said to have passed some years. Lord Shiva temple, constructed by Bettiah Raj and ancient Shiv-Parvati temple is also situated here. It is believed that “Lava” and “Kush” the mighty sons of Lord Ram were born and brought up in the above Ashram.

BHITI HARWA ASHRAM



It is a village at about 17 Km from Narkatiaganj Station where Gandhiji started his freedom movement that came to be known as 'Champaran Satyagraha' in India history. Bhitiharwa Ashram was originally known as Kasturba Sewa Kendra, it was inaugurated by Mahatma Gandhi on 20th November 1917 as a basic school to share knowledge with tribal women and girls. later it was hub for freedom fighter.

LAURIA NANDANGARH



It is a village about 14 km from 28 km from Bettiah. The village draws its name from a pillar (laur) of Ashoka standing there and the stupa mound Nandangarh (variant Nanadgarh) about 2 km southwest of the pillar. About one kilometer east of Nandangarh in Lauria block is the lion pillar of Ashoka, over 2300 years old and is in excellent condition. Its massiveness and exquisite finish furnish striking proof of the skill and resources of the masons of Ashokan age.

KATYAYANI ASTHAN

It is situated on the bank of river Koshi, between the stations Badlaghat and Dhamaraghat on Mansi-Saharsa rail line. Temples of Ma Katyayani , as well as of Ram, Lakshman and Ma Janaki is situated at this place. Every Monday and Friday , large number of devotees come to this place for offering puja. As per the local folk traditions, Ma Katyayani is worshiped as Lok Devi- Devi of Milk Cattles. That is why devotees offer raw milk to the deity.



SINGHESWAR ASTHAN



It is a famous pilgrimage of lord Mahadeo in the country. It is situated at a distance of 8 km from Madhepura and about 30 Km from Saharsa Station and is renowned for its historical and religious importance. Here Devotes not only from Bihar but also from other parts of the country including the neighboring country Nepal come to singheshwar sthan for the worship of lord Shiva. Mahashivratri mela of singheshwar sthan is famous in Bihar and Nepal also.

KANWAR JHEEL

Kawar Taal, about 22 km northwest of Begusarai town, is considered one of South Asia's largest freshwater lakes. Ecologically, it is one of the most important wetlands in the state, hosting 106 species of resident birds and providing a nesting ground for 59 species of migratory birds. In addition, the wetland supports a large number of flora and fauna round the year.

