

Bihar's Startup Revolution: TiE Patna BRIDGE Summit 1.0 Gears Up for Day Two

Patna, March 25, 2025 – In a landmark celebration of innovation and entrepreneurship, the TiE Patna BRIDGE Summit 1.0, powered by IOCL, continues to redefine the state's business landscape. After a highly successful TiE Women's Introduction & TiE U's Launch at the Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP) and NIFT Patna, the summit today embarks on its second phase with renewed vigour and commitment.

Yesterday, the TiE Women & TiE U sessions saw a confluence of distinguished speakers and industry stalwarts who addressed topics ranging from women empowerment in entrepreneurship to the imperative of integrating entrepreneurial thinking within academic frameworks. A virtual keynote by renowned social entrepreneur Mrs. Pratima Kirloskar set the tone for a morning dedicated to celebrating the achievements and aspirations of women entrepreneurs. The ensuing panel discussion, featuring noted personalities such as Mrs. Usha Jha and Ms. Himani Mishra, provided deep insights into balancing professional ambition with personal responsibilities. Also, many guests shared their experiences in the TiE U program, including Mr. Kumud Kumar, President TiE Patna, CEO CIMP-BIIF, CAO CIMP, President, PHDCCI, Bihar Chapter; Prof. Dr. Rana Singh, Director CIMP; Prof. Sharad Kumar Yadav, Vice Chancellor AKU; Colonel Rahul Sharma, Director NIFT; Mr. Ravi Bhardwaj, Founder Startup Legal; Prof. Suresh Kant Verma; Abhishek Sinha and Anshuman Sinha were present. The day's proceedings culminated in an incisive masterclass by Prof. Sankal Pratap of IIT Mumbai, who delineated the pitfalls and guardrails essential for steering a nascent enterprise away from common setbacks.

Today's program promises to elevate the dialogue further. The TiE Patna BRIDGE summit 1.0, will be inaugurated by Shri Nitish Mishra, Minister of Industries, Govt. of Bihar, at CIMP. The agenda includes a pivotal panel discussion on "Navigating the Investment Landscape," wherein industry experts such as Shri Nikhil Dhanraj Nippanikar (IAS) and venture capitalist Mr. Dhiraj Kumar Sinha will expound upon securing financial backing and fostering long-term fiscal stability. Another session, aptly titled "Sustainable Entrepreneurship," will witness an erudite discussion led by eminent figures including Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Choudhary of IOCL and economist Mr. Ajit Ranade, underscoring the integration of social and environmental accountability in business growth.

Complementing these discussions, the summit today will also feature a Startup Showcase. Here, ten promising homegrown enterprises will present their innovative business models to an audience comprising investors, policymakers, and industry leaders, while twenty expo booths offer a glimpse into the cutting-edge products shaping the future of Bihar's market.

With robust sponsorship from IOCL, SIDBI, and CGTMSE, and strategic media collaboration with Startup And I, the TiE Patna BRIDGE Summit 1.0 stands as a testament to Bihar's ever-growing entrepreneurial spirit. As the event unfolds, it is set to not only consolidate the progress achieved yesterday but also to chart a definitive course towards a sustainable and prosperous startup ecosystem in the state.

TiE Patna BRIDGE Summit 1.0 – EVENT SCHEDULE & KEY SPEAKERS

March 25, 2025

Time: 09:00 AM – 05:00 PM

BRIDGE Summit (CIMP)

Chief Guest:

Shri. Nitish Mishra, Minister, Department of Industries, Govt. of Bihar

Special Guests:

Prof. Dr. Rana Singh, Director, CIMP

Mr. Manish Sinha, CEO, CGTMSE

Mr. Nikhil Dhanraj Nippaniker, I.A.S, Director, Dept. of Industries, Govt. Of Bihar

Mr. Kumod Kumar, President TiE Patna, CEO CIMP-BIIF, CAO CIMP, Chair, PHDCCI

Bihar Chapter

Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Choudhary, Executive Director & State Head, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Bihar & Jharkhand,

Ms. Anubha Prasad, General Manager, SIDBI (Bihar & Jharkhand)

Mr. Ajit Ranade, Economist & Former VC, Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics

Other Guests Include TiE Charter Members and many well-known industrialists







