

Araria

Overview



Introduction

- ▶ Araria district is one of the thirty-eight districts of Bihar state.
- ▶ Araria district is a part of Purnea division.
- ▶ It has a view of Mount Kanchenjunga (One of the great peaks of the Himalyan range)
- ▶ This district has total 2 sub- divisions namely Araria and Forbesganj and 9 blocks. Araria sub-division comprises six blocks: Araria, Jokihat, Kursakanta, Raniganj, Sikti and Palasi and Forbesganj sub-division comprises three blocks: Forbesganj, Narpatganj and Bhargama.
- ▶ There are six Vidhan Sabha constituencies in this district: Narpatganj, Raniganj(SC), Forbesganj, Araria, Jokihat and Sikti. All of these are part of Araria Lok Sabha constituency.
- ▶ Economy of araria district mainly depends on agriculture.

Araria has a very prestigious past though shrouded in midst of uncertainties. Some passages in the Mahabharata (Sabha Parva and Vana Parva) describing the conquest of Bhima in the eastern India furnish valuable information regarding the antiquity of the district. 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.

Araria	District Headquarter	Area	2830 sq. kilometers
26° 7' 48" N Latitude 87° 28' 12" E Longitude	Location	Average Rainfall	1608 millimeters
Max Mini	Temperature	Rivers	Kosi, Suwara, Kali, Parmar, Koli
992 persons per sq.km	Population Density	Sex Ratio	921 females per 1,000 males
28.11 lakhs	Population (as per Census 2011)	Literacy Rate	53.53 percent

Socio-Economy

- ▶ **Per capita GDDP** for the year 2017-18 is INR 18981 and ranked 37th in the state
- ▶ **High urbanisation rate i.e. 6.0%**
- ▶ **Agriculture is** the major employment generating areas
- ▶ Educationally, the district is well developed and has a good number of secondary and higher education institute and colleges.
- ▶ District hospital and other healthcare institutions: 05 doctors available per lakh population
- ▶ Increased in govt. fund in healthcare for development in the healthcare system

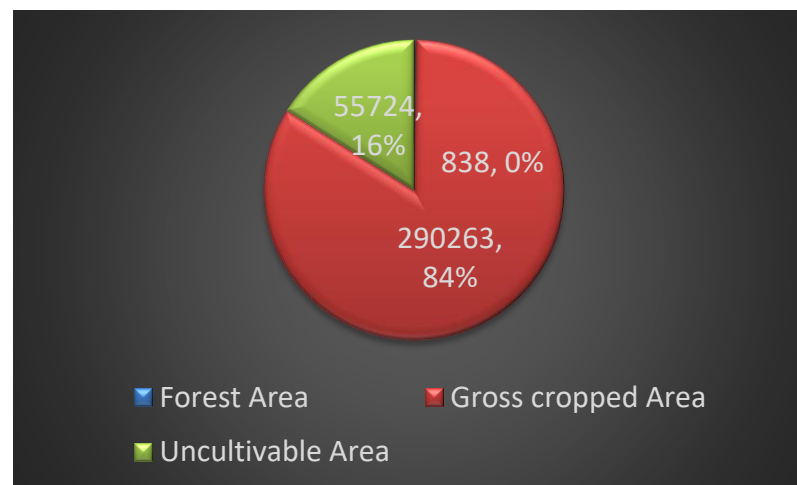
Categories	Total	Percentage
Cultivators	222913	20.84
Agricultural Labourers	691947	64.67
Household Industry Workers	24367	2.28
Other Workers	130666	12.21

Nabard Potential Credit Plan 2020-21

Fund disbursed to health societies in Crs

2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
27.97	39.74	41.21	37.80	47.35

Source: Bihar State Health Society, GoB



Land utilization in hectares

Agriculture & Allied



Thrust Areas

- Foxnut(Makhana), and Jute Unit.
- Food Processing
- Dairy
- Fish & Poultry
- Tourism & Travel

