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I am delighted to introduce you to the July-December 2025 issue of CIMP Update, the newsletter of Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP). CIMP was established in 2008 with active support from the Government of Bihar, with the vision of providing nationally and internationally relevant management education and research facilities in the State.



CIMP offers an AICTE-approved, NBA-accredited, and AIU recognised flagship programme, Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM), equivalent to MBA, along with a doctoral-level Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) approved by AICTE. To expand the horizon of research and innovation, CIMP has started offering two new programmes from the academic year 2022, the Executive Fellow Programme in Management (EFPM) and the Post Graduate Diploma in Management-Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Venture Development (PGDM - IEV).

This year marked several significant milestones for Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP), reflecting our continued pursuit of academic excellence, innovation, and societal impact. A landmark achievement was CIMP receiving the AACSB Membership Certificate, reaffirming our commitment to global standards in management education and strengthening our international academic presence. In addition, flagship events such as HR Next 2.0, seminars on Artificial Intelligence and Design Thinking, and interactions with leaders from RBI, industry, and academia created meaningful opportunities for students. CIMP further expanded its academic, industry, and institutional outreach through significant MoUs with institutions including University of Bridgeport, FIHS, Tiger Analytics, Ruban Memorial Hospital, and Bihar State Biodiversity Board. These collaborations are expected to strengthen research, innovation, AI-driven learning, student and faculty exchange, healthcare support, and sustainable development initiatives.

This newsletter presents recent national and international collaborations, events, activities, and achievements. We hope you find it both informative and inspiring.

I extend my best wishes for the success of this endeavour.

Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh
Director & Dean (Academics),
CIMP

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It gives me immense pleasure to present the July–December 2025 issue of CIMP Update, the bi-annual newsletter of Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna. This edition highlights the major academic events, research initiatives, student activities, industry interactions, and institutional achievements that marked the second half of the year.



This issue of CIMP Update chronicles the milestones and achievements, offering readers a glimpse into the energy, creativity, and dedication demonstrated by our faculty members, students, researchers, staff, and collaborators. It also highlights the Institute's growing engagement with industry, academia, and society at large, reaffirming our vision of nurturing future-ready leaders with integrity and purpose.

I extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the successful conduct of these activities and to the editorial team for compiling and presenting them thoughtfully in this publication. I hope this newsletter serves not only as a record of accomplishments but also as a source of inspiration for continued excellence and innovation.

I invite all readers to explore this edition and join us in celebrating the collective spirit and achievements of the CIMP community.

Prof. (Dr.) Rajasshrie Pillai
Professor & Assistant Dean
(Academics), CIMP
Editor, CIMP Update

About CIMP



CIMP was established as an autonomous institution in 2008 with active support from the Government of Bihar. The institute was established to contribute substantially to Bihar's academic and development credentials while fulfilling the primary role of training students to become professional managers. CIMP offers a two-year full-time Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM), approved by AICTE and accredited by the NBA. The programme is recognised by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) as equivalent to MBA. Along with this, it started a doctoral-level Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) approved by AICTE in the year 2018. Recently, CIMP started offering two new programmes from the academic year 2022: the Executive Fellow Programme in Management (EFPM) and the Post Graduate Diploma in Management – Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Venture Development (PGDM – IEV).

In a span of 17 years, CIMP's achievements are known to the corporate world. The graduates from CIMP are placed in various companies of national and international repute, such as Airtel, AMUL (GCMMF), Asian Paints, Axis Bank, BIRLA OPUS, BRLPS (JEEVIKA), Colgate - Palmolive, COMFED, Grand Thronton, ICICI BANK, LabKafe, LaunchED, Shwethdara Milk Producer Private Limited, SWIGGY, TASL, Vaimanika Aerospace, Himalaya, DCB Bank, MG Seater, INDIRA IVF, UltraTech Cement, Bandhan Bank, Utkarsh Small Finance Bank, and many more.



Vision

To become a nationally and internationally relevant management education and research institution focusing on excellence.

Mission

- To focus on enriching Bihar's management education profile through training, research, and consulting activities.
- To establish centres of research especially focusing on the development issues of Bihar.

Program Educational Objectives

- Graduates will possess professional skills for employment and lifelong learning in management.
- Graduates will attain a general level of competence in management through a logical and practical approach to problem-solving and function effectively as skilled managers.
- Graduates will adapt to a rapidly changing environment with learned and applied new skills and become socially responsible and value-driven citizens committed to sustainable development.

NBA Accreditation

The Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) offered by CIMP is accredited by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA). Students studying in an NBA-accredited institution can be assured that they will receive an education that balances high academic quality and professional relevance and that the needs of the corporate world are well integrated into programmes, activities, and processes. This accreditation also signifies that the professionals developed here are of international standards and would be very useful in enhancing their global mobility.

AIU Approval

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has accorded equivalence to the two-year fulltime PGDM Program offered by CIMP with a Master of Business Administration (MBA) Degree from an Indian University.

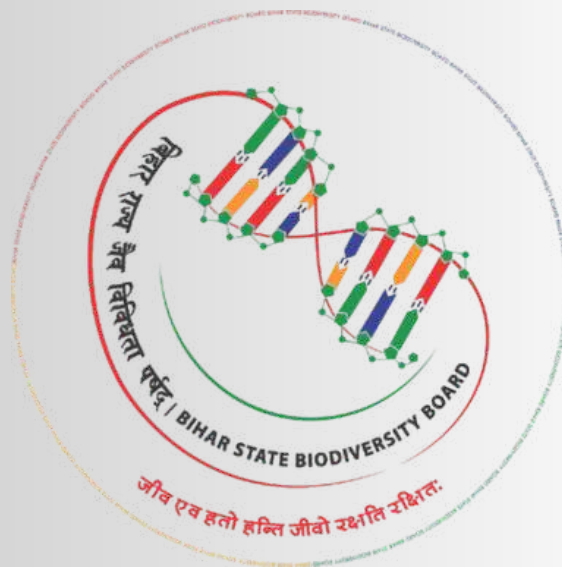
Institute Achievements

CIMP has obtained approval from the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for conducting a full-time Post-Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) with 180 seats, Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) with 05 seats and Executive Fellow Programme in Management (EFPM) with 15 seats for the academic year 2022-2023. Recently, CIMP started a Post Graduate Diploma in Management – Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Venture Development (PGDM – IEV) in the academic year 2022-23. CIMP secured a National Cluster Rank of 49 in the MBA ranking in 2025 in the Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF).

Lead Knowledge Institute

CIMP has been recognized as a Lead Knowledge Institute (LKI) under the State Support Mission (SSM) by NITI Aayog, Government of India. This recognition highlights CIMP's role in driving policy research, capacity building, and knowledge dissemination to support Bihar's socio-economic transformation for Viksit Bihar@2047. As a Lead Knowledge Institute, CIMP will play a crucial role in assisting the Planning and Development Department, Government of Bihar, to support the establishment of the State Institute of Transformation. Under this initiative, CIMP is undertaking research studies, organizing capacity-building programme, and providing evidence-based recommendations to strengthen Bihar's developmental strategies. This recognition further highlights CIMP's commitment to excellence in management education and policy research, aligning with its mission to contribute to Bihar's growth through impactful research, training, and consulting activities.

MoU with Bihar State Biodiversity Board



Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bihar State Biodiversity Board (BSBB) for collaborative research and studies on urban biodiversity in Bihar.

The partnership aims to strengthen research, assessment, and policy support in the areas of biodiversity conservation, ecosystem services, environmental governance, and sustainable urban management.

Under the MoU, CIMP will undertake Urban Biodiversity Studies and City Biodiversity Index assessments in selected urban areas of Bihar, including Patna, Gaya, Bhagalpur, Muzaffarpur, Biharsharif, Rajgir, Ara, and Buxar.

The collaboration will involve preparation of work plans, field-based studies, data collection, analysis, and development of biodiversity strategies and action plans for the assigned urban areas. The initiative is expected to generate baseline datasets, analytical reports, and policy recommendations to support evidence-based urban planning and ecological conservation.

The MoU also envisages joint monitoring, knowledge sharing, and coordinated implementation of research activities between CIMP and BSBB.

MoU with Federation of Industrial Health and Safety



Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Federation of Industrial Health and Safety (FIHS) to promote collaborative initiatives in the areas of industrial health, safety, disaster management, compliance, and skill development. The partnership seeks to strengthen institutional engagement in industrial safety audits, fire and electrical safety, environmental safety, occupational health, and workplace compliance in accordance with national standards and regulations.

Under the MoU, both institutions will jointly undertake consultancy assignments, training programmes, awareness campaigns, policy advocacy initiatives, and industry-oriented projects related to industrial and environmental safety. The collaboration also aims to develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), conduct audits and inspections, and facilitate capacity-building activities for industries, government agencies, and other stakeholders.

The agreement envisages collaborative research, project implementation, technical support, and professional training in emerging areas such as process safety, ergonomics, radiation safety, chemical safety, and environmental management, thereby contributing to safer and more sustainable industrial practices.

MoU with Tiger Analytics Inc.



Tiger Analytics

Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tiger Analytics Inc., a leading global analytics firm headquartered in Santa Clara, California, USA, to foster collaboration in the areas of Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence, Project Management, Cyber Security, and related emerging technologies. The partnership aims to promote joint research, technology-driven innovation, skill development, and industry-academia engagement through collaborative initiatives, and knowledge exchange.

Under the MoU, both institutions will work together on research and development projects, seminars, workshops, hackathons, and certificate training programmes in emerging technology domains. The collaboration also envisages the establishment of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Lab and a Centre of Excellence (CoE) at the CIMP campus to support innovation, startups, and interdisciplinary research. Tiger Analytics will provide technological expertise and advanced analytical support, while CIMP will facilitate academic collaboration, infrastructure, and institutional engagement. The partnership is expected to strengthen research capabilities, enhance industry-oriented learning, and create opportunities for students, researchers, and faculty members.

MoU with Ruban Memorial Hospital



Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ruban Memorial Hospital, Patna, to extend healthcare benefits and medical services to students, employees, ex-employees, and their dependents. The agreement aims to facilitate access to quality healthcare services, including OPD consultations, IPD facilities, emergency and day-care admissions, executive health check-ups, diagnostic services, and radiology tests at concessional rates based on prevailing CGHS/NABH norms.

Under the agreement, beneficiaries associated with CIMP will be able to avail discounts on consultations, diagnostic and radiology services, surgery, hospitalization, and emergency care at Ruban Memorial Hospital. The collaboration also includes provisions for discounted healthcare packages and specialized services, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the agreement.

The MoU reflects CIMP's commitment towards the well-being and welfare of its students, faculty, staff members, and associated stakeholders by ensuring access to reliable and affordable healthcare services. The agreement will remain effective for an initial period of two years and may be renewed subsequently through mutual consent.

MoU with University of Bridgeport (UB)



Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Bridgeport (UB), Connecticut, USA, to promote academic cooperation, research collaboration, and institutional engagement between the two institutions. The MoU reflects the shared commitment of both institutions towards strengthening global academic partnerships and creating opportunities for mutual growth and learning.

The collaboration envisages cooperation in several areas, including faculty exchange, student exchange, joint research projects, exchange of scientific and teaching materials, dual degree initiatives, conferences, and collaborative faculty research and development programmes. The agreement also provides a framework for exploring partnerships in research involving government agencies and other collaborative academic activities.

Both institutions have agreed to promote academic excellence while ensuring adherence to applicable intellectual property, confidentiality, export control, and institutional regulations. The MoU will remain valid for a period of three years and may be renewed through mutual agreement. This partnership is expected to enhance international exposure, foster knowledge exchange, and create meaningful academic opportunities for students and faculty members of CIMP.

Placement Report

The placement record of CIMP reflects its strong industry connect and consistent efforts toward student career development. A wide range of reputed organizations across banking, consulting, FMCG, manufacturing, infrastructure, and services sectors—such as ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Grant Thornton, Swiggy, Colgate-Palmolive, Tata Advanced Systems, UltraTech Cement, Berger Paints, Adani Wilmar, and many others—regularly participate in the institute’s placement process. These companies provide students with diverse job roles and meaningful career pathways. In addition to final placements, students at CIMP also receive valuable internship opportunities with these organizations, enabling them to gain practical exposure, build professional competencies, and enhance employability before graduation. The institute plays a proactive role in facilitating and inviting leading companies to campus, thereby ensuring sustained placement and internship opportunities that support students’ long-term career growth.

