

# *West Champaran*

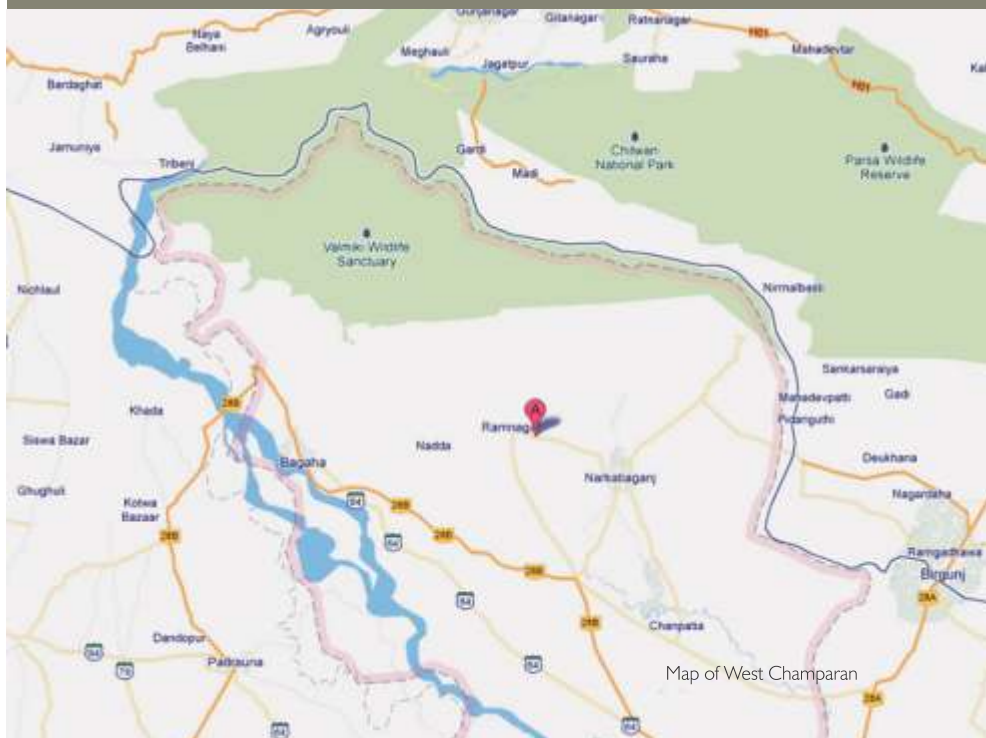


District : West Champaran  
 Commissionary : Tirhut  
 Headquater : Bettiah  
 Sub-Division : Bettiah, Bagaha, Narkatiaganj  
 Population : 23,33,666 (23 Lacs)  
 Area : 4,249.90 Sq. Km.  
 Sea Level : 113 Meters  
 Temperature : Summer – 48°C - 20°C  
 Winter – 28°C - 2°C  
 Rainfall : 186 cm.  
 Best Season : November - February  
 Road Distance : 204 Km away from Patna.  
 Rail Route : Nearest Railway Station - Bettiah  
 (Muzzaffarpur - Narkatiaganj rail route)  
 Main Railway Station - Patna, Hajipur  
 Air Connectivity : Nearest Airport at Patna



## Archeological Sites

- Anoma River
- Sahodara Asthan
- Archaeological Sites:
- Ashokan Pillar Lauriya Nandangarh
- Ashokan Pillar (Rampurva)
- Stone Cave of Hetu Kunwar





# WEST CHAMPARAN

Champaran is a historic region which now forms the East Champaran district, and the West Champaran district in Bihar. It is a part of Tirhut Division. The district headquarters are located at Bettiah. Champaran was part of erstwhile Mithila under celebrated King Janak.

## ANOMA RIVER

The Anoma River bank (present Harbora River) where the Buddha reached as Siddhartha, discarded his royal attire and chopped off his princely locks to embrace the ascetic journey for searching the solution of human suffering.



