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● Report on visit to Sheohar, Sitamarhi, Darbhanga and Samastipur districts of Bihar from

Profile of the districts

Sheohar district is a part of Tirhut Division with its headquarters located at Sheohar. The district was carved out of Sitamarhi district in 1994. This place is considered as birthplace of Sita, the main character of the epic *Ramayana* and a temple dedicated to Sita lies near Sitamarhi town. In 1875, a Sitamarhi subdistrict was created within the Muzaffarpur district.^[3] Sitamarhi detached from Muzaffarpur and became a separate district as of December 11, 1972. The district is currently a part of the Red Corridor

Darbhanga district (Hindi: दरभंगा जिला) is one of the thirty-

eight districts of Bihar state in eastern India, and Darbhanga city is the administrative headquarters of this district & big city of Bihar as well. Darbhanga district is a part of Darbhanga Division

Sitamarhi is also a part of the Tirhut Division with Sitamarhi town as its headquarters. The district is a part of the Tirhut Division and is located along the border of Nepal. Sitamarhi district occupies an area of 2,294 square kilometres (886 sq mi) 44.32% (male 57.18%, female 30.35%).

Samastipur used to be a part of the Darbhanga district until 1972, when the Samastipur district was carved out of Darbhanga.

Area and population

District	Area	Populati on	Sex ratio(o ut of 1000 male)	Literacy(%)
Sheohar	443 km ²	656,916	890	56%
Sitamarhi	2,294 k m ²	3,419,622	899	53.53
Darbhan ga	2,279 k m ²	3,921,971	910	44.32%
Samastip ur	2904 km ²	4,254,782	909	63.81 per ce

As of 2011 Sheohar is the second least populous district of Bihar (out of 39), after Sheikhpura.^[1]

Administrative set up

The district comprises only one sub-division, namely, Sheohar, which is further divided into five blocks: Sitamarhi district comprises 3 Sub-divisions: Sitamarhi Sadar, Belsand, Pupri Darbhanga district comprises the following Sub-Divisions: Darbhanga Sadar, Benipur and Biraul Samastipur district comprises the following Sub-Divisions: Dalsinghsarai, Patori, Rosera, Samastipur Sadar

Economy

Agriculture is the primary occupation of the majority of the population of this district.

Health issues.

In Sheohar district I visited PHC, Tariani. Chief Medical Officer of the PHC is a pediatrician. Besides the MO a Gynecologist and 04 contractual doctors are also posted. Services of a Radiologist are available in the district Hospital. 37 ANMs are functioning under the PHC. A Govt. Nurse Grade A is also posted in the PHC.

Health indicators reported for the district are-IMR, MMR 218 and TFR. It was stated that no maternal mortality is reported in the district recently. Immunization is stated to be 75%. As far as family welfare is concerned last year 2000 cases were attended to in the PHC. This year 580 cases were handled.

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04 cases of RNTPC were reported in February, 2015. 10 cases of Leprosy were reported in two months. No HIV/AIDS cases has been reported. No epidemic has been reported in the area. In the absence of testing facilities for TB/Malaria and other diseases this could only be taken at face value.

Lab facilities are not available as no Lab Technician is posted. No Pharmacist or Dresser is also posted in the PHC. An Institution named damian foundation is helping the patients.

As far as indoor facilities are concerned, only 06 beds are available, as the PHC has not been upgraded to a 30 bedded hospital as yet. No indoor patients could be found except a few women who have come for family planning operations. The toilets available within the hospital was in a deplorable condition. It could be a source of hospital infections.

MNREGA

I visited Atkoni panchayat with a nine tolas and a population of 6200. 25% population (appx. 1500 families) belongs to Scheduled castes. In the dalit tola I saw toilets constructed under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan. Estimate for each unit works out to be Rs. 9100/- (Rs. 4600/- by PHED and Rs. 4500/- under MNREGA). Each unit creates 14 days man days. The quality of construction was good. Dalit women who assembled there said that they were happy.