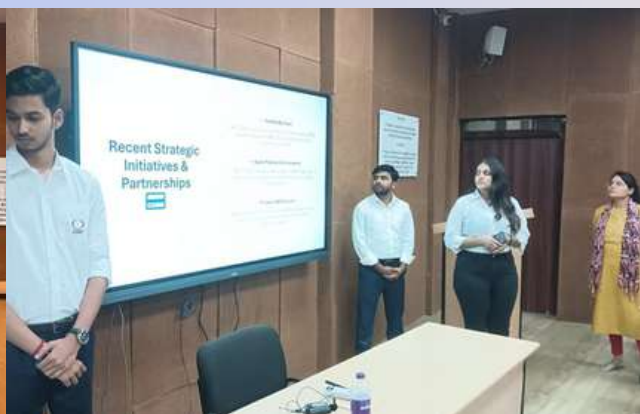
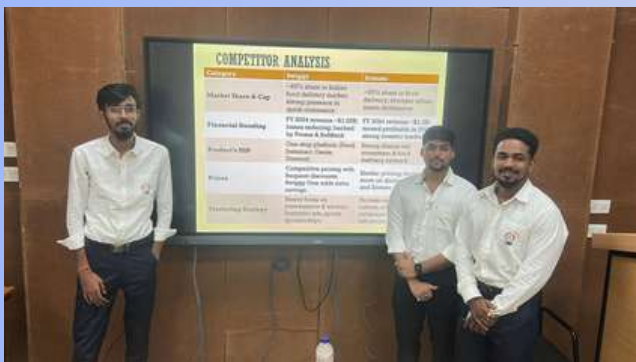
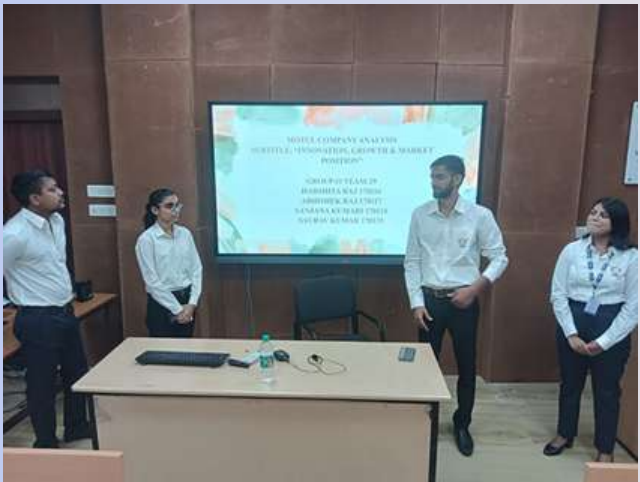


Activities & Initiatives

The Activities and Initiatives Index at CIMP reflects a structured and comprehensive approach to student development aimed at enhancing corporate readiness. Through initiatives such as aptitude tests, company analysis sessions, mock interviews, group discussions, leadership talks, and alumni connect series, the institute systematically builds students' analytical, communication, and professional skills. These activities provide practical exposure to real-world business scenarios, strengthen employability competencies, and enable students to interact with industry experts and successful alumni. Collectively, these initiatives play a vital role in preparing CIMP students for successful placements, internships, and long-term career growth.

Company Analysis

As part of the academic learning and practical exposure, the students are assigned companies to analyze in detail and present their findings. This activity aimed to help them understand how real businesses operate beyond textbook concepts. Each group conducted in-depth research covering the company's background, operations, financial performance, market position, and future prospects.



Mock Interviews

The Mock Interview sessions at CIMP are conducted by professors of the institute to prepare students for real placement and internship opportunities. These sessions provide valuable guidance, personalized feedback, and practical exposure to interview settings, helping students build confidence, improve communication skills, and enhance their overall readiness for successful careers.



Group Discussions

Group Discussions (GDs) are organized to simulate real placement and recruitment processes where communication, critical thinking, and teamwork are evaluated. These sessions are designed to prepare students for corporate GD rounds by creating a structured environment similar to actual recruitment scenarios.



Leadership Talks

CIMP believes that exposure to real-world leadership is essential for shaping future managers. Eminent corporate leaders and professionals regularly interact with students, sharing insights on leadership, strategy, ethics, and career growth.



Alumni Connect

This initiative bridges the gap between campus and corporate life, allowing students to learn directly from alumni who once walked the same corridors and now hold key positions across industries.

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PLACEMENT CELL ACTIVITY

ALUMNI INTERACTION
Career Pathways
in Strategic Operations & Supply Chain

MR. ROHIT ANAND
PGDM Batch 2014-16 (CIMP)
Senior Manager (Strategic Operations) and
Head (Operations, Supply Chain Management),
Tata Advanced Systems Limited

Wednesday, 13th August 2025
04:45 PM Onwards
Examination Hall, CIMP

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PLACEMENT CELL ACTIVITY

ALUMNI INTERACTION
MYSTORY
Campus to Consulting

MS. ROSHNI MONGA
PGDM Batch 2016-18 (CIMP)
Business Manager

Monday, 11th August 2025
04:45 PM Onwards
Examination Hall, CIMP

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PLACEMENTS ACTIVITY | ALUMNI CONNECT

FROM CAMPUS TO B2B SALES

Mr. Vaibhav Raj
Alumnus Batch 2016-20
Business Development Manager (Feature Division),
JK Cement Ltd.

Thursday, 10th October 2025
04:45 PM Onwards
Examination Hall, CIMP Campus, Patna

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PLACEMENT CELL ACTIVITY

ALUMNI INTERACTION

MR. SAURAV KUMAR
PGDM Batch 2023-25 (CIMP)
Senior Associate (Learning solutions),
Digit Thomson Bharat LP

Tuesday, 05th August 2025
04:00 PM Onwards
Examination Hall, CIMP



Managerial Skill Development

The Managerial Skill Development Classes at CIMP are designed to bridge classroom learning with real-world corporate expectations. Through sessions led by experienced faculty members and industry leaders, students gain exposure to practical business insights, leadership perspectives, and strategic thinking skills. These classes focus on communication, professional grooming, and decision-making abilities, while also strengthening the industry–academia connect through guest lectures and interactive engagements. Such initiatives play a crucial role in preparing students to transition confidently into managerial roles and succeed in their professional careers.



The second half of 2025 was a highly productive period for the Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP). The institute conducted several Management Development Programmes (MDPs) in collaboration with the Government of Bihar and other partners. These programmes focused on supporting MSME entrepreneurs and enhancing the evaluation skills of government officials. Between July and December 2025, more than 193 participants including officials, researchers, and entrepreneurs benefited from these initiatives.



Monitoring & Evaluation for Planning Officials | 24–26 July 2025

In association with the Planning and Development Department, Government of Bihar, CIMP organised a three-day residential Management Development Programme on the subject of Monitoring and Evaluation. The programme was designed to equip mid- and senior-level government officials with essential frameworks and practical skills for effective public programme oversight. Sessions covered a wide spectrum of topics including, Introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation, Understanding M&E Frameworks and Log-Frame Approaches, Data Collection and Quality Assurance, Data Management and Storage, Evaluation Methods, Planning for M&E, M&E Budgeting and Resource Allocation, Monitoring Techniques and Tools, Analysing and Communicating M&E Findings, Using M&E for Learning and Policy Improvement, and Building a Culture of M&E in Government. The programme was delivered by distinguished CIMP faculty including Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Prof. Sunil Kumar, Prof. Kalyan Agrawal, Prof. Ankit Sharma, and Prof. S. Senapati. The programme concluded with certificate distribution and a feedback and experience-sharing session among the 21 participants.



Impact Evaluation of Public Policies | 31 July – 2 August 2025

The Centre for Public Policy at CIMP organised a three-day residential Management Development Programme on the subject of Impact Evaluation of Public Policies for officials of the Planning & Development Department, Government of Bihar, under the State Support Mission, NITI Aayog. The programme was attended by mid- and senior-level officials as well as researchers from organisations like Piramal Foundation, Asian Development Research Institution (ADRI), State Transformation Cell, and State Support Mission (SSM), NITI Aayog. The curriculum encompassed the Role of Public Policies in Growth and Development, Theoretical Aspects of Public Policy, Project Cycle Management, Qualitative and Quantitative Methods of Impact Evaluation, Hands-on Training with Real-world Data, Theory of Change, Evidence-Based Policy Making, and Reporting and Development of Evidence-Based Policy Briefs. The programme was led by Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Prof. (Dr.) Debabrata Samanta, Prof. Sunil Kumar, Prof. Ankit Sharma, Prof. Kalyan Agrawal, Prof. Nitish Nigam, and Prof. S. Senapati. Participant feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with participants noting increased confidence in data analysis and policy brief preparation and recommending the inclusion of field activities and more interactive classroom discussions in future programmes.





One-Day Workshop for Bihar State Planning Board | 13 September 2025

CIMP, in association with the Bihar State Planning Board, Department of Planning and Development, Government of Bihar, organised a one-day workshop for the officials and employees of the Planning Board on 13th September 2025 (Saturday). The workshop was designed to enhance participants' professional capabilities by focusing on themes of Execution Mastery, Self-Awareness, Interpersonal Skills, Time and Stress Management, and Leadership. The day commenced with an Inauguration Session, followed by four substantive sessions. Session I on Purpose, Ownership, and Execution Mastery was conducted by Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Director, CIMP, covering strategic planning, accountability, and timely execution. Session II on Self-Awareness and Interpersonal Skills was led by Prof. (Dr.) Rajasshrie Pillai, addressing emotional regulation, reflective behaviour, and time management. Session III on Managing Time and Preventing Burnout was facilitated by Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Kumar, focusing on SMART goal-setting and strategies for personal well-being. The final session on Leadership and Managing Teams was conducted by Prof. (Dr.) Mamta Singh, emphasising collaborative leadership and embracing change. The workshop concluded with a Valedictory Session and Way Forward address.

3-Day Residential ToT Program Under RAMP Capacity Building | 1–3 December 2025

CIMP, in association with the Department of Industries, Government of Bihar, organised a three-day residential Train-the-Trainer (ToT) Programme under the RAMP Capacity Building Project from 1st to 3rd December 2025. The programme aimed to develop a cadre of Master Trainers capable of strengthening the implementation of EDP Training across the state. Day 1 featured sessions on Entrepreneurship and Skill Development by Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh; Digital Financial Literacy by C.A. Pallavi Jha; AI for Business Tools by Dr. Gaurav Abhishek Tigga; Practical Excel for Daily Business; and Entrepreneurship Promotion by Mohammad Hanif Mevati Sir. Day 2 covered Introduction to Lean Manufacturing by Prof. (Dr.) OM JI Shukla (NIT Patna); Digital Banking and Cash Flow Management by Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh; social media Power for Business by Dr. Pinaz Tiwari; Coaching and Mentoring by Dr. Namita Ruparel; and Tax Compliance and Financial Security by Sudhanshu Kumar Singh. Day 3 included sessions on Introduction to MSME and Programmes by Sanjeev Verma Sir (Asst. Director MSME); Leadership for MSME Entrepreneurs and Team Building and Conflict Resolution by Dr. Tarun Kumar Vashisth; and Introduction to KAIZEN, 5S, and Kanban Quality Management by Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh. The programme concluded with a Feedback and Experience Sharing session followed by Certificate Distribution, successfully equipping 36 Master Trainers for statewide deployment.



Orientation Program



CIMP hosted the orientation programme for the PGDM batch 2025–27 on July 1 2025. The programme began with a lamp lighting ceremony conducted by the chief guest Mr. Badrish Prakash, Global Head of Alliances Tiger Analytics along with Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh Director CIMP, Mr. Kumod Kumar, CAO, CIMP and Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Kumar, Associate Dean, Academics, faculty members, and the students of 2025–27 batch.

Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh delivered the welcome address and congratulated the newly admitted students. He reminded them that “time and tide wait for none” and advised them to remain focused during the next two years without getting distracted. He assured the students that CIMP provides all the resources required for academic success and said that with commitment and discipline they can become successful managers. He further encouraged them by stating that millions of opportunities are waiting for them both in India and globally.

After this Prof. (Dr.) Ankit Sharma introduced the students to the present status of CIMP, the PGDM programme and its requirements. He emphasized the need to develop skills like teamwork collaboration and proficiency in modern tools and techniques. Although the course duration is two years he explained that learning continues throughout life. He also informed students about the library journal subscriptions, infrastructure, academic collaborations, industry partnerships, and social initiatives of CIMP. He mentioned placement opportunities and stated that the institute has maintained a 100% placement record with the highest package last year exceeding ₹16 lakhs.

Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Kumar addressed the students and said that “PGDM is not just a degree but a journey” and advised disciplined communication and professional networking. Mr. Badrish Prakash encouraged students to lead digital transformation and follow the "Dharma of AI". The event ended with an MoU signing between CIMP and Tiger Analytics and Vote of Thanks by Prof. (Dr.) Santosh Kumar.



Inauguration of Students Guidance Centre



CIMP hosted the grand inauguration ceremony of the 2025–26 batch under its Students Guidance Centre (SGC) on July 10, 2025. The event aimed to welcome newly admitted students and provide them with career guidance, with a focus on empowering students from Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) by raising awareness about career opportunities and employment-oriented education. The Chief Guest of the event, Mr. Diwan Zafar, Special Secretary-cum-Officer on Special Duty, Department of SC/ST Welfare, Government of Bihar, inspired the students by highlighting the importance of government schemes and consistent efforts. He encouraged students to make the most of available opportunities, adding that hard work, self-confidence, and a clear vision are keys to overcoming any challenges in life. Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Director, CIMP, in his address, emphasized that with determination, proper guidance, and effective utilization of welfare schemes, students can achieve remarkable success. He reaffirmed CIMP's commitment to the holistic development of students from marginalized communities.



Prof. Rishikant, Director of the Students Guidance Centre, shared insights into the SGC's initiatives. He briefed students about preparation for national-level management entrance exams like CAT, MAT, and XAT, and also highlighted prospects in innovation and entrepreneurship. He informed students about Bihar Government's startup policy under which 80% to 90% scholarships are available for the PGDM-IEV course. He also encouraged students to explore startup ecosystems, fellowship programs, and opportunities for global exposure. Mr. Kumod Kumar, Chief Administrative Officer of CIMP, assured students of the institute's full support in their academic and personal development. He emphasized that CIMP is dedicated to providing all necessary resources, administrative support, and learning opportunities to help students achieve their aspirations. He urged them to make the most of the services and infrastructure available to them. Among the distinguished guests were Dr. Shruti Tetrewa, Principal of Government Women's College, and Mr. Deepankar, Block Welfare Officer, who also addressed the students and extended their best wishes. They assured all possible assistance from their respective institutions. Prof. Ankit Sharma delivered the vote of thanks, acknowledging the contributions of guests, faculty members, staff, and student coordinators. Faculty and team members such as Saroj ji, Sumit Kumar, Vidya, B. Ratnesh, Upendra Kumar, Shubha, and Suruchi were actively involved in organizing the event.

AACSB Membership Certificate Felicitation Ceremony



CIMP marked a historic milestone with the formal awarding of the AACSB Membership Certificate, symbolizing its commitment to global standards and academic excellence. The event was held in the esteemed presence of Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Director, CIMP; Mr. Kumod Kumar, CAO CIMP and CEO, CIMP-BIIF; Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Kumar, Associate Dean; Prof. (Dr.) Rajasshrie Pillai, along with all the respected faculty members, enthusiastic students, and dedicated staff of CIMP. The ceremony was further elevated by the gracious presence of Mr. Prathap Das, Regional Head – South Asia, AACSB International, who not only shared valuable insights but also formally presented the AACSB Membership Certificate to Director Sir and Mr. Kumod Kumar.

The event began with a warm felicitation of the dignitaries. Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, in his address, emphasized the importance of aligning academic programs with institutional goals and highlighted AACSB's role in quality assurance and global recognition. Prof. (Dr.) Rajasshrie Pillai followed with remarks on how CIMP's curriculum and research initiatives reflect international academic standards and foster cross-border scholarly engagement.



The most awaited moment of the event was the presentation of the AACSB Membership Certificate. This symbolic gesture marked a significant achievement in CIMP's journey and reaffirmed its place on the global academic map. In his keynote address, Mr. Prathap Das congratulated the CIMP fraternity for reaching this milestone. He spoke about the far-reaching implications of AACSB membership, particularly how it would benefit students in terms of global recognition and better industry perception. He emphasized that recruiters and academic partners alike now view AACSB-affiliated institutions as benchmarks of quality and innovation. He lauded the institution's progress and urged all present to continue placing their trust in CIMP's dynamic leadership. The event reaffirmed CIMP's transformative vision, inspiring collective pride in its pursuit of academic excellence.

HR Next 2.0 (The HR Conclave)



HR Next 2.0, held on 28 November 2025 at CIMP Patna, explored “AI, Agility, and the Human Touch,” uniting academicians, leaders, HR professionals, and students to examine AI-driven HR transformation while emphasizing empathy and ethical leadership.

The event opened with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony symbolizing knowledge and progressive thinking in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Director, CIMP; Mr. Vibhash Kumar, HR Next Chairperson and Placement Chairperson, CIMP; Mr. Kumod Kumar, CAO, CIMP and CEO, CIMP-BIIF; Mr. Sajid Iqbal, CHRO, Brigade Group; Dr. Mukesh Ranjan Das, Executive Director HR, Indian Oil Corporation Limited; Mr. Raj Kumar Dubey, Director HR, Bharat Petroleum; and Mr. Shivesh Singh, Head Business HR, Bandhan Bank. This was followed by the inaugural address by Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, who emphasized HR’s transformational role, cited NVIDIA’s AI-driven strategy, and reaffirmed that people remain central to sustainable organizational success. Mr. Vibhash Kumar, Chairperson of HR Next 2.0, presented the conclave’s vision to equip future managers for an AI-driven and digitally transforming corporate landscape. Mr. Sajid Iqbal, CHRO, Brigade Group, reflected on leadership evolution and the shift from B2B to B2C models. He emphasized that HR must understand business functions and collaborate with top management to lead change, strengthen talent strategy, and foster innovation.

Dr. Mukesh Ranjan Das, Executive Director HR, Indian Oil Corporation, addressed the audience on the role of technology in managing large-scale organizations. He highlighted how Indian Oil manages vast infrastructure networks and human resources using digital platforms and AI-supported systems. He also spoke about the rapid infrastructure development in India and the growing demand for skilled human resources. He strongly emphasized the importance of continuous learning and upskilling for HR professionals to remain relevant in a technology-driven workplace.



A key academic highlight was the panel discussion titled “Smart Tech with Human Touch – How HR is shaping the future with AI.” It was moderated by Prof. (Dr.) Rajasshrie Pillai, Professor HR, CIMP. The panel comprised Mr. Raj Kumar Dubey, Director HR, Bharat Petroleum and Chairman, Indraprastha Gas Ltd.; Dr. Mukesh Ranjan Das, Executive Director HR, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.; Mr. Rajesh Kumar Singh, Senior Vice President HR, KPIT Technology; Mr. Shivesh Singh, Head Business HR, Bandhan Bank; and Mr. Sajid Iqbal, CHRO, Brigade Group. The discussion examined AI in recruitment, performance management, learning, and engagement. Panelists emphasized that AI enhances efficiency but must remain guided by human judgment, ethics, adaptability, and emotional intelligence.

The HR Tech Session was led by Mr. Setu Shah from Oracle, who shared practical perspectives on AI applications in HR operations. He outlined its use in resume screening, job description drafting, recruitment automation, performance evaluation, and learning design. He also explained how tools such as ChatGPT support policy formulation and employee communication. The session referenced the Gartner HR Technology Hype Cycle 2025 and included a live illustration of AI-enabled customer service, followed by an interactive discussion.



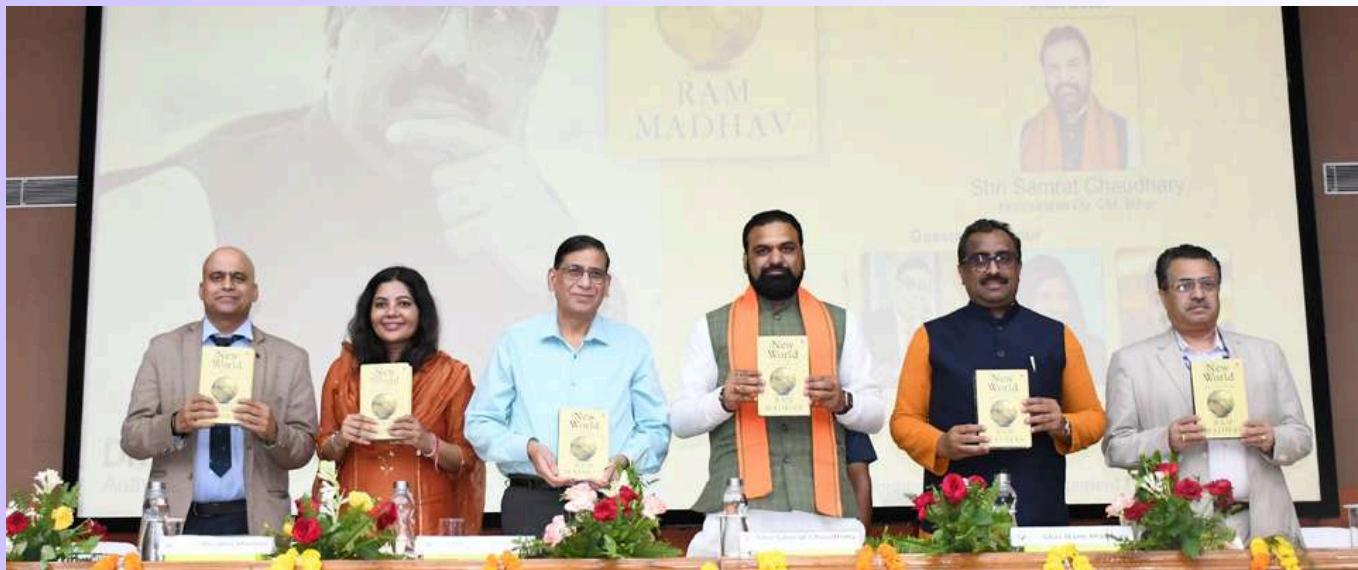
The second panel discussion, “HR in the Age of AI – Skills Every Future Manager Must Master,” was moderated by Prof. (Dr.) Mamta Singh, Associate Professor, CIMP. Panelists included Mr. Prasenjit Das, HR BP, Nuvoco Cements; Ms. Rina Pandey, Regional HR, Ultratech Cement; Mr. Amir Usmani, HR Manager, GE Transportation; and Mr. Kumar Priyaranjan, Founder and CEO, Attitude & Intelligence Learning Systems. The discussion highlighted transparency, learning agility, adaptability, and ethical judgment as essential leadership traits. Panelists affirmed that AI supports analysis and automation, but decision-making must remain human-led.



The conclave included competitive events to strengthen student engagement. The HR Quest Quiz, organized with the Economic Times, featured 15 teams. Anjali Sinha from CIMP secured the first rank and won a cash prize of ₹15,000, while Kumar Nishant from CIMP secured the second rank with a cash prize of ₹10,000. Divyansh Seth from Amity University, Patna secured the third rank and received a cash prize of ₹5,000. The quiz assessed HR knowledge, corporate trends, business awareness, and AI applications. Another highlight was the HR InnovateX Hackathon, where students designed technology-driven HR solutions. Projects addressed Dynamic Skills Gap Mapping, privacy-focused wellness monitoring, and transparent AI performance reviews. Shreya Verma from CIMP secured first rank and won a cash prize of ₹45,000, while Abhijeet Kumar from CIMP secured the second rank with a cash prize of ₹21,000. Ayushi Bhatia from IIM Ahmedabad secured third rank and received a cash prize of ₹15,000, demonstrating strong innovation and problem-solving. The HR Best Practices Award was conferred on the Mediversal Team for excellence in innovative HR systems and employee-centric initiatives, reinforcing the importance of aligning people management with business performance. Distinguished guests were honoured for their contributions to the conclave's success.



