

East Champaran

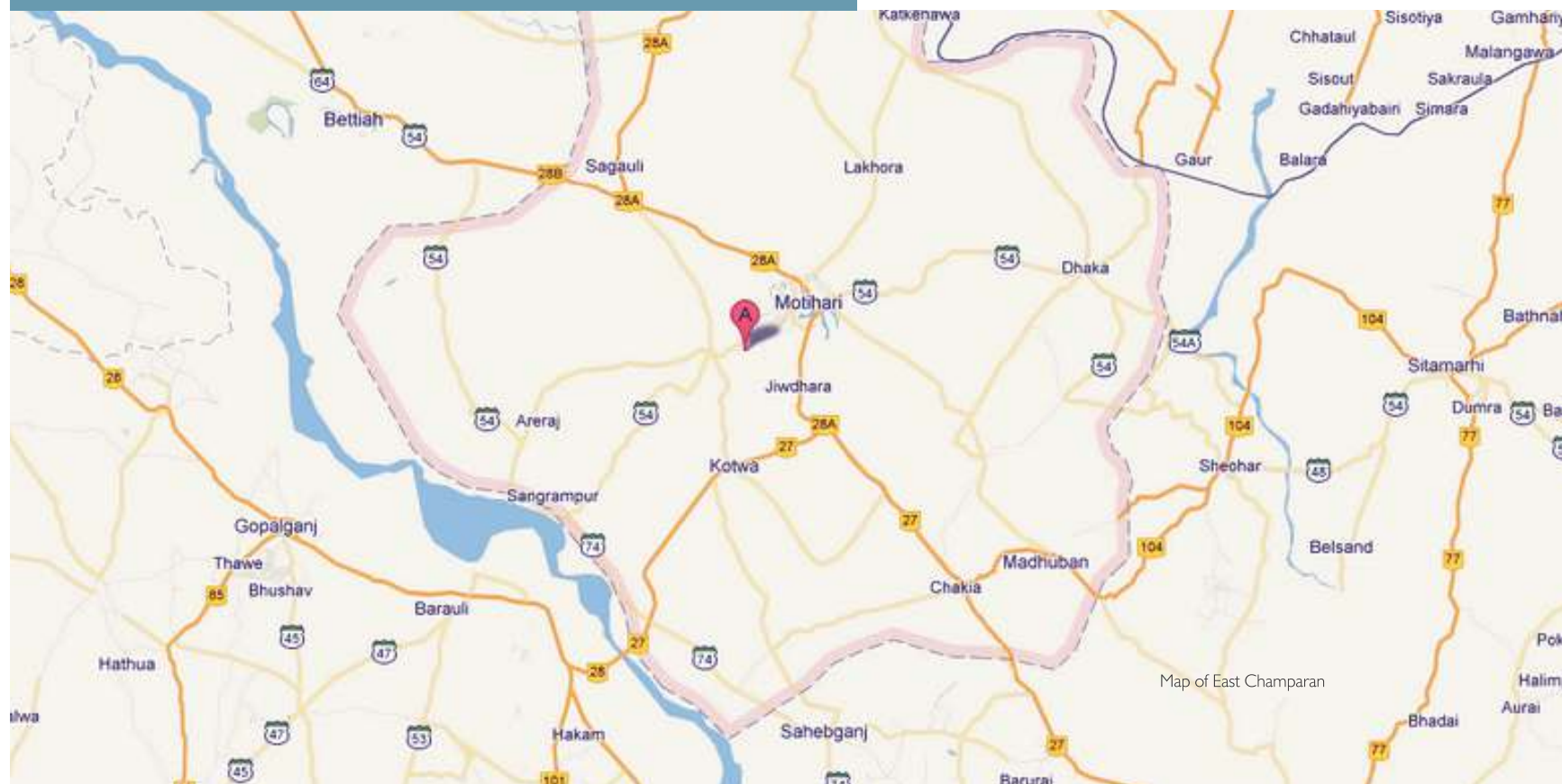


District	: East Champaran
Commissionery	: Tirhut
Headquater	: Motihari
Sub-Division	: Motihari Sadar, Sikharna, Raxaul, Areraj, Chakia
Population	: 30,43,061 (31 Lacs)
Area	: 3,968 Sq. Km.
Sea Level	: 113 Meter
Temperature	: Summer – 48° C - 20° C Winter – 28° C - 2° C
Rainfall	: 186 cm.
Best Season	: November - February
Road Distance	: 160 Km away from Bihar's capital Patna.
Rail Route	: Nearest Railway Station - Chakia Main Railway Station - Patna, Hajipur
Air Connectivity	: Nearest Airport at Patna



Archeological Sites

- Lauriya Areraj
- Ashokan Pillar
- Kesaria Stupa



Map of East Champaran

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Champaran District was created in 1866. On 1 December 1971 it was split into two districts: Paschim Champaran and Purbi Champaran. The headquarters of Purbi Champaran district is at Motihari. Purbi Champaran consists of six subdivisions and twenty-seven blocks.

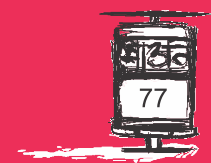
In the prehistoric period, Champaran constituted a part of the ancient kingdom of Videha. The Aryan Videhas settled east of the Gandak or Narayani river. Among the greatest of the Videha kings was Sirdhwaj Janak, an erudite scholar as well as the temporal and spirutal lord for his subjects. Yajnavalkya was his chief priest who codified the Hindu law known as Yajnavalkya Smriti. Both of his wives Gargi and Maitreyi were renowned scholars.

ASHOKAN PILLAR, LAURIYA, ARERAJ



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About one kilometer east of Nandangarh in Lauria block is the lion pillar of Ashoka, over 2300 years old and is in excellent condition. This pillar is 35 feet in height and its base diameter is 35 inches and upper diameter is 22 inches. Its massiveness and exquisite finish furnish striking proof of the skill and resources of the masons of Ashokan age.



KESARIA STUPA

Situated: 160 kms away from Bihar's capital, Patna, on Chakia-Sahebganj Road, at a distance of 35 km southwest from district headquarter Motihari.

Significance: a giant structure that glows orange under the sun; thus named 'Kesaria' (Saffron), it is made in millions of old bricks and is an enchanted place to find peace, bliss & meditate. The boldness of the structure reminds us of our strength & glory and re-finds it.

Kesariya stupa is world's largest excavated stupa.

buddha is calling



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*“If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly,
our whole life would change.”-Buddha*

Other Important Stupas in Bihar (in the memory of the Buddha)

*There are several other stupas built by different dynasties (1st Century BC – 2nd Century AD)
in the memory of major incidents of the Buddha's life.*

- 1 – Kolhua Buddha Stupa, (in the memory of main disciple Anand of the Buddha,
by Republic of Licchavis) in Kolhua, Vaishali.*
- 2 – Amrapali Stupa (in the memory of one of the followers the great dancer Amrapali of Magadh
dynasty in Tola-Dargaah village, Vaishali.*
- 3 – Sujata Stupa – (in the memory of a major incident before the enlightenment –
built and developed by three dynasties) in Bodh Gaya, Gaya.*
- 4 – Sariputra Stupa (in the memory of one of the main disciples of the Buddha)
near the Nalanda University ruins area.*