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DISTRICT PROFILE ARARIA

INTRODUCTION

- Araria, which was earlier a sub-division of Purnia, became a full-fledged district on January 14, 1990, after the division of Purnia into three districts, namely Purnia, Araria and Kishanganj.
- This showery district of north-eastern Bihar is one of the most backward districts of Bihar, standing at the bottom of the 90 minority concentration districts.
- Borders of Araria are surrounded by Nepal in northern side, Kishanganj in eastern side and Supaul at western side.
- District border is adjacent to border of Nepal, so the district is important in terms of security.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

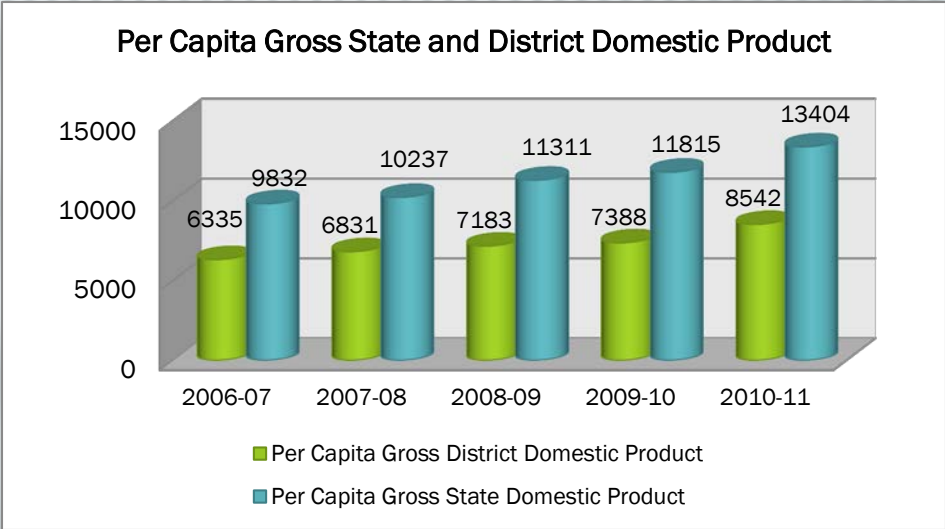
- The territory of the present-day district became Araria sub-division of the erstwhile Purnia district in 1964.
- In ancient times Araria was ruled by three important clans of Indian history. The important tribe of Kiratas governed the northern side, while the eastern side was under the Pundras and area west of the river Kosi, at that time flowing somewhere near the present Araria, by Angas.
- During the Mauryan period this area formed the part of the Mauryan Empire and according to Asokavadana the Emperor Asoka put to death many naked heretics of this area who had done despite to the Buddhist religion.
- In the 6th century A.D. the area south of the Himalayan pilgrim center of Varaha Kshetra, namely the Gupta kings Budhgupta and Devagupta gave Koti-varsha for the maintenance of the said pilgrim centre.
- In the first war of independence of 1857 Araria also witnessed a few skirmishes between the mutineers and the commissioner Yule's forces, which took place near Nathpur.
- In view of the 1857 episode and other developments regarding the law & order, in the year 1864 Araria was constituted as Sub-Division by merging the small divisions of Araria, Matiari, Dimia, parts of Haveli and Bahadurganj to provide better administration and ultimately it became a district in 1990.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Araria town is the district headquarters.
- Araria district comprise of 02 sub-divisions has been divided into 09 blocks:
 - Araria
 - Bhargama
 - Forbesganj
 - Sikti
 - Raniganj
 - Jokihat
 - Kursakanta
 - Narpatganj
 - Palasi
- Total number of Panchayats in Araria district 218.
- Araria district has 742 number of villages.

ECONOMIC PROFILE

- The district is agricultural based area as the lands is fertile leads to cultivation being the major activity in the district
- Paddy, maize and Jute are major agricultural products of the district.
- There are also many jute mills in Araria, however, from year 2002, Araria has started developing the IT culture in the State with the establishment of NIC District Center.



Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Govt. of Bihar

GEOGRAPHIC

Coordinates	Latitude: 25° 46' North Longitude: 87° 28' East
Temperature	41° C (Max.) 5° C (Min.)
Average rainfall	1195 mm
Area	2830 hectares
Altitude	47 meters

DEMOGRAPHIC

Population	28,11,569
Population density	993 per sq km
Population growth	30%
Sex ratio	921 per 1000 male
Literacy rate	53%
Languages spoken	Hindi, Bhojpuri, Maithili and Urdu

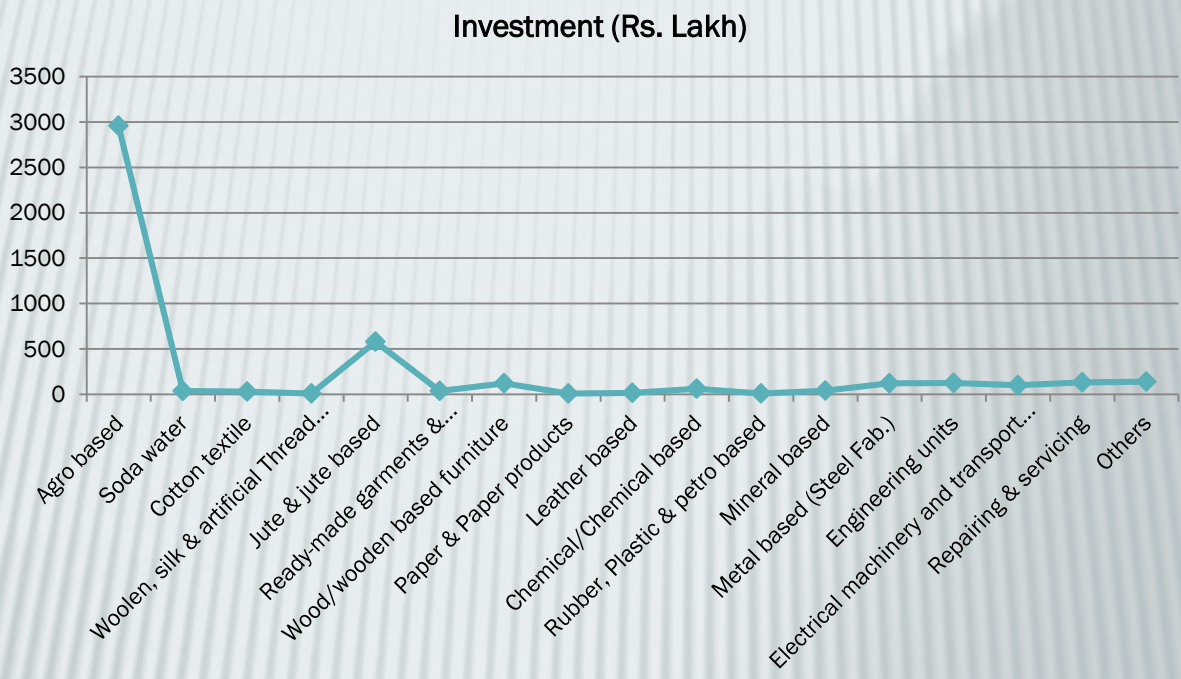
INDUSTRIAL

Registered industrial units	850
Registered medium & large units	Nil
Total industrial units	850
No. of industrial areas	01
Type of industries	Agro based, wood/ wooden based furniture, metal based, repairing & servicing, Jute based

Source: MSME – DI Muzaffarpur, official website of district

INVESTMENT

- Araria is one of the backward districts in Bihar and is receiving funds from the Backward Regions Grant Fund Program.
- There are a large number of artisan workers in the district; quite a few of them migrate outside; and a number of them goes to Varanasi and work in the ‘sari’ industries.
- Bamboo cultivation is in plenty in the district. Bamboo based handicrafts industries can be promoted through skill generation and training.