Book Launch – “The New World” by Dr. Ram Madhav



CIMP hosted the book launch of “The New World”, authored by renowned thinker Dr. Ram Madhav. The event commenced with a ceremonial lamp lighting, followed by an address by Dr. Guru Prakash Paswan. Guests were felicitated with mementos by Bihar Young Forum and CIMP officials. Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Director, CIMP, highlighted India’s growing global influence, while Dr. Shradha Sharma emphasized Bihar’s role in India’s emerging geopolitical leadership. She reflected on her 17-year journey founding YourStory Media and envisioned a future shaped by collective effort. Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa, Vice Chancellor, CNLU, offered deep insights into India’s historical contributions and raised thought-provoking questions on geopolitics, religion, and India’s future in global order. He praised Dr. Madhav’s book for its intellectual depth and provocative discourse.



Dr. Madhav emphasized India's need to shed romanticism and lethargy, advocating for growth led by both government and institutions. He noted India’s economic potential and cited Bihar’s repeated 10% growth as a case in point.

Hon'ble Deputy CM Samrat Chaudhary concluded by recalling Bihar's resilience post-Jharkhand bifurcation and its development through visionary leadership and strategic water management.

An Interaction with RBI's Chief General Manager of Bihar

CIMP hosted an engaging session at its auditorium with Mr. Kumar Rajesh Ranjan, Chief General Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Bihar. The program was attended by Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Director, CIMP, and Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Kumar, Associate Dean, along with RBI Assistant Managers Ms. Debopriya Basak and Mr. Dhananjay. Faculty members, staff, and students participated enthusiastically.



The session commenced with a formal welcome and felicitation. Mr. Ranjan addressed currency awareness, the academic progression of PGDM students, and emerging professional challenges. He outlined six major RBI initiatives, including Unified Payments Interface (UPI), Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), the digital lending ecosystem framework, regulatory sandboxes for fintech firms, Aadhaar-enabled payment systems, and evolving cross-border payment mechanisms. He also discussed risks associated with cryptocurrencies, citing volatility, regulatory ambiguity, cybersecurity threats, fraudulent schemes, and limited investor safeguards, while explaining how CBDC aims to mitigate such vulnerabilities.



Ms. Debopriya Basak delivered a focused presentation on financial literacy, the RB-IOIS 2021 Scheme, KYC compliance, identification of fraudulent websites, education loans, and the RBI's Model Education Loan Scheme. The session concluded with an interactive dialogue where Mr. Ranjan addressed student queries. The interaction was informative and professionally enriching for aspiring finance leaders.

The AI Advantage



CIMP organized a workshop titled The AI Advantage at its auditorium, featuring Mr. Abhay Mishra and Mr. Rajan Kumar from Tiger Analytics, Ms. Priya Nath, CEO and Co-Founder of Chitrakaya AdTech Solutions LLP, and Ms. Shambhavi Sharma, Founder of Nrityaamrit. The session was attended by Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Mr. Kumod Kumar, Prof. (Dr.) Rajasshrie Pillai, faculty members, staff, and students.

The program commenced with a formal address by Dr. Rana Singh, who articulated the transformative influence of Artificial Intelligence on research, analytics, and data-driven innovation. He noted CIMP's proactive engagement in developing structured IT prototypes designed to enhance citizen welfare. His keynote address emphasized two central messages: change is constant, and proactive technological adaptation is essential. A significant segment focused on AI's growing impact across institutions in Bihar, reinforced through a video message by Ms. Shambhavi Sharma. She highlighted collaborative initiatives among government agencies, educators, and students to implement centralized resource management systems and real-time analytics platforms. These measures aim to strengthen institutional decision-making and promote evidence-based governance.



Panel discussions examined AI's capacity to generate competitive advantage in welfare, agriculture, and education. Speakers stressed the importance of nurturing an agile workforce equipped to deploy AI responsibly, while addressing ethical considerations grounded in transparency, accountability, and data privacy.

A hands-on session led by Ms. Priya Nath guided participants in crafting AI-ready resumes aligned with Applicant Tracking Systems and evolving recruitment technologies. The workshop concluded by reaffirming AI's strategic relevance in academia, industry, and societal development, marking a meaningful step toward informed and responsible technological adoption.

Seminar on Design Thinking & Innovation



CIMP organized an enlightening seminar on Design Thinking & Innovation in the CIMP Auditorium. The session was conducted by Prof. (Dr.) Rishabh Rajan (Ph.D., IIT Delhi), Assistant Professor, CIMP, aimed at nurturing an innovative mind-set among students while emphasizing the importance of creative problem-solving in the modern era.

Prof. Rajan opened the session by underlining the role of vision and mission statements as the cornerstone of successful innovation. He described innovation as the process of introducing new ideas or enhancing existing products and services to create genuine value for society. Drawing from real-world examples, he highlighted innovations such as advancements in torch technology, multifunctional wheelchair designs, and Coca-Cola's impactful advertising strategies, demonstrating how innovation can influence diverse sectors.

A key highlight of the seminar was the emphasis on students-generated ideas that deliver Additional values beyond addressing basic challenges. Prof. Rajan reiterated that innovation is not only crucial for sustainable growth and competitiveness but also for the overall development of society. He further advocated for the adoption of Design Thinking, a user-centric and empathy-driven approach to problem-solving, supported by frameworks from the Harvard Business Review.

The seminar also explored the concept of social innovation. Notable among the examples discussed was the "Life-Saving Dot" initiative, which contributed significantly to public health campaigns such as the polio eradication drive, supported by ambassador Amitabh Bachchan. Prof. Rajan showcased how creative campaigns, when paired with influential public figures, can bring about meaningful societal change.



Kavi Sammellan



The Kavi Sammellan organized by Sadbhavana Samiti in collaboration with CIMP was held on 25th September 2025 at the CIMP Auditorium. The event began with the lamp-lighting ceremony by esteemed chief guests Mr. Ashutosh Agnihotri, Mr. Ramayan Dhar Dwivedi, and Mr. Sanjiv Mukesh, accompanied by Mr. Kumod Kumar, Chief Administrative Officer, CIMP and CEO, CIMP-BIIF; Associate Dean, Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Kumar, and enthusiastic gathering of faculty members, staffs and students.

The program featured soulful poetic recitations and songs dedicated to nationality and patriotism, inspiring the audience with themes of unity, courage, and pride. Several compositions focused on the youth of Bihar, encouraging them to take responsibility in shaping a progressive society. The verses blended emotions with powerful messages, leaving the gathering deeply moved.

The event not only celebrated the richness of Hindi literature but also motivated the youth to embrace cultural roots while working for a brighter future. Overall, it was a successful and memorable literary evening.





The 14th Convocation was held on September 26, 2025, at CIMP, marked an important academic milestone. Established in 2008 with support from the Government of Bihar, CIMP has developed into a prominent institution for quality management education, celebrating student achievements, institutional progress, and leadership development.

The ceremony was presided over by the Chief Guest, Shri Harivansh Narayan Singh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. The event began with his formal introduction followed by a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony attended by Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Director, CIMP; Mr. Kumod Kumar, CAO, CIMP and CEO, CIMP-BIIF; Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Kumar, Associate Dean; Prof. (Dr.) S. Senapati, FPM Coordinator; and Prof. (Dr.) G.K. Murthy, PGP Chairperson, along with members of the governing council, faculty, staff, students, and invited guests. In his welcome address, Dr. Rana Singh congratulated the graduating students and reflected on CIMP's growth since its establishment. He highlighted the institute's contribution to management education in Bihar and acknowledged the support of the government, faculty commitment, and the collective efforts of stakeholders in strengthening the institution.



In his keynote address, Chief Guest Shri Harivansh Narayan Singh reflected on the evolving role of education and knowledge-driven innovation in empowering individuals and shaping societies. He praised the achievements of CIMP and its students, noting the growing academic momentum within Bihar. He encouraged graduates to embrace lifelong learning, adaptability, and ethical leadership while addressing modern challenges with integrity and vision. He also acknowledged the institute's initiatives in technology adoption, entrepreneurship development, and social outreach through its incubation centre and rural programmes, urging graduates to contribute meaningfully to society and responsible nation-building.

The convocation's central moment was the conferral of degrees and recognition of outstanding achievements. Graduates received their certificates in the presence of faculty, families, and invited guests. Special honours were awarded to students securing top ranks, excelling in research, and achieving recognition in national competitions. The graduating batch also celebrated CIMP's record of 100% placements across sectors such as FMCG, banking, consulting, and technology, with organizations including AMUL, ITC, Colgate Palmolive, and Tata Advanced Systems recruiting from campus. Faculty excellence in research and mentorship was also acknowledged.



The convocation witnessed a strong presence of alumni who shared their professional journeys and reflected on the foundation built during their time at CIMP. Their achievements across corporate, entrepreneurial and social sectors highlighted the lasting influence of the institute and offered inspiration to the graduating batch. The occasion also allowed the leadership to present future priorities. These included strengthening academic research, improving graduate employability and expanding global collaborations. Attention was also given to the changing landscape of management education shaped by technology, artificial intelligence and data analytics. The institute reaffirmed its commitment to preparing students with relevant skills and strong ethical values.



After the conferral of degrees, PGP Chairperson G.K. Murthy led the graduates in an alumni pledge highlighting their responsibilities and values. Professor Ranjit Tiwari delivered the vote of thanks and acknowledged the collective efforts that made the convocation successful.



As the ceremony concluded, gratitude was expressed to faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and industry partners for their support in the institution's journey. The Chief Guest formally declared the convocation closed, followed by the national anthem, reaffirming CIMP's commitment to responsible leadership and purposeful management education.



Interaction with Mr. Vivek Wadhwa, Founder, Vionix Biosciences



CIMP organized an interaction with Mr. Vivek Wadhwa, Founder of Vionix Biosciences, in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Director, CIMP, along with faculty members, students, and staff. The program began with a welcome address highlighting Mr. Wadhwa's global contributions to technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship. Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh felicitated him with a sapling as a gesture of appreciation. During his address, Mr. Wadhwa spoke about the transformative potential of technology, explaining how AI and sensors are enabling intelligent robotics and automation. He remarked that technology offers a “special power” to the fastest learners who continuously upgrade their skills. He encouraged students to use AI tools such as ChatGPT and Gemini to enhance productivity and creativity. He also advised aspiring entrepreneurs to build start-ups by solving real problems rather than replicating existing ideas. The interactive session concluded with a vote of thanks and the presentation of a memento to Mr. Wadhwa by Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh.



An Interaction with Mr. Sourabh Dwivedi, Director, The Lallantop



CIMP organized an interaction with Mr. Saurabh Dwivedi, Director and Founding Editor of The Lallantop. The session was held in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Director, CIMP, and Mr. Kumod Kumar, Chief Administrative Officer, CIMP and CEO, CIMP-BIIF, along with students and staff members of the institute.

Mr. Dwivedi began his talk by reflecting on the theme of love in different dimensions of life. He spoke about love in campus life, love for books, and love for language, explaining that genuine passion for learning and relationships ultimately shapes individuals into better human beings. Drawing from experiences of his college years, he shared how those moments influenced his outlook towards life and career. He encouraged students to follow their inner voice and pursue what their hearts truly believe in.

He also shared two simple yet meaningful suggestions: “Stay hydrated” to maintain mental clarity and reduce stress, and “Take a good breath” to remain calm in challenging situations. During the interactive discussion, he addressed questions about stereotypes surrounding Bihar, the state’s challenges, and its evolving political landscape, making the session insightful and reflective.



