


# 4<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ICPPM 2026



 02<sup>nd</sup> and 03<sup>rd</sup>  
July, 2026

**CONFERENCE THEME:**  
PUBLIC POLICY IN TIMES  
OF POLYCRISIS:  
RETHINKING GOVERNANCE,  
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## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The contemporary world is witnessing an unprecedented convergence of crises, climate change, economic volatility, public health emergencies, technological disruption, democratic stress, and widening social inequalities. These overlapping and mutually reinforcing challenges, often described as a polycrisis, have fundamentally altered the context within which public policy is designed, implemented, and evaluated.

Traditional policy frameworks—characterized by sectoral silos, linear planning, and short-term horizons—are increasingly inadequate to address complex, systemic, and uncertain policy environments. The polycrisis demands a rethinking of governance arrangements, a renewed commitment to evidence-informed policymaking, and a sharper focus on equity and inclusion to ensure that policy responses do not exacerbate existing vulnerabilities. At the same time, new opportunities are emerging. Advances in data systems, digital public infrastructure, impact evaluation methods, and participatory governance offer pathways to more adaptive, responsive, and accountable public policy. However, these innovations also raise important questions around state capacity, ethics, inclusion, and political economy.

Countries of Global South like India confronts polycrisis conditions with structurally constrained state capacity,

high informality, climate vulnerability, demographic pressure, and deep socio-economic inequalities. Unlike advanced economies, crises in the Global South are not episodic but often chronic and overlapping, combining development deficits with new global shocks. In India, recent policy responses—such as the Aspirational Districts and Blocks Programme, Digital Public Infrastructure (Aadhaar, DBT), climate-resilient agriculture initiatives, and women-centered development schemes—illustrate both innovation and implementation challenges.

The fourth International Conference on Public Policy and Management (ICPPM), 2026 being organized under the aegis of the Centre for Public Policy, Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna and Public Finance Research Cluster, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA, seeks to provide a multidisciplinary platform for scholars, policymakers, practitioners, and civil society actors to critically examine how public policy paradigms are evolving in response to polycrisis conditions. The conference aims to foster dialogue on how public policy can become more resilient, inclusive, and effective in navigating uncertainty and complexity. It will have a particular focus on how insights from this discussion, as well as ongoing collaboration among the participants, can contribute to economic and social development in Bihar.



## OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

- 01** To critically assess the implications of polycrisis for public policy design and governance.
- 02** To examine emerging evidence-based and adaptive policy approaches across sectors.
- 03** To explore equity-centred policy frameworks addressing gender, regional, and socio-economic disparities.
- 04** To bridge theory and practice by engaging academics, policymakers, and practitioners.
- 05** To generate actionable insights for strengthening institutional capacity and policy resilience.

## CONFERENCE TRACKS

Evidence-Based Policymaking  
and Policy Learning

Decentralization, Local Governance,  
and State Capacity

Climate Change, Sustainability,  
and Policy Resilience

Health, Education, and Human  
Development under Polycrisis



## CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES



- Keynote addresses, Plenary Sessions, Special Addresses, Technical Sessions, Panel Discussions, Policy Evaluation Master class.
- Special session on Environmental Policy, Governance and Biodiversity: Role of Institution, Society and Community, in collaboration with Bihar State Biodiversity Board, Government of Bihar.

## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Pre-conference workshop on Evaluation of Public Policy on day before the conference



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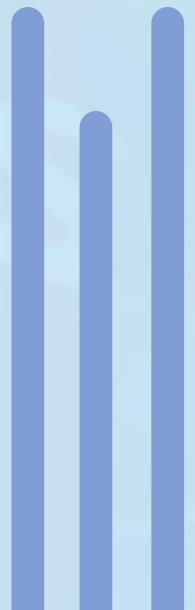
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- Policy Evaluation Specialist
- Researchers/academicians



Venue: Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna, Bihar



Date : 02nd July, 2026 - 03rd July, 2026



## CALL FOR PAPERS

- Unpublished papers are requested from researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and thought leaders to submit papers addressing the conference theme and mentioning the conference track.
- Submit your Abstract/Full paper at: [icppm@cimp.ac.in](mailto:icppm@cimp.ac.in)



## SUBMISSION DETAILS

### To Publish in Proceedings, Books & Journals

- Abstract (250-300 words)/Full paper to be submitted by **30th April, 2026**.
- Full Papers need to be submitted for Accepted Abstract by **5th June, 2026**.
- Selected Full Papers will be considered for an Edited Volume from an internationally reputed publisher.



## ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL GRANT

- Registered presenters will be provided accommodation in the institute campus.
- Limited Travel grants are available for registered participants, who submit full papers within the stipulated date.



## IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission of Abstract/Full paper by: **30th April, 2026**
- Communication about acceptance: **15th May, 2026**
- Submission of Full Paper: **5th June, 2026**
- Registration Open: **15th May, 2026**
- Registration Close: **1st July, 2026**
- Conference dates: **2nd-3rd July 2026**

**For Registration:** : Please check <https://cimp.ac.in/icppm/>

Interested Academician/Researchers/Practitioners/Policymakers are also invited to register as Participants by **1st July 2026**.

# ABOUT CIMP

**Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP)** was inaugurated in 2008 by His Excellency, the then Vice-President of India, Md. Hamid Ansari, as the dream-project of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar, Shri Nitish Kumar to resurrect the ancient educational glory of Bihar. It is an autonomous institute of excellence in management education, consultancy and research set up by the Government of Bihar on the lines of Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs). CIMP offers full-time AICTE Approved, NBA accredited and AIU recognized Post- Graduate Diploma in Management Programme; full time AICTE approved Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) and Executive Programme in Management (EXPM) for the officials of the Government of Bihar and executives/managers from various industries/corporate. Apart from this, CIMP also provides short-term Training Programme, Research and Consulting services for various departments, agencies and bodies of the government and the corporate. CIMP is in Rank Band: 101-125 (Management Category) by NIRF 2023 in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) India Rankings 2023. CIMP stands in the top 100 in the Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF).

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- Fellow Programme in Management (FPM)
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- Management Development programme (MDP)

# ABOUT CENTRE FOR PUBLIC POLICY (CPP)

at Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP):

The Centre for Public Policy (CPP) at Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP) was established to evolve as an avant-garde public policy think-tank; engaged in policy research, analysis, debate, capacity building and consulting; catalyzing fast-tracked, inclusive, and sustainable societal development. The Centre aspires to be the largest public policy repository and provide a platform to strengthen policy-making through cutting-edge research on policy interventions for enhanced effectiveness, applicability and governance. Throughout the years, the CPP has been doing research on various domains and dimensions of public policy. CPP has completed more than five dozen projects, including drafting the Bihar Vision Document for the Government of Bihar. Under the aegis of the center, a large number of projects on a wide spectrum of public policy issues like drinking water, agriculture, education, and social impact assessments (SIAs) have been conducted and these projects have provided evidence-based policy suggestions to different departments of the state government. Currently, the center has started a collaborative research project with the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, USA .



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