

ABOUT NAWADA

Nawada is a part of the ancient [Magadh](#) division of south [Bihar](#). The origin of the name Nawada is from Sanskrit Nava Avad, which means "new town" which was earlier known as 'The Eliot Market (Bazaar)'. Before its acquisition by the [East India Company](#), Nawada was ruled by the nearly independent Rajas of [Hisua](#) who ruled over the Muslim [Mayi clan](#). After its acquisition, Nawada was in great disorder until 1845, when it became the headquarters of the newly created subdivision. The elements of disorder resurfaced again during the Mutiny of 1857, when Nawada was over run by marauding parties. The local offices were destroyed, but Government records were saved by the native officials who hid them in a cave on a neighboring hill. These are the only available public records dating back to an era before 1857 in the district. Two miles to the north, there is a Jain temple standing in the middle of a large water tank to the west of the public road, but the city itself contains no important building and has little historical interest. The city contains one of the two Satyagraha ashrams in the country established by Gandhi ji. It was also the birthplace and workplace of [Indrabhuti Gautama](#), the Chief disciple of Lord Mahavir in Jainism. The modern town is only 40 kilometers from Nalanda University, the oldest university in the world.

Nawada is southernmost district of Bihar and its neighbouring next state Jharkhand. Over the years when all other districts in Bihar has seen development, Nawada still struggling for basic needs. One of the major problem in district is corruption. Town has enormous encroachment and government authorities are not doing much to keep this city clean and encroachment free.

Tourist and Religios Places

- Historians believe this place was a reputed religious center for the Hindus in the [Palas](#) period. Nawada has a museum of national importance, the Narad Museum, which was established in 1974.



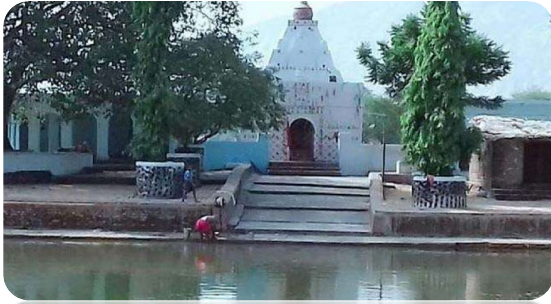
NARAD MUSEUM

- Nawada is well known for [Kakolat Water Falls](#) which is located in Govindpur Block.



KAKAOLAT WATER FALLS

- Some other significant temples and religious spots within the city are The Surya Narayana Mandir, Shobhnath Mandir, Sankat Mochan Mandir and Gonawa Jal Mandir, dedicated to the first Jain guru.



SURYA NARAYAN MANDIR



SHOBHNATH MANDIR



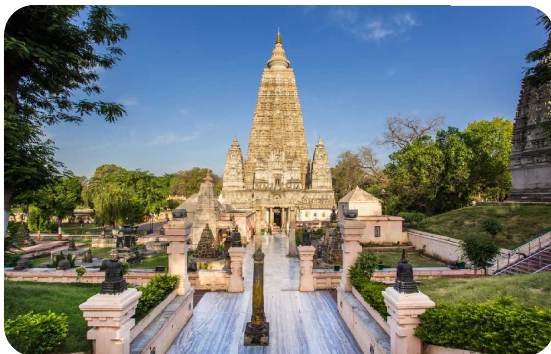
SANKAT MOCHAN MANDIR



GUNAWAN JAL MANDIR

Nearby Religious Places

Apart from these, other nearby tourist places are [Bodhgaya](#), [Pawapuri](#), [Nalanda](#) and [Rajgir](#) can be reached by traveling on the road within 1–2 hours from Nawada City.



MAHABODHI TEMPLE, BODHGAYA



JAL MANDIR, PAWAPURI



NALANDA KHANDHAR, NALANDA



VISHWA SHANTI STOOP, RAJGIR