Brightening Lives: Candle Sale by Antarjyoti Balika Vidyalaya at CIMP



Students of CIMP organized a candle sale on 14 October 2025 in collaboration with Antarjyoti Balika Vidyalaya, a school for visually impaired girls. The initiative aimed to support the students by providing a platform to showcase and sell their handmade candles.

The stall was set at the CIMP campus in the presence of faculty members, staff and students. A variety of decorative and scented candles crafted by the girls of Antarjyoti Balika Vidyalaya were displayed. Their creativity and dedication received warm appreciation from the CIMP community.

The initiative sought to help the students celebrate a brighter Diwali through the income generated from the sale. The event reflected the values of compassion, inclusion and social responsibility while highlighting the capabilities of differently-abled individuals.



Interactive Session with Saurabh Dwivedi (Chunavi Adda)



CIMP organized an engaging and thought-provoking interactive session on 1 November 2025 with Saurabh Dwivedi, renowned journalist and founder of The Lallantop. The event consisted of multiple sessions that examined issues of education, governance, elections and start-ups in India, with particular reference to the upcoming Bihar elections. The program witnessed active participation from students, faculty members and guests from several educational institutions, creating an intellectually vibrant environment.

The first session was led by Siddhant Mohan from The Lallantop. He was joined by prominent educators from Bihar, including Dhananjay Sir, Guru Rahman Sir and S.K. Jha Sir. The discussion focused on the present condition of the education system, challenges in examinations and the growing concern of paper leaks. The speakers stressed the need for reforms and highlighted the importance of merit, fairness and transparency in competitive examinations. Students also shared their experiences and expectations from the system.

The second session featured Saurabh Dwivedi interacting with students and aspirants from Aryabhat Knowledge University, Chanakya National Law University, IGIMS and a BPSIC aspirant. He discussed journalism, politics and youth participation in democracy while encouraging students to develop a love for reading, language and learning.



The third session revolved around the theme “Change your lens, change your perspective” and emphasized informed political understanding and voter awareness during elections. The fourth session explored entrepreneurship and innovation where Mr. Kumod Kumar, CAO, CIMP shared insights on promoting start-up culture in academic institutions. The final session featured influencers Shrishti, Mintua and Rahul Sinha who discussed digital media and its growing role in shaping public discourse.

4th MANAGEMENT CASE CONFERENCE (MCC-2025)



CIMP organized the Management Case Conference (MCC–2025) on Monday, 10 November 2025 in online mode. The conference brought together academicians, researchers and industry professionals from across India to discuss innovative and sustainability oriented management practices through case study presentations.

The program began with a welcome address by Prof. Ranjit Tiwari, Associate Professor, CIMP. This was followed by the inaugural address delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Director, CIMP. The inaugural session was attended by Mr. Kumod Kumar, Chief Administrative Officer, CIMP, and Prof. Sunil Kumar, Associate Dean, CIMP. In his remarks, Prof. Rana Singh highlighted the importance of case teaching as an experiential learning method that connects theory with practice and strengthens analytical decision making among management students.

The session also featured keynote addresses by Prof. Pradepta Sethi of T. A. Pai Management Institute, Manipal and Mr. Dinesh Saboo, CFA, former CEO of Finmeraki. Prof. Sethi discussed “the dilemma of choosing the right from right options,” while Mr. Saboo emphasized the integration of Artificial Intelligence in case-based management education. The conference received 32 case submissions, of which 20 were accepted and 14 were finally registered for presentation after review.





The conference featured two thematic tracks that facilitated in-depth discussion on contemporary management challenges. Track I (11:00 AM – 01:24 PM), chaired by Prof. Debi Prasad Satapathy of XIM University, Bhubaneswar, presented insightful cases focusing on governance, sustainability, industrial efficiency, and responsible production practices. Track II (02:11 PM – 04:30 PM), chaired by Prof. Manvendra Pratap Singh of NIT Rourkela, examined themes such as corporate sustainability, financial literacy, e-grocery supply chains, and rural prosperity through cooperative models.

Participants represented several reputed institutions from across India, including BML Munjal University (BMU), Fore School of Management New Delhi, NIT Rourkela, Alliance University Bengaluru, IMI Kolkata, Ahalia School of Management Kerala, NIT Bhopal, Amity Business School Bengaluru, YBN University Jharkhand, and CIMP among others. The sessions featured analytical and solution-oriented case presentations covering governance, sustainability, financial literacy, behavioural management, employee satisfaction, and circular economy practices.



The Best Case Award was presented to Dr. Akshita Arora of BML Munjal University Gurugram, followed by Dr. Tavishi Tewary of Fore School of Management New Delhi and Dr. Pritpal Singh Bhullar of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University Bhatinda. The Best Case Presentation Award was given to Ajith Shankar R N from Ahalia School of Management Palakkad Kerala.

The Valedictory Session was addressed by Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Director, CIMP, in the presence of Mr. Kumod Kumar, Chief Administrative Officer, CIMP, and Prof. Sunil Kumar, Associate Dean, CIMP, followed by a Vote of Thanks by Prof. (Dr.) Santosh Kumar, Associate Professor, CIMP. MCC–2025 reflected CIMP’s commitment to case-based learning, sustainable management practices, and academic–industry collaboration.



The IIC Regional Meet 2025, held December 2, 2025 at CIMP Patna, under Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MoE) and AICTE, advanced student-led innovation through Yukti Innovation Challenge; uniting innovators, coordinators, jury, students from CIMP, BIT Patna, GEC Palamu, featuring inaugurations, exhibitions, sessions, awards, mentorship, idea-validation, market transformation, supporting Viksit Bharat and India's start-up ecosystem.

The event began with a local inauguration led by CIMP Director Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh Director CIMP; Mr. Kumod Kumar CAO CIMP and CEO CIMP-BIIF; attended by Mukesh Kumar and Ravi Chaudhary. They emphasized nurturing student entrepreneurship through mentorship and investment. Mr. Ashok Kumar added that executed ideas and minimal effort solutions drive global innovation.



Following the local event, senior MoE Innovation Cell officials conducted the central inauguration, highlighting policies enabling 40,000 PhDs in science and technology within three years, placing India third after USA and China. Focus remained on 2025–26 R&D for Viksit Bharat, IIC student skilling, innovation culture strengthening, and YUKTI hosting 175,000 TRL 4+ ideas. Before lunch, the vibrant Udyami Bazaar showcased student entrepreneurs' products and micro-businesses, drawing jury and visitor attention. Top performers included Natural Bee (1st), Anand Jyoti (2nd), and Ghaas Paat (3rd), exemplifying idea-to-sustainable-model translation. This segment highlighted entrepreneurial spirit across sustainability and community projects, complementing YUKTI evaluations on problem-solution fit and scalability.

Post lunch, four parallel sessions ran simultaneously: Knowledge Sharing, Innovation Ambassadors Pitching, Training for Trainers and Ecosystem Enablers, and parallel idea evaluations. In the Knowledge Sharing Session, experts and dignitaries shared entrepreneurial journeys, innovation strategies, and challenges through interactive dialogue, promoting hands on learning, creativity, resilience, and proactive mind-sets. Shailendra Chauhan of Intellect Design Arena contrasted India's risk aversion with Silicon Valley's failure embracing ecosystem and advocated design thinking involving problem identification, ideation, prototyping, and beneficiary engagement. In Innovation Ambassadors Pitching, fourteen screened ambassadors presented before a multidisciplinary panel in one on one mentorship, assessed on pitch quality and viability, with top performers advancing to nationals. The Training for Trainers and Ecosystem Enablers session guided faculty and coordinators on IIC tools, YUKTI validation through SMART analysis and product market fit, and incubation such as CIMP BIIF to scale regional innovation capacity. Meanwhile, student teams presented technology, social, and sustainability ideas before three jury panels of CEOs and founders, scored on uniqueness, feasibility, and usability, alongside poster competitions where CIMP Patna, BIT Patna, and GEC Palamu led institutional showcases.

The day concluded with a valedictory anchored by Prof. Rana Singh, Mr. Kumod Kumar, Mr. Vivek Kumar, Shailendra Chauhan, Mr. Hrirak Das, and Mr. Madan Mohan Sharan Singh.



The awards were presented across several categories to recognize innovation, entrepreneurship, and academic contribution. In the Best Innovation Ambassadors category, the winners were Dr. Pooja Kumari, Dr. Mukesh Singh, and Dr. Animesh Sarkar for their outstanding efforts in promoting innovation. Under the Best Udyami Bazaar category, the top three winners were Natural Bee, Anand Jyoti, and Ghaas Paat for their entrepreneurial initiatives. In the Top 3 Innovators (HEIs & ATIs) category, the winners included Krish Mitra from Delhi Public School, Patna, Anand Jyoti for Safety Cannual, and the Ghaas Paat Team. Additionally, the Poster Presentation competition recognized CIMP Patna with the first position, followed by BIT Patna in second place and GEC Palamu securing the third position. These awards celebrated creativity, innovation, and the spirit of entrepreneurship among participants.





The Yukti Innovation Challenge was inaugurated in two phases, beginning with a local inauguration facilitated by Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh Director, CIMP; Mr. Kumod Kumar, CAO, CIMP and CEO, CIMP-BIIF. The event was attended by guests Mukesh Kumar and Ravi Chaudhary, who underscored the importance of nurturing student-led innovation and entrepreneurship within academic institutions. The challenge aims to support thousands of entrepreneurial aspirants by providing mentorship and investment to transform their ideas into market-ready solutions and sustain India's innovation vigour.

The central inauguration was conducted by senior officials of the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, highlighting the national thrust on building a robust innovation ecosystem. It was emphasized that India has awarded 40,000 doctorates in the past three years and now ranks third globally, after the USA and China, in the number of individuals with PhDs in science and technology, a result of enabling policies. Officials noted that in the upcoming year 2025–26, enhanced facilitation of research and development will be instrumental in achieving the Viksit Bharat Mission and maintaining India's position as the world's third-largest start-up ecosystem.



In his address, Mr. Ashok Kumar stressed that “ideas drive the world, provided they are executed well,” and that any solution that removes impediments with minimal effort qualifies as an innovation. He reiterated that nothing can stop ideas that drive the world and called for proactive steps to strengthen India's innovation culture. The event also highlighted the Institute Innovation Council (IIC) as a key policy that focuses on developing skilled students who can contribute to the business world and generate employment, thereby reinforcing the role of academia in national development.



CIMP Auditorium hosted B Talks on the theme “Building What Customers Want and Scaling It Right: Mastering Product-Market Fit & Sustainable Growth Strategy.” The event featured Mr. Ramesh Yadava, Professor of Entrepreneurship (JUT, Ranchi & BIT Sindri) and Charter Member of TiE Silicon Valley, along with panellists Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh Director, CIMP; Mr. Kumod Kumar, CAO, CIMP and CEO, CIMP-BIIF; Mr. Vibhash Kumar, Placement Chairperson, CIMP; the proceedings commenced with sapling presentations to the dignitaries. The workshop centred on design thinking and traced the evolution of data storage from floppy disks in 1974 to present technologies, outlining advancements in cost efficiency, speed, and reliability. It underscored the accelerating pace of innovation and the imperative for entrepreneurs to adapt swiftly through continuous learning and experimentation.

Sessions emphasized idea generation, feasibility testing, problem–solution fit, and the practical use of the Business Model Canvas. Participants explored customer-centric approaches and strategies to build scalable, accessible, and profitable ventures. Student entrepreneurs and members of the institute’s entrepreneurship cell actively engaged under faculty mentorship. Mr. Yadava highlighted empathetic leadership, critical thinking, and the strategic value of time and user data. The welcome address reinforced creativity and curiosity, while the vote of thanks recognized all contributors for fostering a dynamic entrepreneurial spirit.