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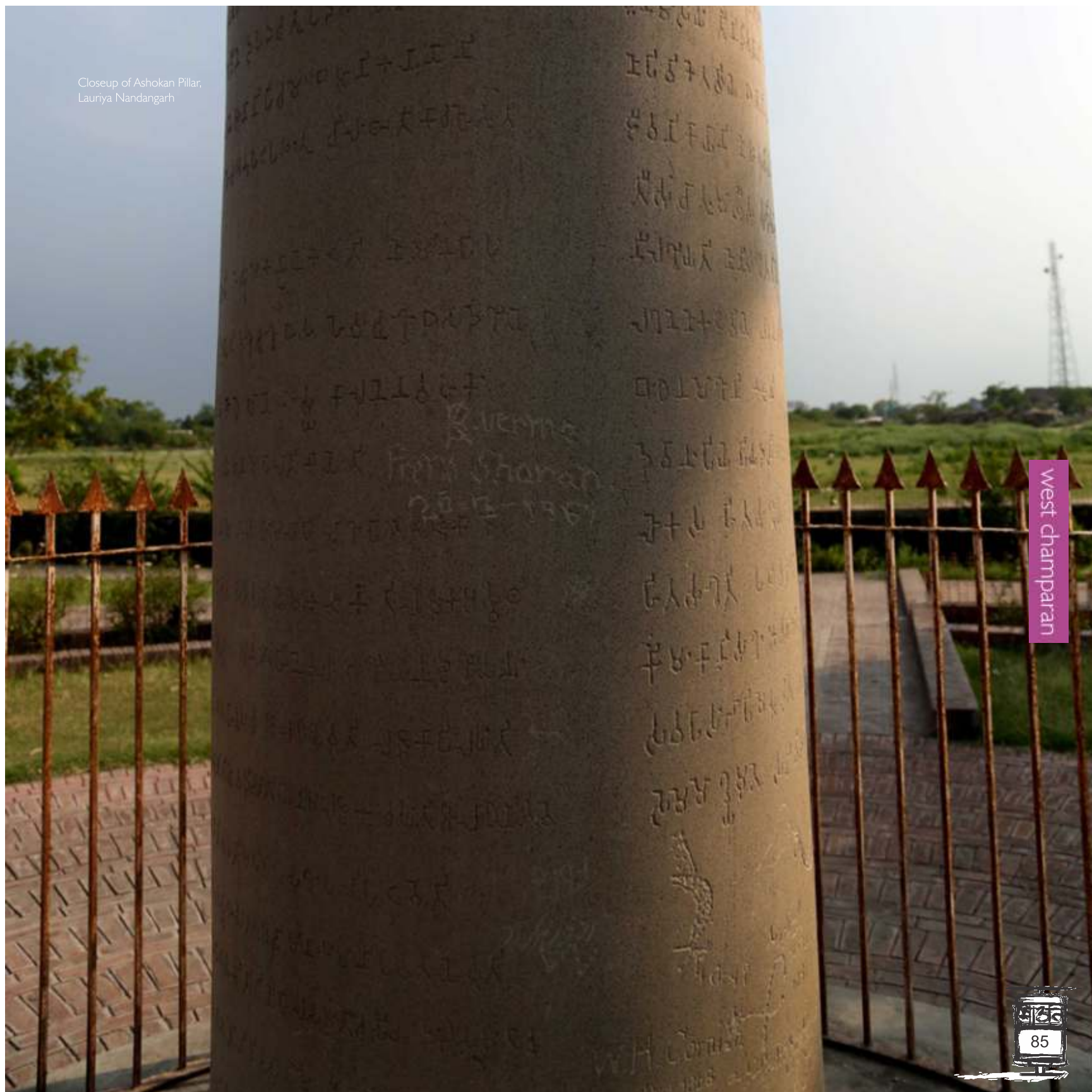
## ASHOKAN PILLAR, LAURIYA NANDANGARH

*Situated: 25 km North-West from Bettiah,  
3 km West on Valmiki Road.*

Significance: This monolithic red sandstone pillar has an East facing, life sized lion at its capita. This is one of the rare & standing Asokan Pillar and measures 32'9" high, 3' 9" at its base and 26' 9" at top diameter. Asokan edicts are engraved on this Pillar.



Closeup of Ashokan Pillar,  
Lauriya Nandangarh



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## BUDDHIST STUPA, NANDANGARH

