



# Xavier University

## Why in News?

On 29 March 2025, the **Chief Minister of Bihar** inaugurated the **Xavier University** located on 36 acres in Patna, Bihar.

## Key Points

### ▪ About Patna:

- **It is the capital** and largest city of Bihar .
- This ancient city is situated on the southern banks of [the Ganga](#) .
- Patna has been a centre of **administration, education, [tourism](#), historical heritage, religion, spirituality, and culture** .
- **Demographics (2011 census):**
  - **Total Population** : 58,38,465 (Male – 30,78,512, Female – 27,59,953)
  - **Population growth rate** (2001–2011): 23.73%
  - **Density:** 1,800 km<sup>2</sup>
  - **Literacy rate** : 70.68% (Male – 78.48%, Female – 61.96%) Official language: **Hindi** .
  - Other spoken languages: **English , Urdu , Bengali , Oriya** .
  - Local dialect: **Magahi , Bhojpuri , Maithili** .

### ▪ History:

- The **old name of Patna was Pataliputra or Patalipattana**, which is found in history before 600 BC .
- [Chandragupta Maurya](#) made his capital here in the 4th century AD.
- **Ajatashatru** laid the foundation of Pataliputra, which later developed as **Patna** .
  - **In Greek history** it was called Patalibothra.
- **Great rulers like [Emperor Ashoka](#) , Chandragupta Maurya , and Samudragupta** ruled from this city.
  - The famous travellers [Fa-Hien](#) (3rd AD) and **Xuanzang** (7th AD) visited the city and wrote **extensively** about its governance and society.
  - **Scholars like [Kautilya](#)** also lived here and wrote important works like **Arthashastra** .
- In **1703 AD**, **Prince Azim-e-Shan** was made the governor of Patna and he gave it a modern look and named it Azimabad, but among the general public it remained popular by the name Patna .
- **Major places of interest:**
  - Bihar Museum
  - Patna Planetarium
  - Japanese Peace Pagoda
  - Sanjay Gandhi Botanical Garden
  - Lauria Nandangarh
  - Golghar
  - potter
  - Ajanta Gandhi Museum
  - Jalan Museum