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The 5th ICCSR 2025 at CIMP convened scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and students to examine the evolving landscape of Corporate Social Responsibility in India and beyond. The inaugural session opened with a symbolic presentation of saplings to dignitaries, signifying growth, renewal, and inclusive development. Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh delivered the welcome address, tracing CSR's expansion from an envisioned ₹20,000 crore corpus to nearly ₹2 lakh crore by 2020, urging academia and industry to sustain CSR as a transformative instrument for social progress. Prof. (Dr.) Sibananda Senapati then outlined the conference framework, highlighting its role in connecting students, researchers, and practitioners while instituting the CSR Best Practices Award to recognize impactful initiatives. UNICEF representative Ms. Margaret Gwada noted Bihar's improving governance ecosystem and advocated collaboration among government, corporations, and civil society. Practitioners Dr. Hishmi Jamil Hussain and Mr. Amrit Lal emphasized CSR's role in advancing dignity, nutrition, safe water, and fundamental human rights through partnerships.



Institutional perspectives formed a significant part of the event discussions. NABARD representative Mr. Lakshman Kumar outlined the bank's CSR supported developmental initiatives in climate resilience, water management, education, health, tribal welfare, and rural entrepreneurship. He stated that more than 300 projects were implemented through 43 CSR partners with cumulative funding exceeding ₹2,000 crores. Addressing the issue of geographic imbalance or "location bias," he emphasized the importance of Bihar's evolving CSR Policy in correcting uneven investment flows and encouraging corporate participation. Policy expert Mr. Mathew Cherian of IICA stressed aligning CSR initiatives with Sustainable Development Goals and observed that Bihar receives only about 1% of India's CSR inflows despite substantial development needs. He recommended three principles: do no harm, prioritize aspirational districts, and ensure sustainability. Keynote speaker Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee described CSR as a uniquely Indian "bloodless revolution," highlighting collaboration among corporations, civil society, and government. An MoU with Hamari Laado, represented by Ms. Premlata Kumari, was signed, followed by the vote of thanks from Prof. (Dr.) Ranjani Kumari.

The session “CSR and Community Engagement: Pathway to Efficiency” examined CSR as a second best mechanism for delivering public goods where state capacity is limited. Led by Dr. Indranil De, Axis Bank Chair Professor, it connected theory with examples from sanitation, education, health, and environmental projects. Dr. Indranil De explained that CSR improves welfare when firms allocate profits to community needs, especially where public institutions struggle. He noted that caring consumers who prefer socially responsible firms make CSR more effective. He emphasized transparency, monitoring, and credible reporting for trust. The session highlighted co production between firms and communities, while noting that India’s mandatory CSR policy alone cannot ensure real impact.



Sessions one and two featured a technical session on CSR, SDGs, and Inclusive Growth offering multidisciplinary perspectives on aligning CSR with sustainable development. Dr. A. Venkataiah Chittipaka presented SDG 11 through Telangana’s ICT enabled infrastructure and smart city initiatives. Ms. Babli Kumari highlighted data driven CSR research and India Botswana parallels, invoking Ubuntu for collective climate and education responsibility. Ms. Senbagam Raja discussed SDG 17 partnerships supporting LGBTQIA inclusion and climate resilience. Ms. Neha Tripathi evaluated PMUY’s role in women’s empowerment. Mr. Atul Ghorpade examined CSR regulatory enforcement in India. Ms. Shubha Daud emphasized integrating social emotional learning to build inclusive human capital within academic systems.



The Role of Inner Growth in Outer Achievement



The Isha Foundation organized a Leadership Talk titled at the CIMP campus, emphasizing the importance of inner development as the foundation for outer success. The session featured Mr. Somesh Singh, a trained Isha Yoga teacher and full-time volunteer, who shared his journey from an engineer to a spiritual practitioner. Drawing from Sadhguru's teachings, he stressed that self-awareness, discipline, and purpose are key to effective leadership and lasting fulfilment.

The event commenced with a welcome address and sapling presentation by Ms. Shweta, symbolizing growth and positivity. Mr. Singh engaged participants in discussions on handling stress, achieving balance, and cultivating mindfulness in professional life. Practical meditation and stress-management exercises helped attendees experience the value of calmness and clarity in action.

The session concluded with a thank-you note and memento presentation by Ms. Shweta, expressing gratitude to the speaker and Isha Foundation. The talk left participants inspired to integrate spirituality with leadership for holistic growth and sustainable success.



Bihar Urban Symposium 2025



The Bihar Urban Symposium 2025 was organized on 11th September 2025 at CIMP, in collaboration with RERA Bihar and UNICEF, where policymakers, administrators, and thought leaders deliberated on the condition and direction of Bihar's urban future in the coming years. The session began with the Welcome Address by Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Director, CIMP, who highlighted the institute's commitment to fostering dialogue on inclusive and sustainable urban development.

Shri Tokhan Sahu, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, in his Presidential Address, spoke about Bihar's rich history and cultural heritage, citing Mithila paintings as a symbol of tradition and pride. He emphasized Bihar's potential to emerge as a hub of education, culture, and self-reliance by striking a balance between heritage and modern progress. Stressing on education, infrastructure, and sustainable urban planning, he shared his vision for greener and more resilient cities. Following the inaugural session, Shri Tokhan Sahu also engaged in a policy dialogue with CIMP students, offering detailed insights into government initiatives.



Shri Jibesh Kumar, Hon'ble Minister, Urban Development and Housing Department, Government of Bihar, outlined major initiatives under the Swachh Bihar Mission. He announced plans to generate electricity from plastic waste, establish 'Pink Toilets' for women, and initiate priority corridors to improve urban mobility and public amenities.



Delivering the Keynote Address, Shri Durga Shankar Mishra, IAS, Former Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India & Former Chief Secretary, Uttar Pradesh, underlined innovative financing mechanisms, public-private partnerships, and green financing as crucial tools to address the challenges of rapid urbanization. During the discussions, Dr. S. Siddharth, IAS, Development Commissioner, Bihar, highlighted that improvements in regulatory frameworks and their effective implementation can transform urban landscapes. He noted that the Patna Metro Project, expected to be completed by the end of this month, will be a milestone in modernizing urban transport and reducing congestion. He also emphasized efforts to enhance the quality of life for citizens.



Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Inquiry Commissioner, RERA Bihar, stressed the importance of accountability and transparency in real estate regulation to enhance homebuyers' confidence and ensure orderly urban development. Shri Anand Iyer, Chief Policy and Insights Officer, Janaagraha, emphasized governance reforms and citizen participation, noting that sustainable urban development can only be achieved through active public engagement. In the first thematic session, discussions focused on developing satellite cities around existing urban areas. Eminent architect Kavi Jain highlighted the vision of creating quality, aesthetic, and livable urban infrastructures. In the second session, discussions centered on investment in future urban needs. Shri Vivek Kumar Singh, Chairman, RERA Bihar, and noted economist Prof. Alakh Narayan Sharma discussed capital requirements for urban growth and strategies to mobilize investment toward achieving sustainable city goals.



The third session deliberated on urban disaster preparedness and resilient living. Dr. Uday Kant Mishra, Vice-Chairman, Bihar State Disaster Management Authority, in his presidential address, stressed the importance of preparedness and preventive measures to mitigate urban disasters. Akash Jha, Director, Institute of Town Planners, emphasized the crucial role of urban planning in sustainable city development.



The symposium collectively reflected on shaping Bihar's urban future with a vision grounded in sustainability, inclusivity, innovation, and cultural pride. It also underlined the need to work further in detail on these themes in the times ahead.

The symposium concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Kumar, Professor, CIMP, who extended heartfelt gratitude to all distinguished dignitaries and participants. The event was attended by faculty members, students, staff, and several eminent guests.



Agri Udaan – 8.0



The Agri Udaan – 8.0 Roadshow was organized at CIMP to promote agri-based entrepreneurship and strengthen the agricultural startup ecosystem in Bihar and across India. The event reflected CIMP’s commitment to leadership development, innovation, and inclusive rural growth. Agri Udaan has emerged as a significant national initiative that supports agri-startups, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), and rural enterprises by connecting them with research institutions, investors, mentors, and policymakers.

The program began with the felicitation of dignitaries with bouquets, followed by the rendition of “Vande Mataram,” creating a patriotic and inspiring atmosphere. Shri Kumod Kumar, CAO, CIMP & CEO, CIMP-BIIF, delivered the welcome address and thanked the dignitaries, faculty members, students, and staff for their presence. He introduced the objectives of the Agri Udaan – 8.0 Roadshow and acknowledged Shri Pankaj Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Government of Bihar; Shri Lakshman Kumar; Dr. Indu Shekhar Singh, Principal Scientist and In-Charge at ICAR–NRC for Makhana, Darbhanga; and Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, Director of CIMP. He stressed that collaboration between CIMP and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) could strengthen agriculture-based enterprises and enable startups to expand nationally and internationally. Dr. Ranjit Kumar delivered an informative session explaining the structure and objectives of the a-IDEA and Agri Udaan – 8.0 programs. He noted that the initiative receives strong support from the Department of Biotechnology, MeitY, and particularly the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). He explained that A-IDEA functions through two key verticals Agri startups and FPOs supported by initiatives such as FPO Gativardhan and Rural Start-up Acceleration. Startups receive mentorship, technological support from ICAR and State Agricultural Universities, access to more than 130 research institutions, and networking opportunities with entrepreneurs, investors, and corporate partners.

Chief Guest IAS Pankaj Kumar emphasized adopting new technologies and strengthening collaboration to modernize agriculture and create employment opportunities in Bihar, while also appreciating farmers involved in makhana, pulses, and other agricultural activities.

Entrepreneur Nitish Kumar, Founder and CEO of Bhojpatra Agripreneur Pvt. Ltd., shared his startup journey and described how Agri Udaan supported his venture through mentorship and networking. Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh highlighted the importance of revenue generation for startups, recommending an 80:20 focus on revenue and investment, and stressing branding, marketing, packaging, and social media for business growth.

Dr. Indu Sekhar Singh discussed the rapid expansion of the makhana industry in Bihar, particularly in Purnia, noting that about 35 makhana-based startups currently operate in the state. Shri Lakshman Kumar emphasized innovation in agriculture and introduced the Catalytic Capital Fund, which offers investment support of up to one crore rupees along with mentorship through Rural Incubation Centres.

The event concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, felicitation of dignitaries, and the National Anthem, marking the successful completion of the Agri Udaan – 8.0 Roadshow.

TiE Patna Social Bridge Summit 2025

On 14th August 2025, TiE Patna successfully organized the Social Bridge Summit 2025 at CIMP, convening a diverse gathering of entrepreneurs, startup founders, industry leaders, policymakers, and social innovators to celebrate and further strengthen Bihar's expanding entrepreneurial ecosystem.

The summit featured insightful addresses delivered by eminent leaders, including Kiran Deshpande, Anubha Prasad, Rituraj Sinha, Dr. Satyajit Singh, and Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, along with the Presidential Address by Mr. Kumod Kumar, President – TiE Patna. The program comprised engaging panel discussions, the Rising Stars Showcase, which highlighted promising emerging founders from Bihar, and a special interaction session with Sh. Vijay Sinha, Hon'ble Deputy CM of Bihar.

The occasion also marked the felicitation of TiE Patna Charter Members and the graduation of Pre-Nurture Associate Members. In addition, an exclusive interaction session was organized for Associate Members with Kiran Deshpande, providing valuable insights on scaling ventures globally.

Overall, the summit underscored TiE Patna's commitment to fostering innovation, collaboration, and entrepreneurship, while reinforcing its role in nurturing the state's dynamic startup and business ecosystem.





Interaction with Ms. Mousami Saha

Mr. Kumod Kumar, President - TiE Patna, and Mr. Vibhash Kumar, Executive Director of TiE Patna, recently held a productive interaction with Dr. Mousami Saha, CEO, Incubation and Innovation Council, AIIMS Patna (Recognized by NIDHI-iTBI, DST, Govt. of India).

The discussion focused on exploring potential avenues for collaboration to strengthen the startup ecosystem, particularly in the areas of healthcare, innovation, research, and entrepreneurship. The interaction underscored the significance of institutional partnerships in supporting emerging startups and fostering impactful innovation.



Zero To Traction: Lessons In Building A Startup That Lasts

TiE Patna, in collaboration with the E-Cell IIT Patna, successfully organized the insightful session “Zero to Traction : Lessons in Building a Startup That Lasts” on 08th November 2025 at the Central Lecture Hall, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna.

