



# 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](#)

## 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)
  - **Bodh Gaya** and Gaya (Major centers of Buddhism)
- **Major rivers:**
- Falgu
  - Charm

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