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### Press Release

#### **Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP) Inaugurates a Capacity Development Programme on Research Methodology for the officials of Planning and Development Department, Govt. of Bihar**

**Patna, December 19, 2024** – A three-day residential **Capacity Building Programme on Research Methodology** for officials of the Planning and Development Department, Government of Bihar, was inaugurated today at the Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP). This initiative is being organized under the **State Support Mission**, in collaboration with the Planning and Development Department, and marks another significant milestone for CIMP, recently nominated as **Lead Knowledge Institute** by NITI Aayog, Government of India. The programme is designed to enhance the research skills of participating officials, including District Planning Officers, Regional Planning Officers, Assistant Directors, and Assistant Planning Officers. These participants play a pivotal role in planning and implementing strategies for Bihar's socio-economic development.

The inaugural session commenced with a ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries and participants. The session was graced by the presence of **Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh**, Director of CIMP, **Shri Kumod Kumar**, Chief Administrative Officer of CIMP, and **Prof. Ankit Sharma**. Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh delivered the inaugural address, emphasizing the vital role of evidence-based policymaking in addressing developmental challenges and underscoring the importance of advanced research methodologies for making informed, data-driven decisions.

The programme features sessions conducted by CIMP's distinguished faculty. Over three days, participants will explore critical topics, including research design, sampling methods, measurement of constructs, case research, and research ethics. The sessions are designed to be highly interactive, incorporating real-world case studies, collaborative group activities, and engaging discussions alongside formal lectures.

This Capacity Development Programme signifies a critical step in building Bihar's capacity for evidence-based governance. By equipping officials with advanced research skills, the programme aims to empower them to tackle complex policy challenges effectively and contribute significantly to the state's socio-economic progress. The programme will conclude on **December 21, 2024**, with feedback session followed by certificate distribution.