

# The Historical Sites of Ashoka Period in Champaran District of Bihar : A Study of Lauriya Areraj, Lauriya Nandangarh and Rampurva During Mauryan Empire

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## ABSTRACT

*This Paper Study about the significance and importance of Ashokan Pillars of Lauriya Areraj, Lauriya Nandangarh and Rampurva. Through this Pillar Edicts Ashoka was able to propagate the Policy of Dhamma and Ethical Principles. The Ashoka pillar has its own Historical, Cultural and Architectural significance. This route has been used in the ancient times for trade and commerce. And also, it connects from Pataliputra to sacred land of Buddhism on borders of Nepal. This Pillars Edicts have its unique features.*

## INTRODUCTION

The Ashokan Pillars are a remarkable set of Ancient-Stone Columns associated with time of Emperor Ashoka, who has ruled the Mauryan Empire in India from approximately 268 BCE to 232 BCE. These pillars hold great historical, architectural and cultural significance, offering insights into the beliefs, policies and administrative practice of Mauryan Dynasty. In this context through the proposed work entitled “The Historical sites of Ashokan Period in Champaran District of Bihar: A Study of Lauriya Areraj, Lauriya Nandangarh and Rampurva during Mauryan Empire.” An attempt would be made to explore the significance of these sites. After the Kalinga war Ashoka adopted the policy of dhamma. To spread his policy of dhamma, he built various Major rocks edicts, Minor rock edicts and Pillars edicts. Through this edicts Ashoka was able to spread his dhamma policy to his subject. According to historical sources Ashoka asked the artists and architects for finding a good and permanent material for construction and only after this age we had stone building and rock cut architecture in India. The pillars are characterised by their distinct design featuring a polished, single, monolithic column made from buff coloured Chunar Sandstone. This stone pillars were brought from Chunar near Mirzapur in Eastern UP close to Rohtas district of Bihar. Capital,

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