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BIHAR FACTSHEET

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Government	
• Governor	Phagu Chauhan
• Chief Minister	Nitish Kumar (JD(U))
• Legislature	• Bicameral • Legislative Council 75 • Legislative Assembly 243
• High Court	Patna High Court



PHAGU CHAUHAN
GOVERNOR



NITISH KUMAR
Chief Minister

History

- Regions of Bihar – such as Magadha, Mithila and Anga – are mentioned in religious texts and epics of ancient India.

Mithila gained prominence after the establishment of the Videha Kingdom. During the late Vedic period (c. 1100–500 BCE), Videha became one of the major political and cultural centers of South Asia, along with Kuru and Pañcāla.

- The Haryanka dynasty, founded in 684 BC, ruled Magadha from the city of Rajgriha (modern Rajgir). The two well-known kings from this dynasty were Bimbisara and his son Ajatashatru. Ajatashatru founded the city of Pataliputra which later became the capital of Magadha.
- The Mauryan Empire, which originated from Magadha in 325 BC, was founded by Chandragupta Maurya, who was born in Magadha. It had its capital at Pataliputra (modern Patna). Mauryan emperor Ashoka, who was born in Pataliputra (Patna), is often considered to be among the most accomplished rulers in world history.



Sher Shah Suri

(Find out which great road was built by him and what concept did he introduce in the currency system? Also find out where did he die.)

- After the fall of the Pala Empire, the Chero dynasty ruled some parts of Bihar from the 12th century until Mughal rule in the 16th century. In 1540, the great Pathan chieftain, Sher Shah Suri, took northern India from the Mughals and declared Delhi his capital.

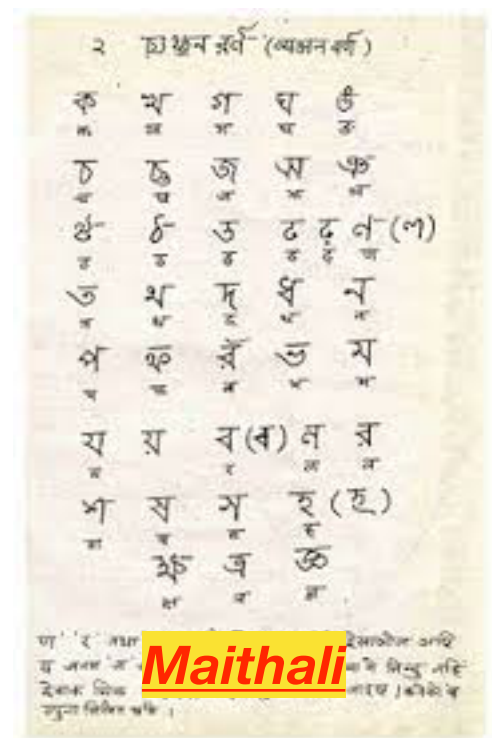
- The tenth and the last guru of Sikhism, Guru Gobind Singh, was born in Patna in 1666. With political instability in the Mughal Empire following Aurangzeb's death in 1707, Murshid Quli Khan declared Bengal's independence and named himself Nawab of Bengal.



◀ Kalidasa's Abhigyanam Shakuntala which was probably written in Bihar's Mithila.

Fact Sheet

State Day	22 March
Geographical Area	1,102 km ²
Capital	Patna
Official Language	Hindi, Maithili, Urdu
State Animal	Ox (Gaur)
State Bird	House Sparrow
State Flower	Marigold
State Tree	Peepal



FESTIVALS

There is one festival which is uniquely associated with Bihar. This festival is called *Chhath*. *Chhath Puja*, a three- day celebration, which takes place after Diwali, is dedicated to the Sun God and his wife Usha to thank them for sustaining life on earth and for granting wishes. This festival is observed by people all over Bihar, Jharkhand, eastern Uttar Pradesh and parts of Nepal with much fervour.



GEOGRAPHY

A one of a kind Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin sanctuary was set up in Bihar in 1990, to protect the Gangetic Dolphin. Karkatgarh Waterfall on Karmanasa River is a natural habitat of crocodiles. In 2016, the government of Bihar has accepted the proposal of the forest authorities to turn the place into a Crocodile Conservation Reserve (CCR). Other notable wildlife sanctuaries include Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhimbandh Wildlife Sanctuary and Gautam Buddha Wildlife Sanctuary.



CULTURE AND ARTS

There are several traditional styles of painting practiced in Bihar. One is Mithila painting (also called Madhubani), a style used in the Mithila region of Bihar. Traditionally, this form was practiced mainly by women, passed down generation to generation. Painting was usually done on walls during festivals, religious events, births, marriages, and other cultural milestones.



Gaya is a centre of classical music, particularly of the Tappa and Thumri varieties. Pandit Govardhan Mishra – son of the Ram Prasad Mishra, himself an accomplished singer – is perhaps the finest living exponent of Tappa singing in India, according to Padma Shri Gajendra Narayan Singh, founding secretary of the Sangeet Natak Academi of Bihar



PLACES TO VISIT

Gautama Buddha attained Enlightenment at Bodh Gaya, a town located in the modern day district of Gaya in Bihar. Vasupujya, the 12th Jain Tirthankara was born in Champapuri, Bhagalpur. Vardhamana Mahavira, the 24th and last Tirthankara of Jainism, was born in Vaishali around the 6th century BC.



Bodh Gaya



Sher Shah Suri Tomb in sasarem Bihar

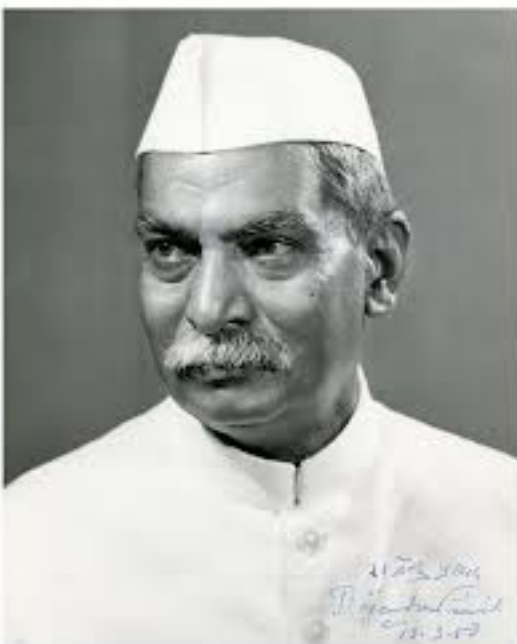
EDUCATION

Historically, Bihar has been a major centre of learning, home to the ancient universities of Nalanda (est. 450 CE), Odantapurā (est. 550 CE) and Vikramashila (est. 783 CE). Bihar saw a revival of its education system during the later part of the British rule, when Patna University, the seventh oldest university of the Indian subcontinent, was established in 1917.



Nalanda University

PERSONALITIES



**Rajendra Prasad -
1st President of India**



**Shivsagar Ramgulam-
1st prime Minister of
Mauritius**



**Jagjivan Ram,
Former Deputy PM of
India**



**Meira Kumar
Former speaker of Lok
Sabha and was the
candidate for Presidential
elections of UPA in 2017,**



**Ravi Shankar Prasad
Present Cabinet member,
Minister of law and Justice.**



**Girija Prasad Koirala
Former Prime Minister of
Nepal.
Also Head of state of Nepal
after the fall of Monarchy in
2007.**