



Development Projects Inaugurated in Nalanda

Why in News?

The **Chief Minister of Bihar inaugurated** and laid the foundation stone of a total of 263 development projects worth Rs 820.72 crore in **Nalanda** during his **Pragati Yatra**.

Key Points

- **Major inaugurations and foundation stone laying**
 - These development projects include the inauguration of 177 projects worth Rs 361.66 crore and the laying of the foundation stone of 86 projects worth Rs 459.05 crore.
- **The major projects are as follows:**
 - **Inauguration of pond and library:** During this, he inaugurated the pond, beautiful park and air-conditioned digital library built under [the Amrit Sarovar Yojana](#) in Naanand village of Silav block .
 - **Samajik Utthan Park** : Constructed at a cost of Rs 19-22 lakh, instructions to keep it clean
 - [Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana](#) : Handed over newly constructed houses (with electricity, water and gardening facilities) to 12 Mahadalit families
 - Providing financial support to [Jeevika sisters](#).
 - [Rajgir Kund Complex](#) : Inauguration of the newly constructed Yatri Vishram Bhawan
 - **Benar-Saksohra Road** : Widening and Strengthening
 - **Fish Hatchery** : Inspected
- **Local playground** : inspection, players provided with blazer balls and sports kits
 - Interaction with beneficiaries of **Samajik Bhavan, Work Shed and Child Welfare Scheme**
- **Future Projects**
 - Construction of **Dinosaur Park in Rajgir**
 - **Panchane Irrigation Scheme** : Restoration and Development
 - Establishment of [Agricultural Research Center](#) in Sarmera

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Nalanda district

▪ Introduction:

- Nalanda is a major district of Bihar whose headquarters is Bihar Sharif . Its area is 2,355 square kilometers (909 sq mi).

▪ Historical Significance:

- Nalanda is **world famous for its ancient history.**
- The remains of the world's oldest **Nalanda University** are still located here.
- **Buddha and Mahavira** stayed at Nalanda several times.
- Mahavira **attained salvation in Pavapuri (Nalanda)** .
- Shariputra , the chief disciple of Buddha, was born in Nalanda .
- The famous **Chinese traveller Hiuen Tsang** spent a year here in the 7th century.

▪ Tourist Spots:

- Ruins of Nalanda University
- **Nalanda Museum**
- Hieun Tsang Memorial Hall
- Rajgir (Hot water springs – Brahmakund, Saraswati Kund, Langate Kund)
- Pavapuri (place of Mahavira's nirvana)

▪ Major rivers:

- Falgu
- Charm

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