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Budget Samvad 2025: A Comprehensive Discussion on Bihar Budget at CIMP

Patna, March 7, 2025 – The Budget Samvad 2025, a key discussion on the Bihar Budget 2025-26, was conducted at the Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP). The event convened distinguished policymakers, thought leaders, and academicians to deliberate on Bihar's developmental trajectory and economic policies.

The session commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Dr. Rana Singh, Director, CIMP, who emphasized the importance of Bihar's economic vision and the evolving policy framework to foster sustainable growth. Shri Anand Kishor, IAS, highlighted the Bihar government's steadfast commitment to progressive policymaking under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Finance Minister. He underscored the significance of an effective budget in driving the state's economic growth and expressed appreciation for CIMP's role in facilitating this critical discourse. Describing the budget as the most comprehensive to date, he emphasized its integral role in achieving Viksit Bharat, India's vision for becoming a developed nation by 2047.

As a keynote speaker, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister of Bihar, Shri Samrat Choudhary, provided an in-depth analysis of the budget's role in contributing to India's economic future, asserting that Bihar holds the potential to significantly impact the national growth framework. He emphasized the necessity of industrial development, leveraging the state's highly skilled workforce, which consistently excels in academic and competitive domains. He discussed key budgetary highlights, including strengthening Bihar's agricultural sector by promoting global market access for its produce, infrastructure development with the construction of five new greenfield airports, including a state-of-the-art airport in Patna with a projected passenger capacity of one crore, the revival of Nalanda University as a centre of historical significance and modern academic excellence, and strategic investments in roadways, railways, and waterways to accelerate economic growth.

A significant highlight of the budget discussion was the Local for Global initiative, with Bihar's premier dairy brand, Sudha, launching exports of high-quality ghee and Gulab Jamun to the United States from March 7, 2025. Additionally, Bihar's makhana (fox nuts), recognized as a superfood, is gaining international recognition, with Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi advocating for the establishment of a Makhana Board in the state. To bolster agricultural sustainability, the government has announced the development of cold storage facilities across

534 blocks. Furthermore, the budget outlines the establishment of 16 new medical colleges from 2008 to 2025, major dam constructions, and the Kosi-Mechi Link Project for flood management.

The Bihar government is spearheading several transformative initiatives to empower women and promote sustainable development. Special vending zones dedicated to women's health and sanitation are being introduced, along with the implementation of 'Gym on Wheels' on a trial basis to promote women's fitness. The government is also installing 'Pink Toilets' to enhance hygiene and safety for women and implementing all-women public transport services, where the trainer, driver, and conductor will be exclusively women. Additionally, Bihar is championing sustainability through the Bihar Green Development Fund and Waste-to-Wealth initiatives. The government has proposed establishing new sugar mills that will utilize factory waste for ethanol production, alongside the construction of a cancer hospital in Begusarai. Bihar also leads the nation in gender-inclusive governance, boasting the highest number of female police officers in India, reaffirming the state's commitment to fostering inclusivity and security.

Before concluding, Shri Kumod Kumar, CAO, CIMP, extended a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all the distinguished guests and participants for their valuable contributions. The Budget Samvad 2025 successfully provided an in-depth platform for critical discussions on Bihar's budget and its impact on the state's economic and social landscape. The insights shared by esteemed dignitaries and experts underscored the government's strategic vision and commitment to inclusive growth and development.

This Budget Samvad 2025 delivered key insights that will shape Bihar's policy direction, fostering economic and social progress for years to come.





