

Balirajgarh site

March 30, 2026 • vajiramandravi.com



Balirajgarh site Latest News

Recently, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has begun excavation at Bihar's historic Balirajgarh site.

About Balirajgarh site

- **Location:** It is located in the **Madhubani district of Bihar**.
- It holds great **mythological and historical significance**, with local folklore identifying it as the capital of the legendary King Bali.
- It is believed that this site served as a major **administrative hub of the ancient Videha Kingdom**.
- In 1938 Archeological Survey of India declared the site of national importance under the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act of 1904.
- **Previous Excavation:** it has been excavated in five phases from 1962 to 2014.
- During excavation, antiquities of five phases of cultural periods, namely **Northern Black soil, Sunga, Kushan, Gupta and later Pala period were discovered**.

What is the Archaeological Survey of India?

- It is a premier organisation for **archaeological research and protection** of the tangible heritage of the nation.
- It was established in **1861 by Sir Alexander Cunningham**, with its headquarters in New Delhi.
- After independence, it was established as a **statutory body** under the **Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 (AMASR Act)**.
- The prime concern of ASI is the maintenance of ancient monuments, archaeological sites, and remains of national importance.
- Besides, it regulates all archaeological activities in the country as per the provisions of the AMASR Act.
- It also **regulates the Antiquities and Art Treasure Act, 1972**.
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Culture, Government of India

Source: **IE**

Source: <https://vajiramandravi.com/current-affairs/balirajgarh-site/>

© Vajiram & Ravi. For personal use only.