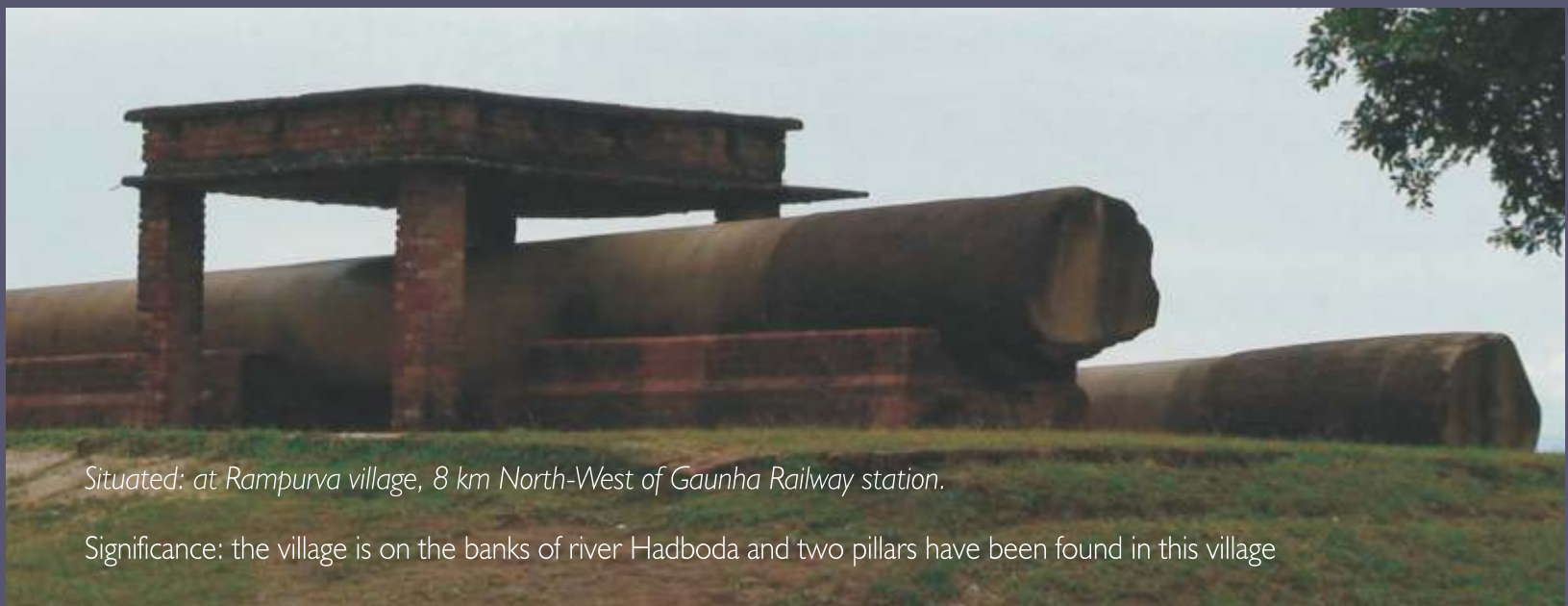
*Situated: 25 km North-West of Bettiah, 3 km west on Valmiki Road.*

Significance: Spread across an area of 6000 square metres, it is considered to be one of the biggest Stupa, among the Stupas found in the country.



buddha is calling

## ASHOKAN PILLARS, RAMPURVA



*Situated: at Rampurva village, 8 km North-West of Gaunha Railway station.*

Significance: the village is on the banks of river Hadboda and two pillars have been found in this village



*“In the sky, there is no distinction of east and west;  
people create distinctions out of their own minds and  
then believe them to be true.”*  
-Buddha

## *Ashokan Pillars*

*Five Ashokan pillars situated in Bihar. The edicts  
inscribed on the pillars which are the verdicts of Ashoka,  
setting forth objectives and rules. Out of the several pillars built by him only  
nineteen pillars with the edicts survived. The pillars were made in  
red sand stones and carried at Chunar, a place at the south of Varanasi.  
These pillars were later carried to the places wherever they were supposed to be erected.*

- 1 - Ashokan Pillar in Kolhua, Vaishali,*
- 2 - Ashokan Pillars- (two) in Rampurva, West Champaran,*
- 3 - Ashokan Pillar in Lauria Nandangarh, West Champaran,*
- 4 - Ashokan Pillar in Areraaj, East Champaran.*

# WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE **BUDDHA**

**DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2014**

Come, be a part of Dhammayatra from Jethian To Rajgir

**Be a Part of This Historical Journey**



The landscape of Bihar is traversed with pilgrimage routes connecting important places associated with the life and events of the Buddha and his disciples.

The path through the valley connecting Rājgir with Jethian was once an important pilgrimage path connecting Indrasailaguhā (also Indasālaguhā, present day Pārwati), Rājgriha, Yasthivana (present day Jethian), Tapovana and Sambodhi (Bodhgayā). This 'Buddha Path' from Rājgriha (Rājgir) to Yasthivana (Jethian) is now ready for the devouts of the teachings of the Buddha who would like to take this spiritual journey and earn immense merits by travelling on the "Buddha Path".

Total Distance : 14 Kms

Start Time : 12:30 PM, 13th Dec, 2014

Starting Point : Supatitthya Cetiya, Jethian

Ending Point : Veluvana (Bamboo Groove), Rajgir



**BUDDHAM SHARNAM GACCHAMI**

**DHARMAM SHARNAM GACCHAMI**

**आपकी यात्रा मंगलमय है !**

**THANK YOU !**

**VISIT AGAIN.**