The session provided a practical roadmap for early-stage entrepreneurs, focusing on the journey from validating an idea to achieving sustainable market traction. The event was expertly managed by Shri Rajeev Kumar. The session featured distinguished experts including Prof. (Dr.) Jawar Singh, Professor, IIT Patna; Shri Saharsh Bhushan, Founder, Bhushancorp Pvt. Ltd. and Charter Member, TiE Patna; and Shri Abhishek Sinha, Founder, Global Management Associates LLC FZ (Dubai, UAE) and Charter Member, TiE Patna.

Key learnings from the session emphasized several critical aspects of building sustainable startups. The experts highlighted the principle of "Validation Over Idea," stressing the importance of moving quickly from a "perfect idea" to a Minimum Viable Product (MVP) in order to effectively test market assumptions. They also discussed strategies related to "Acquiring Initial Traction," focusing on practical, low-cost methods to acquire the first 100 users, while underscoring the importance of early customer feedback in refining products and services.

Further, insights were shared under the theme "Building to Last," which emphasized the need to create scalable systems, maintain financial discipline, and develop a strong organizational culture to ensure long-term sustainability and success. The discussion also addressed "The Global Perspective," where the panellists emphasized the importance of adopting a global mindset, even for locally operating startups, to enhance competitiveness and resilience in an increasingly interconnected business environment.



Interactive session with Mr. Navneet Ranjan

TiE Patna, in collaboration with BHUB, hosted a houseful session on 15th November 2025, during which Mr. Navneet Ranjan, Director & Co-Founder of Mediversal Healthcare and Charter Member, TiE Patna, delivered an engaging and insightful talk for the startup community.

The session was highly interactive, with startups actively participating by asking thoughtful questions and engaging in meaningful one-on-one conversations with the speaker. The vibrant energy in the room clearly reflected the enthusiasm and eagerness of the founders to learn, exchange ideas, and grow within the entrepreneurial ecosystem.



Group 1 – Rainbow Foundation

Group 1 selected Rainbow Foundation because of its commitment to providing education and support to underprivileged children. During the visit, the students conducted awareness sessions and interactive discussions on topics such as economic development, GST, and Bihar's heritage to broaden the children's understanding of society and opportunities. Through their interaction, the group identified the need for continuous academic support, career awareness, and exposure to practical knowledge among the students. To address these needs in the long term, they suggested mentorship programs, regular career guidance sessions, and collaboration with educational volunteers. Such initiatives can strengthen learning outcomes and empower children from disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue better educational and career opportunities.



Group 2 – Khilkhilahat Rainbow Home

Group 2 visited Khilkhilahat Rainbow Home because of its work in providing shelter, education, and care to vulnerable girls. The students engaged the children through learning activities, informal discussions, and confidence-building exercises that encouraged participation and creativity. During the interaction, the group recognized the importance of emotional support, educational guidance, and life-skills development for the girls. In the long term, the group suggested structured mentorship, life-skills workshops, and continued academic assistance to strengthen the girls' self-confidence and independence. These efforts can contribute to empowering young girls and helping them achieve educational and social mobility.



Group 3 – Robin Hood Army, Apna Ghar Sewa Sansthan, Being Helper Foundation

Group 3 collaborated with multiple NGOs that address social issues such as hunger relief, elderly care, and community welfare. The students participated in awareness activities and interacted with volunteers to understand how these organizations support vulnerable communities. Through these engagements, they identified key needs such as consistent volunteer participation, greater awareness of social responsibility, and improved access to educational and welfare resources. For long-term impact, the group suggested expanding volunteer networks, organizing regular community outreach programs, and promoting awareness campaigns among youth. These initiatives can strengthen community engagement and support sustainable social development.



Group 4 – Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama

Group 4 selected Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama because of its longstanding contribution to education, social service, and spiritual development. The students interacted with children and volunteers, conducting informal learning sessions and discussions that encouraged curiosity and engagement. They observed the need for continued educational mentoring, improved awareness of health and nutrition, and stronger emotional support for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. As a long-term solution, the group proposed regular mentoring sessions and educational workshops supported by volunteers. Such sustained efforts can contribute to holistic development and improved learning opportunities for the children.



Group 5 – HHFC Trust

Group 5 visited Helping Hands Friends Charitable Trust (HHFC Trust) due to its work in supporting marginalized communities and promoting education among disadvantaged children. The group interacted with beneficiaries and encouraged students to continue their studies and focus on skill development. They identified issues such as lack of educational awareness, limited resources, and the risk of children dropping out of school due to economic constraints. To address these challenges, the group recommended long-term mentorship, educational sponsorships, and community awareness initiatives. These solutions can help ensure that children remain in school and gain access to better future opportunities.



Group 6 – Ashray Old Age Home

Group 6 selected Ashray Old Age Home to understand the challenges faced by elderly individuals who lack family support and adequate care. The students spent time interacting with residents, listening to their experiences, and organizing small engagement activities to bring emotional comfort and companionship. Through their visit, they identified the need for regular emotional interaction, improved healthcare access, and stronger community involvement for elderly welfare. For long-term improvement, the group suggested establishing volunteer visitation programs, healthcare support initiatives, and community awareness campaigns regarding elderly care. Such measures can help improve the quality of life and emotional well-being of senior citizens.



Group 1 – Khilkhilahat Rainbow Home

Group 1 selected Khilkhilahat Rainbow Home because it focuses on the education and welfare of marginalized girls. Students conducted storytelling sessions, interactive games, and confidence-building activities that encouraged creativity and self-expression among the children. During the visit, they recognized the importance of emotional support, safety awareness, and confidence development for young girls. As a long-term solution, they suggested implementing structured life-skills training and regular mentorship programs. These initiatives can empower the girls with confidence, awareness, and the ability to pursue their goals independently.



Group 2 – Sarthi

Group 2 collaborated with Sarthi, an NGO dedicated to supporting education and skill development for underprivileged children. The students organized engaging learning activities, including quizzes and awareness sessions on emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence. Through their interaction with the children, they identified the need for improved digital literacy and exposure to modern technological knowledge. To address this gap, the group proposed long-term digital education initiatives and access to technology-based learning resources. Such steps can help bridge the digital divide and prepare students for future educational and career opportunities.



Group 3 – Arunoday “Ek Udaan”

Group 3 selected Arunoday “Ek Udaan” because of its work in education, environmental awareness, and women empowerment. Students conducted awareness sessions, educational games, and discussions on environmental responsibility and well-being. They identified the need for greater awareness of environmental protection, health practices, and financial literacy within the community. For long-term impact, the group recommended regular awareness programs and skill-development workshops for women and youth. These initiatives can promote sustainable community development and improve livelihood opportunities.



Group 4 – Diksha Foundation

Group 4 partnered with Diksha Foundation due to its efforts in promoting education, hygiene awareness, and community development. The students conducted interactive learning sessions and awareness programs emphasizing hygiene and personal development. During their interaction, they observed the need for stronger health awareness, life-skills education, and career guidance among children. To address these needs, the group suggested organizing periodic health awareness drives and structured learning programs supported by volunteers. These initiatives can encourage healthier habits and improve the overall development of children.



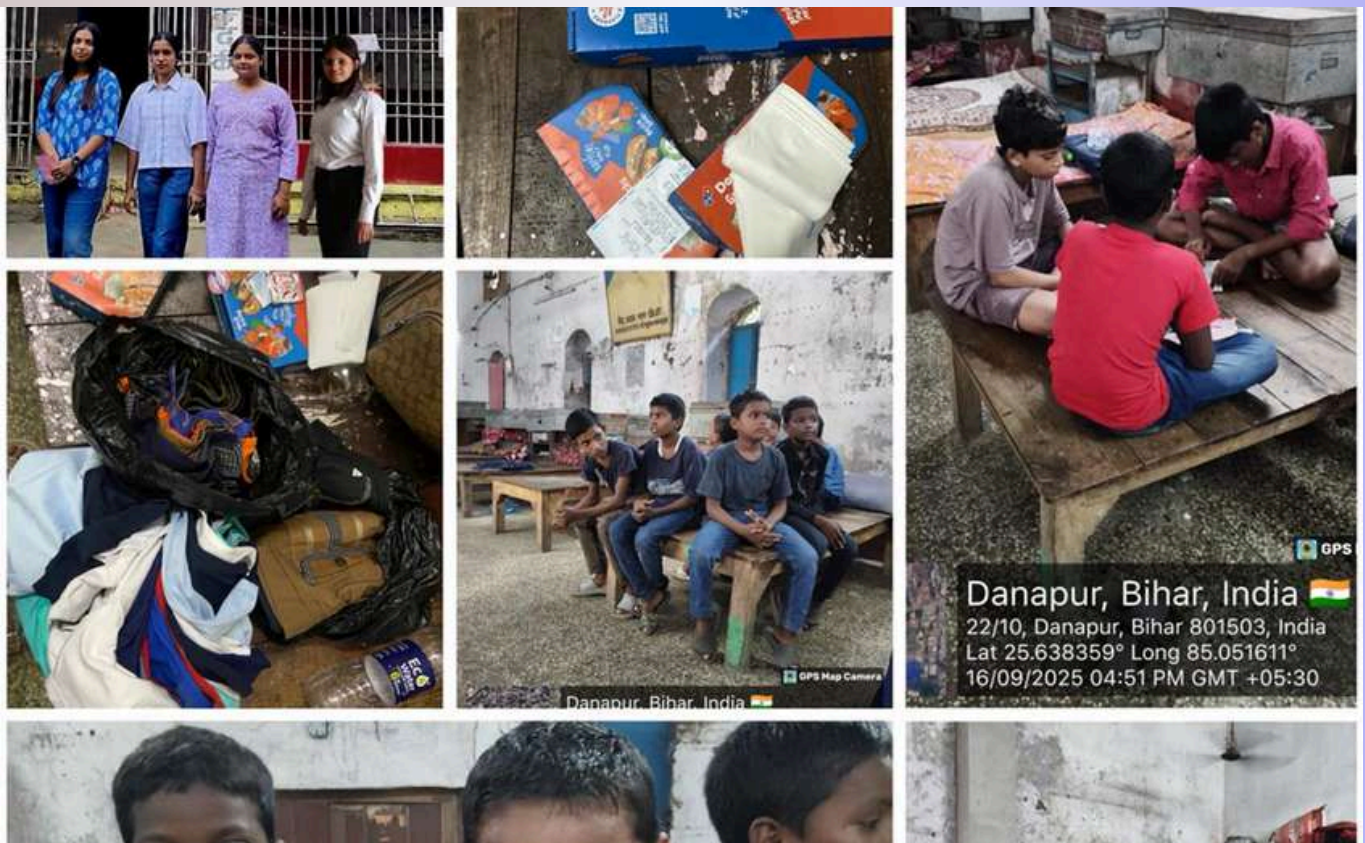
Group 5 – Antjyorti Balika Vidyalaya

Group 5 selected Antjyorti Balika Vidyalaya because it focuses on providing education and empowerment opportunities for girls from disadvantaged backgrounds. Students interacted with the students of the institution and encouraged them through discussions on education and personal growth. They identified challenges such as limited resources, the need for career guidance, and the importance of confidence building among girls. For long-term improvement, the group recommended mentorship initiatives, skill development programs, and awareness workshops. Such initiatives can help girls build confidence and pursue education as a pathway to empowerment.



Group 6 – Shri Madhyanand Om Orphanage

Group 6 visited Shri Madhyanand Om Orphanage to understand the challenges faced by orphaned and vulnerable children. The students organized educational activities, games, and awareness sessions that encouraged participation and learning. Through their engagement, they identified the need for emotional encouragement, consistent educational support, and improved hygiene awareness among the children. For sustainable impact, they suggested establishing long-term volunteer mentorship programs and regular educational support activities. These initiatives can help provide a supportive environment for the children's personal and academic growth.



A Journey of Growth & Leadership

Garima's professional journey reflects dedication, perseverance, and consistent growth in the financial services sector. She joined LIC Housing Finance Ltd. in 2012 as a Management Trainee at Nehru Place, marking the beginning of her career in the housing finance industry. Over the years, she developed strong expertise in retail housing loans, LAP, customer relationship management, and business development, building a solid foundation in financial services.