Major Crops

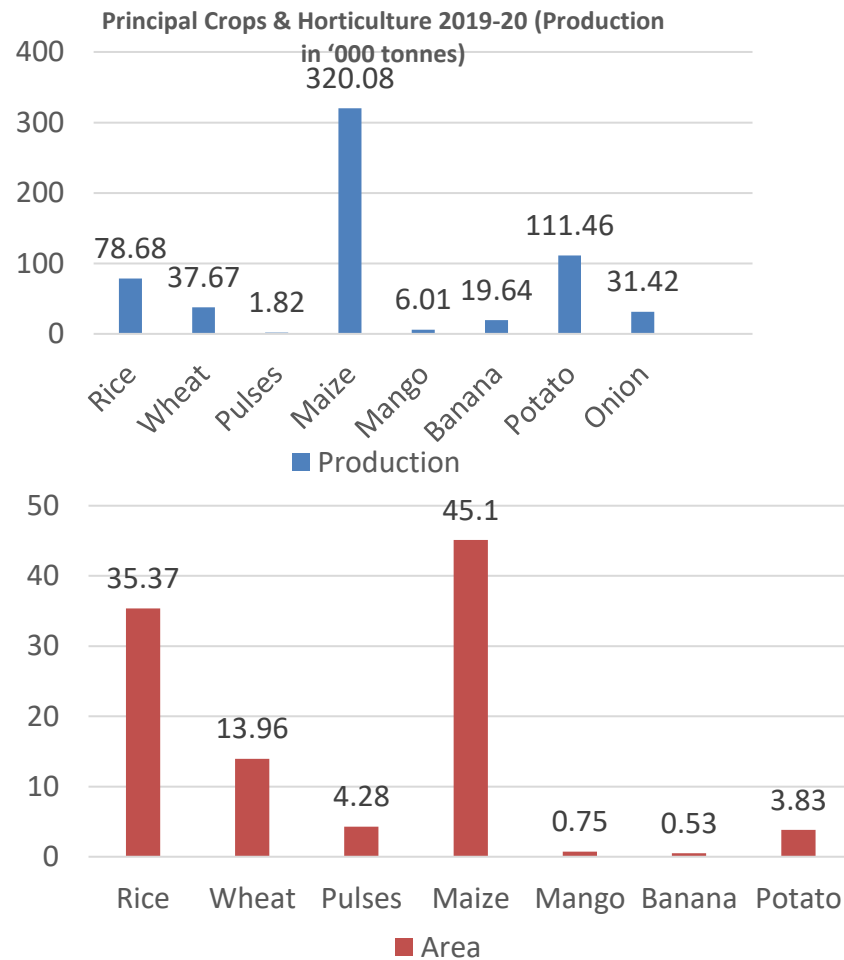
- **Food crops:** Maize, Rice
- **Cash crops:** Sugarcane
- **Horticulture crops:** Mango, Potato Tomato, Brinjal, Chili and Other Vegetable

Key Enablers

- 290263 hectare land/ Soil suitable- and available for different crops with favourable agro-climatic conditions
- All villages electrified.
- Availability of irrigation canals
- Availability of skilled labour.
- Air, road and rail connectivity
- Railway Rack point is proposed to Setup near Araria court station.

Key Players

- Major food processing unit ,
- National Ply wood unit .
- Rice mill.
- Maharaba frozen food.



Industry Profile

- ▶ 718 MSME units including 694 micro, 19 small, 05 medium
- ▶ 02 IT/ITeS/ESDM Units, 2 healthcare units, 2 Technical Education Units, 250 General Manufacturing Units
- ▶ 88 Wood/Wooden Based Furniture, 14 Chemical/Chemical Based Units, 136 Engineering Units, 02 Plastic Rubber Units
- ▶ Major Exportable Items: Makhana

Key Players

- ▶ 155 Food Processing and ethanol units

Agri and Food Processing



- ▶ 67 Textile, Leather and Apparel based units

Artisans, Textiles, & Leather Garments



- ▶ Paver Industries
- ▶ Garments
- ▶ Footwear Industries
- ▶ Gate Grill
- ▶ Fish Feed Industries
- ▶ Makhana

Major Cluster



Others



Industrial Infrastructure

Infrastructure for Storage & Marketing

Rural/Urban mandi/ Haat (Nos)	NA
Wholesale Market (Nos)	NA
Godown (Nos)	28
Godown Capacity (in MT)	5600
Cold Storage (Nos)	03
Cold Storage Capacity (MT)	11550

Source: DAO, DHO Araria

Infrastructure for Development of Allied Activities

Veterinary Hospitals/Dispensaries	23
Artificial Insemination Centers	NA
Dairy Cooperative Society	100
Animal Markets	13 (Not Reg)
Milk Collection Centers	1
Fisherman Societies	8
Fish markets	Cultural 50 Packpar 01 Unit at to Start
Slaughter house	250
Disease Diagonostice centre	2

Source: GMDIC

On-going Projects

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Others

- ESDM
- Tourism
- Pharmaceuticals

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Infrastructure (Dry Ware House):

At Dholbajja, Forbesganj, Araria

Total Investment:

188.74 Lakh

Employment Generation :

28

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Food Processing:

At BIADA, Forbesganj

Total Investment: 20000.00 Lakh

Employment Generation : 32

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Food Processing:

At Ajmatpur, Bairgachhi,

Araria

Total Investment:

200.00 Lakh

Employment Generation : 20

Support Infrastructure

- ▶ **Araria Railway:** Train facility is in the form of broad gauge track. This track ends one side to the Katihar, which is important junction. other end of track is Jogbani..Nearest Railway Station is Araria court & Araria(R S)

- ▶ **National Highways** (approx. 154Kms)
 - ▶ NH-57
- ▶ **State Highway** total length:- approx. 69 Kms
 - ▶ SH-77, SH-16, SH-19
- ▶ **District Road** total length:- Approx. 504 Kms
- ▶ **Total Rural road** length- Approx.4854 kms



Rail



Road



Airport



Port



Water



Power



- ▶ **Nearby Airports-** Bagdogra Airport approx. 135 KM.
- ▶ **Others Airport (approx.)**
 - ▶ Patna Airport: 329 kms.
 - ▶ Darbhanga: 161 kms

- ▶ **Nearby Seaports-** National Waterways-1
- ▶ Kolkata Port: approx. 512 kms, Haldia port: approx.. 599 Km

- ▶ **Main river-** Kosi, Suwara, Kali, Parmar, Koli
- ▶ **Power distribution** through North Bihar Power Distribution Ltd.

Social Infrastructure

Educational Institutions

Primary School	1384
Upper Primary School	970
Arts & Science College	8
Engineering College	1
B.Ed	0
Medical College	0
Others	0

Source: Department of Education, GOB (2018-19)

Key Health Care Facilities

District Hospital	1
Refferal Hospital	2
SD Hospital	1
PHC	9
Health Sub-Centre	242
APHC	37

Source: Bihar StateHealth Society, Patna
(September, 2020)

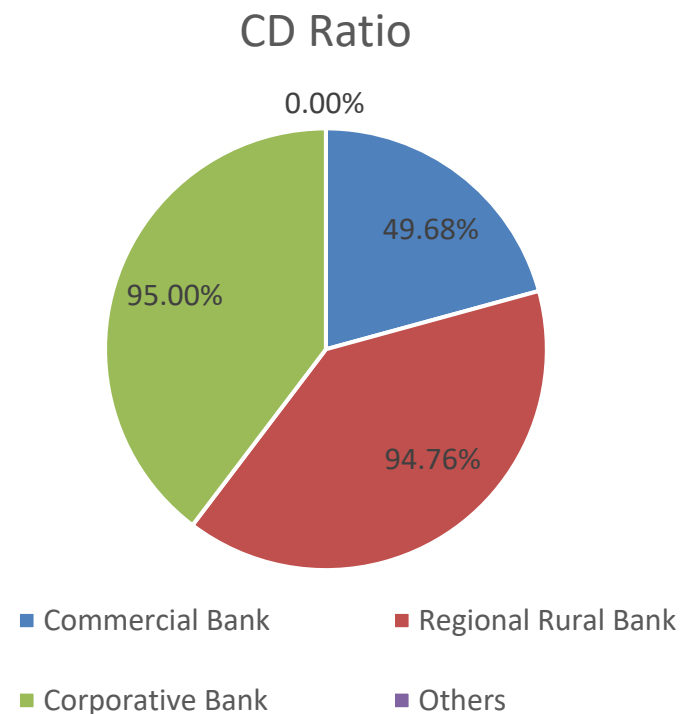
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Banking Institutions

Commercial Bank	19	90
Regional Rural Bank	01	30
District Central Coop Bank	01	06
Primary Agr. Coop Bank	218	218
Coop Agr. & Rural Dev. Bank	01	02
Others	04	5

Source: Lead Bank Office, NABAD, Patna (31/02/20)

Credit Deposit of Banks



Source: Lead Bank Office, Patna (31/03/19)

Tourism

Raniganj Vriksh Vatika

'Raniganj Vriksh Vatika' is located 30 km west of Araria District Headquarters of Bihar State. This site is the forest land notified by the Bihar government. The 'Raniganj Vriksh Vatika' area was formerly known as Hasanpur Balu Dhima. This area spread over 289 acres has been developed as a natural forest area. At present, 'Raniganj Vriksh Vatika' is a very scenic, picturesque tourist spot of Bihar State, ideal place for nature and health lovers and as a place of study for researchers.



Bio-Diversity Park Kusiargaon

Bihar's first biodiversity park is ready in Kusiargaon of Araria. Where it creates a path for researchers. At the same time, the park is also promoting tourism. The park is not able to escape from the sight of those who come from far away due to being at NH-57 at a distance of just 10 kilometer from the district headquarters.



KALI MANDIR

Temple dedicated to Goddess Kali Mata, 4 km far from Araria zero mile Bus Stand.



SUNDRI MATH KURSHAKANTA

Sundarnath is a temple of Lord Shiva. Located Kursakanta Araria Border of Nepal.



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