Source: MSME – DI Muzaffarpur

INDUSTRIAL PROFILE

- Major industries include Jute and plywood industry.
- Potential for agro based industries in the district.
- Beside this substantial number of repairing and servicing unit has also come up altogether agro based, traditional and demand base are dominant.
- There is a good potential for hotel industry, tourism related enterprises in the district due to its historical importance.

INDUSTRIES AT A GLANCE

Registered industrial units	850
Total industrial units	850
Registered medium & large units	-
Estimated avg. no. of daily workers employed in small scale industries	2200
Employment in large and medium industries	NA
No. of industrial area	01

EXISTING MICRO & SMALL ENTERPRISES AND ARTISAN UNITS

Type of industry	No. of Units	Investment (Rs. Lakh)
Agro based	370	2959
Soda water	4	36
Cotton textile	10	28
Woolen, silk & artificial thread based clothes.	2	9
Jute & jute based	58	580
Ready-made garments & embroidery	12	35
Wood/wooden based furniture	60	120
Paper & paper products	12	9
Leather based	4	16
Chemical/chemical based	10	60
Rubber, Plastic & petro based	8	10
Mineral based	14	40
Metal based (Steel Fab.)	80	120
Engineering units	12	126
Electrical machinery and transport equipment	26	100
Repairing & servicing	137	130
Others	11	140
Total	830	4518

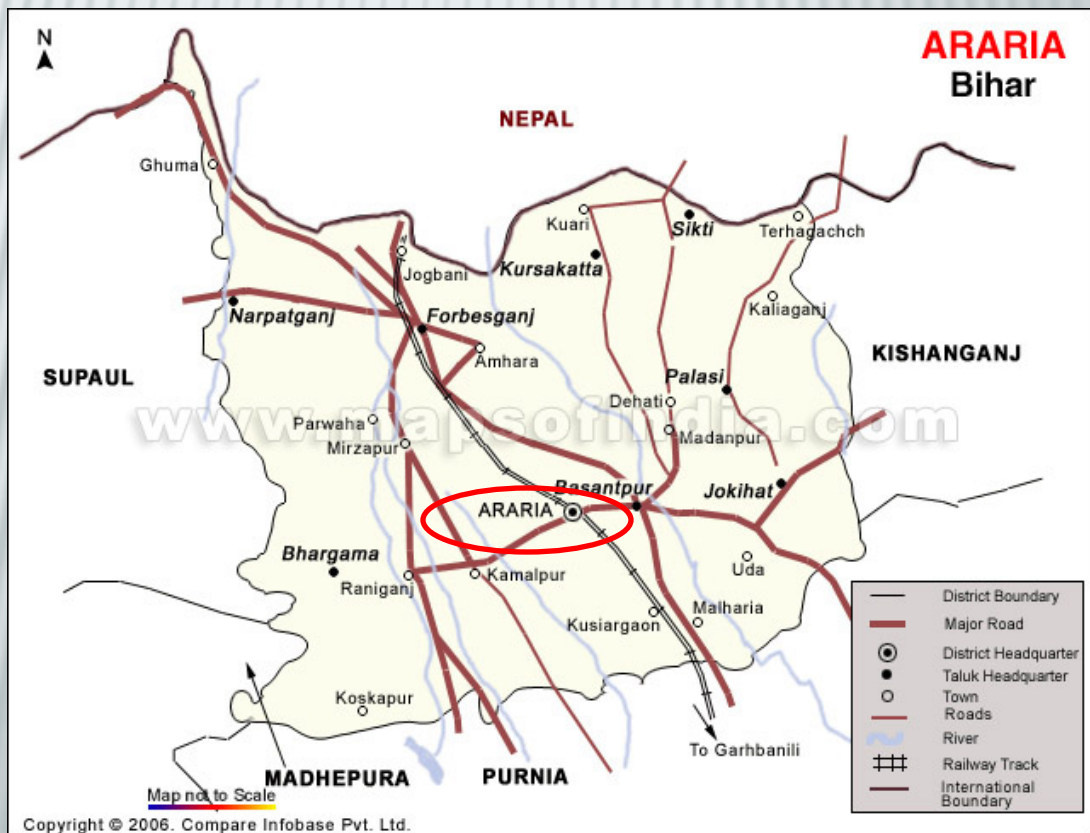
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MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREA

