

GENERAL INFORMATION

- INTRODUCTION**

Samastipur Division, one of the five divisions of EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY, came into existence in the year 1969, is situated on the bank of Budhi Gandak river. Samastipur town is also a district headquarter, comprising of many sections of old Oudh Tirhut Railway apart from being a centre of rich cultural heritage of Mithila region.

Samastipur division serves 15 densely populated Districts of North Bihar with a multi-gauge network comprising of both Broad-gauge and Metre-gauge. On the north side, the Division borders with Nepal. Raxaul, Jaynagar and Laukaha Bazar are important rail-heads for Nepal-bound traffic.

- PLACES OF TOURIST IMPORTANCE**

Samastipur division covers a number of tourist places of historical importance. Some of these are:

<p style="text-align: center;">Sitamarhi</p>  <p>Situated DBG-NKE section is famous for being the birth place of Goddess Sita. It is also directly connected with Muzaffarpur</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Madhubani:</p>  <p>It is a 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 nearby</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JANAKPUR DHAM</p>  <p>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 Maithili culture, which has its own language and script.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Darbhanga</p> 	<p>It is Commissionary town having two universities viz. Sanskrit University and Lalit Narayan Mithila University. Several palaces of ancient king and temples are of tourist interest are available here.</p>	
	<p>Valmikinagar: There is "Valmiki Ashram" near Valmiki Nagar station in the name of Maharshi Valmiki. It is believed that "Lava" and "Kush" the mighty sons of Lord Rama were born and brought up in the above Ashram. Also famous for Tiger Project.</p>	

West Champaran



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अशोक स्तम्भ, लौरिया



भितिहरबा आश्रम

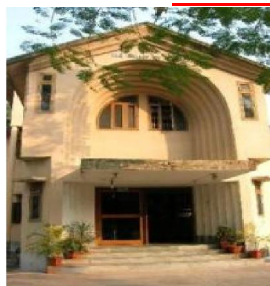


With district headquarters at Motihari. "**Ashoka Stambha**" of King Ashok era is worth seeing at Louria and Bodh Stup, Nandangarh near Narkatiaganj. This district is also famous for **Bhitiharva Ashram**. **Bhitiharva** is a village at about 17 Km from Narkatiaganj Station where Gandhiji started his freedom movement that came to be known as 'Champaran Satyagraha' in India history. Bhitiharva 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. **Mahatma Gandhi had launched the Non-co-operation movement** in India for the first time from here. During this period he stayed at **Bhitiharva Ashram** which is now served with a Halt station near Narkatiaganj in Narkatiaganj - Bhikhnathoree MG section.

East Champaran



अशोक स्तम्भ अरेराज



गाँधी स्मृति स्तम्भ एवं संग्रहालय एमोतीहारी



नेपाल प्रवेशमार्ग

With district headquarters at Motihari. "**Ashoka Stambha**" of King Ashok era is worth seeing at Areraj, Gandhi Memorial Statue and Museum at Motihari. Raxaul entry point of Nepal is also situated in this District.



सिंहेश्वर स्थान मधेपुरा

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.



कात्यानि मंदिर धमाराघाट

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE DIVISION

GEOGRAPHY & HISTORY

Date of Beginning	:	1969
Situated	:	On Bank of Budhi Gandak
Region	:	Mithilanchal
Districts Served	:	15 Nos.
Sequence wise Governing Railway		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Tirhut State Railway (TSR)▪ Bengal Nagpur Western Railway (BNWR)▪ Oudh Tirhut Railway (OTR)▪ North Eastern Railway (NER)▪ East Central Railway (ECR)
Major Rivers		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Kosi▪ Bagmati▪ Budhi Gandak▪ Kamla Balan▪ Adhwara Group▪ Lakhandeyee▪ Sikrana
Nepal Border Heads		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Raxaul▪ Jaynagar▪ Laukha Bazar▪ Forbesganj▪ Bairgania▪ Raghampur
Tourist Place		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sitamarhi : Birth place of Goddess Sita.▪ Jankapur road : Sita Swayambar▪ Madhubani : Madhubani painting▪ Darbhanga : Postal Trg.Institute▪ Valmiki Nagar: Valmiki Ashram and Tiger century.▪ Champaran : Ashoka Stambh at Lauria▪ Bithiharwa Ashram : Non-Co-operation movement in India launched by father of nation, M.K.Gandhi.

- BACKGROUND**

Samastipur division serves 15 densely populated districts of North Bihar comprising East Champaran, West Champaran, Shivhar, Sitamarhi, Madhubani, Darbhanga, Samastipur, Muzaffarpur, Khagaria, Begusarai, Saharsa, Supaul, Madhepura, Araria and Purnea.

- TRACK/ROUTE KILOMETRES :**

Particulars	BG	MG	Blocked for GC	Total
Route Kilometers	788.13	184.24	159.76	1132.13
Track Kilometers	872.75	237.95	192.55	1303.25

- NUMBER OF BRIDGES :**

Type	BG	MG	Total
Important Bridges	14	01	15
Major Bridges	169	100	269
Minor Bridges	642	434	1076
Total	825	535	1360

- LEVEL CROSSINGS :**

Gauge	Class						Total
	Spl.	A	B	C (Manned)	C (Unmanned)	D	
BG	11	16	45	277	256	0	605
MG	2	4	11	56	233	9	315
Total	13	20	56	333	489	9	920

- TRACK STRUCTURE :**

Section	Rail					Sleeper				
	52 Kg	90R	75R	60R	Total	PSC	CST-9	ST	Wooden / Mix	Total
BG	788.13	00	00	00	788.13	788.13	00	00	00	788.13
MG	0	31.34	49.5	103.4	184.24	0	107.88	19.1	57.26	184.24
Blocked for GC	-	-	-	-	159.76	-	-	-	-	159.76
Total	788.13	31.34	49.5	103.4	1132.13	788.13	107.88	19.1	57.26	1132.13