## Silao

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This crispy Khaja is an absolute 'must eat' item that is an exclusive speciality of Silao, a village on the way to Nalanda from Rajgir. It is impossible to miss the sweetmeat shops on both the sides of the Highway, selling the heaps of the Khajas. The subtle sweetness of this delicious Khaja melts in the mouth with the fine crumb of crispiness.

## Nepura Village

Traditionally reputed for its handicraft and weaving, this village is now become for the local craftsmen. The present Bihar Govt. Is setting up craft centres to the traditional craftsmen to showcase their skill to the tourists.





## Rajgir

Holding a sterling position in the Indian Cultural Calendar, Rajgir M of Indian instrumental music, devotional songs, opera, folk dance, I their own realms of accomplishments, creating an almost ethereal

The Rajgir Mahotsav (Festival), which was earlier known as Rajgir Bindeshwari Dubey had inaugurated the festival in Swarna Bhadar K. L. Bhagat and other dignitaries.

The Tourism Department sponsored festival continued till 1989. It wit is an annual event in the calendar of Bihar Tourism Department. Win the last few years, the festival has become a favorite event for do Ghora Katora Lake, Pandwa Pokhara etc., and the renovation of var organised at a more accessible Qila Maidan in the backdrop of Ramehendi contest, mahila utsav, food plaza, gramshree mela etc. international repute. Noted artists like Hema Malini, Sonal Mansi Talat Aziz have already performed during Rajgir Mahotsav ealier.

## Mala Masa-Mela

Mala-Masa the extra month in lunar calendar is also called Purushottam masa as blessed by Sri Krishna, the Purushottma as "Whoever performs sat-karmas (good deeds) in this month, their misery will be eradicated by these sat-karmas. Those who perform penance in this month will conquer their indrivas (senses). Whereas by performing sat-karmas in other months one attains Swarg (Heaven), and also returns (to earth) after their depletion, performing them in Purushottama Mas will totally eradicate punarjanma (cycle of rebirth). This month is not suitable for personal rituals so the outdoor religious activities have become a tradition. At Rajgir, the Mala Masa-Mela is a very popular festival.





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