

## Press Release

The Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP), in association with the Department of Planning and Development, Government of Bihar, organized the Stakeholders' Consultation Workshop on the Formation of Bihar Vision Document on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. This workshop was organized under the State Support Mission (SSM) of NITI Aayog. The inaugural session commenced with a welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Director, CIMP, expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, stakeholders, and participants for their valuable contributions. Prof. Ankit Sharma, Associate Professor, CIMP, outlined the workshop's objectives, emphasizing inclusive and sustainable development strategies. The Chief Guest Prof. (Dr.) Rekha Kumari, Director of Higher Education, Education Department, Government of Bihar, highlighted the need to integrate skill development, cultural values, and ethics into the vision document to ensure holistic progress. The session concluded with a token of appreciation to the dignitaries, recognizing their insightful contributions.

The workshop featured four-panel discussions. The first panel discussion of the workshop focused on the theme Emerging Technologies and Educational Transformation: Shaping the Future of Bihar, Prof. (Dr.) Suresh Kant Verma, Vice Chancellor of Bihar Engineering University, Patna, highlighted the rapid pace of technological advancements, emphasizing artificial intelligence, drone technology, and cybersecurity as key areas for sustainability. Prof. (Dr.) Jawar Singh, Professor, IIT Patna, stressed the importance of infrastructure investment to achieve a \$5 trillion economy and proposed establishing a quantum computing institute in Bihar. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Singh, Head of Aryabhata School of Nanoscience & Technology, showcased local innovations such as rice husk waste material for water purification and showcased its transformation into both a valuable resource and a source of knowledge, advocating for skill development and ethical innovation.

Second-panel focused on the theme named Agriculture and Environmental Sustainability for Viksit Bihar@2047. Dr. Janardan Singh, former Principal Agriculture Scientist, emphasized the need for increased financial investment in agriculture and the adoption of smart practices. Piyush Tripathi, Manager, Communications – Climate, WRI India, and Roushan Mishra, Program Associate, WRI India, discussed strategies for sustainable development and highlighted the need for strategies to reduce environmental impact. Dr. Vidyarthi Vikas, Assistant Professor, A N Sinha Institute of Social Studies, emphasized agriculture's contribution to one-fifth of Bihar's income and advocated for policy diversification to ensure holistic development. Dr. Muneer Magry, Teaching Fellow, School of Management Studies, Nalanda University, discussed the importance of agroecology and the Panchamrit approach in promoting sustainable agricultural practices.

Third panel focused on the theme Healthy Bihar: Empowering Women and Children for a Developed Bihar, Dr. Satyajit Kumar Singh, Managing Director, Ruban Group of Hospital and Senior Urologist, Patna, emphasized that health encompasses mental, spiritual, and physical well-being, highlighted the urgent need for more doctors and nurses in Bihar to meet the growing healthcare demands and improve healthcare delivery across the state. Dr. S. Reddy, Health Specialist at UNICEF Bihar emphasized strengthening primary healthcare and community processes to achieve Viksit Bihar by 2047. Dr. Papia Raj, Associate Professor at the Indian Institute of Technology Patna, emphasized the importance of health as a key driver for development, discussed the challenges of maternal mortality rates, high fertility rates, lifestyle-related morbidities, and the availability of healthcare resources, highlighting the need for targeted interventions to improve health outcomes and empower women and children in Bihar.

Fourth panel focused on the theme titled Infrastructure, and Industrial Development: Building a Prosperous Bihar Shri K P S Keshri, President of the Bihar Industries Association, advocated for the vision of "Make in Bihar" to establish the state as a manufacturing hub, emphasizing the importance of energy consumption efficiency and sustainable surface water storage. Shri Alok Kumar, Founder of Paavni Organic Farms, underscored the potential of organic farming in boosting rural livelihoods and sustainable industrial practices. Dr. Shailendra K. Mandal, Associate Professor at the National Institute of Technology Patna, contributed insights on leveraging technology and innovation to enhance industrial infrastructure and drive economic progress in Bihar.

The workshop concluded with a Valedictory Address, where the importance of continued collaboration and the way forward for the formation of the Bihar Vision Document was emphasized. Following this, certificates were distributed to the participants as a token of appreciation for their valuable contributions. The session ended with a Vote of thanks, given by Prof. (Dr). Sunil Kumar, Professor of Practice, CIMP expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, speakers, and participants for their involvement in making the workshop a success. This workshop marked a significant step toward shaping Bihar's future vision, fostering a path of inclusive and sustainable growth