Villagers made use of the opportunity of my visit to complain that 700 families were left out of the new list for distribution of

● Food grains. More over food grains are not available. As far as land is concerned it was stated that 25 families have received 03 decimals of land each. One of the girls came forward to say that she is a student of local Government school and has earned a scholarship. Only 20 adult have migrated from the village leaving behind their families. It was confirmed that no child has migrated as a bonded laborer.

Meeting with DM/SP, Sheohar

After reaching Sheohar I had a meeting with Shri KBN Singh DM, Sri Shiv Kumar Jha, SP, Ashok Kumar Singh DDC and other senior officials of the district.

Established in 1994 the district has 05 blocks, 07 thanas(01 SC/ST;1 Mahila thanas).The whole district is declared as naxal affected.The district is fully flodded through out the year due to which it an under developed.Due to naxalites no development is oossible.15-16 roads were taken up 11 not made.04 sanctioned.One bridge was constructed with poilce assistance.)4 years back some of the force were killed.Now a brige across badmati 12 bridges in 1-11/2 years Poverty 80%

Tariani Chapra panchayat was adjudges as the best panchayat under MNREGA.Plantation schemes Sagwan Undeclared closure of MNREGA Tradition of migration due to floods.

The district has a central scholl and Navoday Vidyalaya and ITI.No degree college

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Transportation nil no incident of naxals only 04 years back. no govt land available. some have appropriated no business except rangdhari. naxal virodhi now. sex ratio 890 trafficking nil last 05 years encounter deaths nil sub jail started no vehicle no force 40 sepoys SRE funds received- no IAP funds no naxalite case.

Crime not very communal sc/st ps and mahila thana have no buildings 07 thana buildings being made 03 complete. police line, barrack, hostel being made conviction rate 25%

Bonded labor only 3-4 old cases one absconding, one outside, one child of 18 years register kept. No NGO involvement

Dowry deaths one case this year NDPS nil Some excise cases improvement in crime situation.

Women

Counselling center to be started one lady SI 07 women constables. Custodial deaths nil- last 05 years. rape not many cases fast track nil. However there has been no floods due to a bandh across Bagmati.

Sitamarhi district

MNREGA

I visited the Vrikshpatta scheme in the campus of Navodaya Vidyalay at Khairvi. The scheme involving the plantation of 24,000 plants was executed in 2009-10. The trees planted include Teak, Sagwan, Poplar, Mango and Bhel of which poplar

is popular. I was told that 17,520 mandays have been generated. Area covered is 5Ha and the project cost was Rs.25-30 lakhs. Those who contributed their labor mostly belonged to SC community. Taking care of the plants is vest in Pattedars- each pattedar takes care of 50 plants. He contributes his labor and will be paid Rs.164 per day (Rs.177/- now) It was stated that no funds have been allocated under MNREGA to the district for the last one year. upto 03 years. he is entitled to pluck the fruits. Filling soil around the school building is also taken up under the same project.

I visited Govt. Middle school, Tandspur, Balnaha. I was informed that 798 children are enrolled in the school and 1-8 classes are run in the school. The buildings were stated to be 20 years old. some were constructed in 2007-8. Apart from the Head Master 12 teachers were working, including 07 ladies.

Midday meal scheme is under implementation. Kichdi was being cooked for the children. The kitchen was filled with smoke as there was no chimney. This is due to a defect in the design of the kitchen.

Anganwadi

It was stated that there were 2870 anganwadis in the district. 198 were sanctioned for the block visited out of which 171 were working. Out of 40 children enrolled, 35 were present (20 girls and 15 boys) 08 pregnant women No building Rs 200 on rent. building incompteward no 04/02 no centres. additional 900

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centers demanded. Supervisor, Sevika and Helper were present 06 children belong to SC category. salary paid

PHC, Bathnaha SC upgraded New 30 bedded building is coming up. MO in charge one regular doctors, 02 consultants no LMO gynaecologist-no Radiologist-nil dentist yes Paediatrician no IMR-60/1000; MMR-208/one lakh; TFR-3.9 SRS 2013 no maternal deaths institutional delivery 64% JSY-1400 Asha-600/-