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Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP) in collaboration with AICTE, IIT Madras, IIM Mumbai and EXTRA-C, hosted the Inaugural Session of the East Zone Final of the National Inter-College Crossword Expedition (NICE-2025) and the Patna City Round of 13th edition of the National Inter-School Cryptic Crossword Contest (CCCC XIII) on August 12, 2025, from 11:00 AM at CIMP Auditorium.

Harjot Kaur Bamhrah, I.A.S, Chairman-cum-Member, Board of Revenue & Additional Chief Secretary, Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department, Government of Bihar, gave winners the Prize and ticket to NICE 2025 Finale, as the Chief Guest for the occasion. Guest of Honour was Vivek Kumar Singh, I.A.S, Chairman, RERA Bihar & Chief Mentor, Extra-C, along with Dr. Rana Singh, Director, CIMP, Kumod Kumar, CAO, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Associate Dean and Professor of Practice, CIMP.

Crossword Quiz was hosted by Quizmaster-Kushagra Singh. The winner of NICE 2025 were Shivani Kumari and Aman Kumar from GEC, Vaishali. Shivani and Aman were also the winners in NICE 2024 East Zone Finals. The 1st runner up were Md. Dilshad Akhtar and Sujata Giri from SCE, Saharsha, and the 2nd runner up were Aman Kumar Jha and Prarthana from GEC, Vaishali. The Grand Finale of NICE 2025 will take place in New Delhi, adding another prestigious event to the national crossword calendar.

The winner of CCCC- 13.0, Patna City Round was Dhairya Pandey from Don Bosco Academy, Patna. The 1st runner up was Shraddha Shree from St Michael's High School, Patna and the 2nd runner up were Ambar Sinha and Aayush Sinha from St. Karen's High School, Patna. The winners who qualified will participate in Grand Finale, which will be held in New Delhi.

In his welcome address, Dr. Rana Singh, Director, CIMP said "Crosswords are very important for mental growth and one who practices it regularly will definitely become great management professional. It teaches you to work systematically and plan strategies. It is like a chess of words." He further urged students to practice crosswords, if students want to be a successful management professionals.

Dr. Sunil Kumar, Associate Dean and Professor of Practice, CIMP urged students to participate in crosswords events, as it helps in stimulating overall development of an individual. He said, "Participating is important, whether you win or lose hardly matters".

Guest of Honor, Vivek Kumar Singh, I.A.S, Chairman, RERA Bihar & Chief Mentor, Extra-C, said "Crosswords are more than puzzles, they're exercises in curiosity, logic, and language. They sharpen the mind and ignite the joy of discovery, especially among young learners" He urged students to participate and not think much about winning.

The Chief Guest, Harjot Kaur Bamhrah, I.A.S, emphasised the value of crosswords in enhancing mental agility. She noted that engaging with such puzzles stimulates idea generation, an essential skill for impressing potential investors. Encouraging students to cultivate a habit of reading, she highlighted the importance of continuous learning and knowledge-building. Addressing young women in particular, she urged them to believe in themselves, stating that self-belief is the foundation of confidence, and confidence is key to success.

Vote of thanks was delivered by Kumod Kumar, CAO, CIMP, Bihar said "To all the participants, you are the real spirit of NICE and CCCC. Your enthusiasm, hard work, and

competitive spirit have made this event vibrant and meaningful. Whether you win or not, you have already gained valuable experience that will serve you well in the future.

The event aims to engage college students in a similar celebration of intellectual challenge and problem-solving. Organised by Extra-C, both CCCC 13.0 and NICE 2025 continue to promote critical thinking, linguistic agility, and collaborative learning through the dynamic format of cryptic crosswords. These competitions have become a national platform for young minds to showcase their analytical and cognitive skills.