- Forbesganj is the major industrial area.
- Land acquired to develop this area is 125.43 hectares.
- No. of plots allotted 56.
- No. of units in production are 08.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- The largest industrial belt of the district is Forbesganj.
- Total no. of hospitals and health centers are 309.
- There are total 90 commercial banks and financial products.
- Educational institutes:
 - No. of primary schools – 552
 - No. of middle schools – 162
 - No. of secondary and senior secondary school – 18
 - No. of colleges – 04



KEY INDUSTRIES

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY

- Araria is a land of agriculture, most of the rural population depends upon agriculture.
- Paddy, maize, jute and pulses are major agricultural products of the district.
- There is potential of growth in food processing sector in the district



LARGE SCALE INDUSTRY/ PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKING

Micro & Small Enterprise

- Agro based industries
- Jute based industries
- Wood/ wooden based
- Metal based

Major Existing Clusters

- No major cluster

Potential Service Enterprises

- Computer training institute
- Computer hardware and repairing centre
- Beauty parlours

STEPS TO SETUP MSMEs

S. No.	Type of assistance	Name and address of agencies
1.	Provisional Registration Certificate (EM-1) & Permanent Registration Certificate (EM-II)	General Manager, District Industries Centre, Araria
2.	Identification of Project Profiles, techno-economic and managerial consultancy services, market survey and economic survey reports.	1. Director, MSME-DI, Patliputra Industrial Area, Patna-800013. 2. Ramna, Muzaffarpur and DIC Araria
3.	Land and Industrial shed	BIADA, east Gandhi Maidan, Patna
4.	Financial Assistance	Banks/ lead banks
5.	For raw materials under Govt. Supply	National Small Industries Corporation, Patna
6.	Plant and machinery under hire/ purchase basis.	National Small Industries Corporation, Patna
7.	Power/ Electricity	Executive engineer BSEB, Araria
8.	Technical Know-how.	MSME Development Institute, Muzaffarpur & DIC Araria
9.	Quality & Standard	Bureau of Indian Standard, Patna
10.	Marketing /Export Assistance	MSME Development Institute Muzaffarpur & DIC Araria

Source: MSME – DI Muzaffarpur

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE



Railway

- Araria is accessible to other parts of India by railways via Katihar Junction
- Nearest Railway Station is Araria court & Araria(R S)



Road

- Connected with NH 57
- Buses for most of the districts and internal blocks are available from the bus terminal



Airport

- Nearest airport is Bagdogra

EDUCATION

- Araria has schools and colleges to meet the requirement of basic education
- Educational institutes:
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 - No. of secondary and senior secondary school – 18
 - No. of colleges – 04
- Some of the schools are as follows:
 - Scottish Public School
 - Araria Public School
 - Career Academy, Girls' Ideal Academy and a few others.
 - Araria Public School is affiliated to C.B.S.E



HERITAGE & TOURISM

- The important places of attraction in Araria are Madanpur, Palasi, Basaithi.
- Araria shares its border with Nepal in the North.
- Araria is the natural habitat of the Gangetic Dolphins.
- At the Local rivers of Araria Gangetic Dolphins are found. Scientific name of the dolphin is *Platanista Gangetica*. Average length of dolphins are 2.5 meter.



- There are various temples in Araria which are famous.
- **Replica Stoop:** It is situated Near Manikpur 5 km far from Araria district headquarter going towards Forbesganj.





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