

PRESS RELEASE

Stakeholder consultation workshop at CIMP

Date: March 13, 2024

Venue: Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna

A stakeholder consultation workshop was held on March 13, 2024, to discuss the findings of a study titled “Impact Evaluation of the PM-KISAN Scheme: A Study of Selected Areas of Bihar and Assam”, awarded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, Ministry of Education, Government of India, organised by Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP).

The event brought together key stakeholders of the PM-KISAN scheme, including beneficiaries from different districts of Bihar, representatives from the bank, academicians, policy experts, research scholars and others.

Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Director of the Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP), welcomed the dignitaries and stakeholders. He congratulated the project team for completing the study and expressed gratitude to the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) for their generous funding.

Dr. Debabrata Samanta, Project Coordinator, highlighted the findings of the study and how the scheme has positively impacted the lives of beneficiary farmers in Bihar and Assam. of the PM-KISAN scheme on the income levels of farmers in Bihar and Assam. The study offers a range of policy recommendations, including emphasising information channels for disseminating proper information and special initiatives for landless farmers and women beneficiaries.

Selected beneficiaries from Bihar shared their views about the scheme, including their consumption patterns and challenges. Mr Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, and Mr Kunj Bihari, Assistant General Manager from Dakshin Bihar Grameen Bank, discussed about bank’s role in implementing the PM-KISAN scheme. They elaborated on credit-linked poverty alleviation programs, challenges faced by beneficiaries, and various bank schemes to improve financial inclusion. They expressed their gratitude towards the PM KISAN database for providing them with a comprehensive list of potential borrowers or target group.

A subsequent roundtable discussion featured valuable insights from policy experts, including Prof. Deepak Kumar Behra (National Institute of Technology Patna), Prof. Sriranga Vishnu, and

Prof. Ankit Sharma (both from CIMP). They provided critical policy analysis and potential pathways for improving farmer welfare.

Field investigators from Assam and Bihar shared their experiences collecting data and presented qualitative findings from the research. In the end, Dr Sibananda Senapati has summarised the project, and Dr Debabrata Samanta has offered a vote of thanks to all the stakeholders.

This collaborative workshop provided a crucial platform for exploring the PM-KISAN scheme's impact and identifying future directions to ensure its optimal benefits for farmers.