Recognizing her consistent performance and business growth contributions, she was confirmed as Assistant Manager and later promoted to Deputy Manager in 2017. Throughout her career, she successfully managed business development across multiple offices and demonstrated strong leadership capabilities.

In 2022, Garima took charge of operations at Darbhanga, where she achieved assigned targets ahead of time and earned recognition in budget accomplishment under the non-core segment. She was later relocated to Patna as Channel Development Manager, where she played a key role in strengthening channel partnerships, builder relationships, and expanding different business verticals of LIC Housing Finance Ltd.

Currently, she is serving as CDM along with HV Area Manager at LICHFL, driving business growth, maintaining portfolio health, and strengthening brand presence in the market. Her journey stands as an inspiring example of professional excellence and leadership for the CIMP alumni community.

Driving Impact Through Policy and Livelihood

Khushboo Kumari, Consultant at Ernst & Young LLP with the Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, New Delhi, exemplifies transformative leadership in public policy and rural development. With over seven years of experience, she has worked extensively in government advisory, social protection, and livelihood enhancement, positively impacting thousands of lives.

Her academic journey reflects a multidisciplinary approach to learning and leadership. Beginning with a B.Sc. in Botany, she pursued B.Tech in Electrical & Electronics Engineering and later completed her PGDM in Marketing from Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna. She is currently pursuing a PGDM in International Business from IIFT Delhi, demonstrating her commitment to continuous learning and professional growth.

Khushboo's entrepreneurial and developmental leadership became evident during her tenure at BRLPS-JEEViKA, where she led the Satat Jeevikoparjan Yojana (SJY), uplifting vulnerable ultra-poor households through convergence with schemes such as MGNREGA, PMAY, and PMFME. Her collaborations with institutions like the World Bank, J-PAL, and Bandhan-Konnagar helped create scalable and community-driven development models.

Her exceptional performance earned her the prestigious A-Grade Young Professional Award for five consecutive years at BRLPS-JEEViKA, highlighting her dedication and grassroots impact. Currently at Ernst & Young LLP, she leads the Livestock Health and Disease Control Program (LHDCP) for the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, overseeing Pan-India scheme implementation, policy support, and intergovernmental coordination.

In recognition of her outstanding contributions, Khushboo was recently honored with the Extraordinaires Award at EY for exemplary client delivery and her dedicated work on the DAHD Project. Her inspiring journey reflects the values of leadership, innovation, and social impact that define the CIMP alumni community.

The Power of Alumni Networks

A strong alumni network is far more than a symbolic community—it is a vibrant ecosystem of shared experiences, professional support, mentorship, and intellectual exchange. For many professionals who move beyond their home states in pursuit of opportunities, alumni connections become an invaluable source of guidance, belonging, and career growth.

This perspective highlights how alumni networks help bridge the gap between aspiration and achievement by enabling knowledge-sharing, career mentorship, and industry exposure. Alumni play a significant role in helping younger professionals adapt to evolving industry demands while also creating platforms for lifelong professional and personal development.

The journey shared here reflects the transformative role of networking and professional adaptability. Beginning with consulting experience at Infotech Consulting (IT Consulting), the professional path expanded through roles at Grant Thornton, KPMG, and Deloitte. Currently serving as General Manager with the Economic Development Board, Government of Andhra Pradesh, the journey demonstrates a unique blend of corporate consulting and public-sector leadership experience.

The narrative also emphasizes a few guiding principles for young professionals:

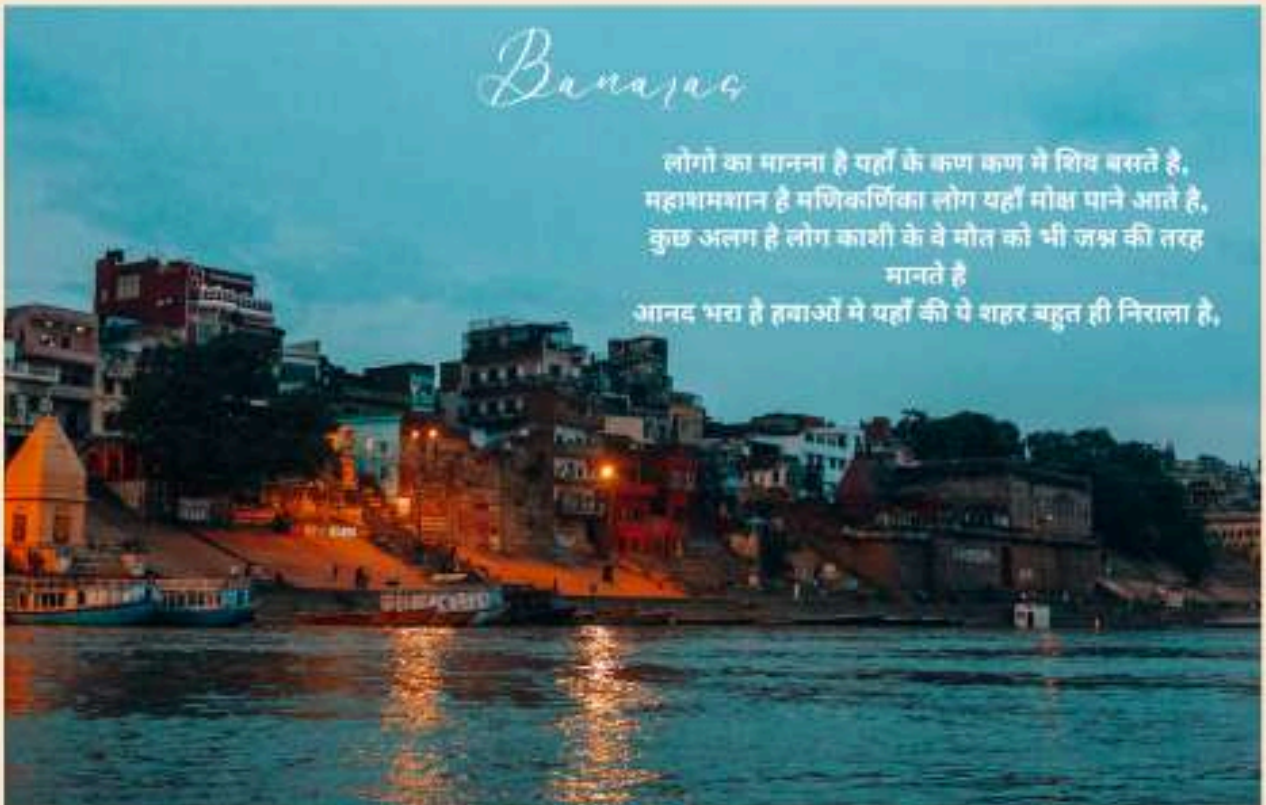
- Build a career, not just a job.
- Set achievable short-term goals that align with long-term aspirations.
- Embrace adaptability and continuous learning.
- Invest in networking and meaningful professional relationships.
- Seek mentorship from experienced professionals within the sector.

This inspiring reflection reinforces the importance of alumni communities in shaping careers, fostering collaboration, and creating opportunities that extend well beyond the classroom.

Musafir

मुझे तुम्हें अपनी नजर से बनारस घुमाना है,
शहर जयादा बड़ा नहीं है इसलिए मुझे तुम्हें पैदल
सैर कराना है,
हा मानता हूँ ये शहर मेरा नहीं है, पर महादेव से
मेरा नाता है,
भक्ति मेरी शिव से है, माँ गंगा ने मुझको पाला है,

तुम काशी कहो या बनारस या फिर कहो वराणसी मतलब सारे के एक है,
मे तुम्हें अस्सी ले जाऊँ या शीतला घाट या ले जाऊँ तुम्हें दशाश्वमेध सुकून सब पर एक जैसा है,
इस शहर के लोग निराले हैं एक दूसरे को महादेव पुकारते हैं,
बोली मिठी है इनकी और भाषा बहुत ही प्यारी है,



लोगों का मानना है यहाँ के कण कण में शिव बसते हैं,
महाशमशान है मणिकर्णिका लोग यहाँ मोक्ष पाने आते हैं,
कुछ अलग है लोग काशी के वे मौत को भी जश्न की तरह
मानते हैं
आनंद भरा है तवाओं में यहाँ की ये शहर बहुत ही निराला है,

हाँ मालूम है मुझे आप खाने की शौकीन बड़ी है,
कचौड़ी तुम्हें मशहूर कचौड़ी गली की खिलाना है,
लस्सी मिलता है बीचपु के पास वो तुम्हें पिलाना है,
मशहूर बनारसी पान का स्वाद भी तो तुम्हें चखना है,

बैठ गंगा तट पर तुम्हारे साथ खुशी के कुछ पल बिताना है,
मिलती है वहाँ कुल्हड़ चाट एक ही कुल्हड़ में खाना है,
शाम है सुहानी यहाँ की नाव से गंगा आरती के रस में खो जाना है,
मंदिर के रास्ते से दर्शन करने तक हर हर महादेव कहते जाना है

---GOAURAV KUMAR

CIMP has started “Beautiful Mind”, a project for the development of society through educating children from slums around the city to improve their future.

Mission

The mission of the initiative is to groom and nurture children who, in turn, would contribute to the development of the state.

Objective

The objectives of the project are:

1. To sensitise the students of CIMP to become a part of the effort in providing better education and healthcare facilities to the underprivileged children of the city.
2. The interaction between the children and the students of CIMP has helped the students develop their own potential and inculcate a humane outlook towards the lesser privileged sections of society.

Grooming some of the finest brains for the future authenticates the vision of the “Beautiful Mind” initiative. The project has been providing quality education to these children, as education is the key to overcoming poverty and is imperative in creating a better future for the underprivileged sections of society, thereby contributing to the progress of Bihar and the nation at large.

Glimpse of Independence Day Celebration with children from Beautiful Minds



Commemorating Children's Day with Beautiful Minds Initiative



Mission For Ganga Cleaning by PGDM Students (2025-2027) Batch



1. Digital Marketing Meet: The MSME MDP Digital Marketing Certificate Distribution Program for Batch 1 & 2, held on 02 July 2025 at the B-HUB Meeting Room in hybrid mode, marked the successful completion of a capacity-building initiative aimed at strengthening the digital competencies of MSME entrepreneurs and professionals. Graced by Mr. Kumod Kumar, CEO, CIMP-BIIF and Sanjeev Verma (Asst. Director, MSME DFO Patna), the event celebrated participants' achievements while emphasizing the growing importance of digital marketing for MSME growth and market expansion. The interaction session highlighted practical applications of digital tools, shared success stories from participants, and reinforced the need for continuous digital upskilling. Overall, the program significantly contributed to empowering MSMEs with modern marketing capabilities and strengthened collaboration between industry, academia, and government institutions to support sustainable entrepreneurial development.



2. The interaction session titled “Bridging Academia and Entrepreneurship: Insights on Innovation, Growth & Sustainability,” held on 08 July 2025 at the B-HUB Meeting Room, Maurya Lok Complex, Patna (Hybrid Mode), featured Prof. (Dr.) Rishi Kant Kumar as the key mentor. The session played a significant role in strengthening the academia–startup interface, where early-stage entrepreneurs engaged in discussions on innovation management, sustainable business models, and strategic scaling. Through practical insights and mentorship guidance, the meet facilitated knowledge exchange, encouraged research-driven decision-making, and opened opportunities for continued collaboration between startups and Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna. Overall, the session contributed meaningfully to nurturing a resilient entrepreneurial mindset and advancing the growth of Bihar’s emerging startup ecosystem.



3. The FACE2FACE session titled “From Idea to Scale: Building Startups that Survive Disruption,” held on 10 October 2025 at B-HUB, Maurya Lok Complex, Patna, provided a valuable platform for interaction between growth-stage startups and global innovation leaders. The session was led by Mr. Vivek Wadhwa, along with guidance from Mr. Kumod Kumar and Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh. Through strategic discussions on innovation, scalability, leadership, and navigating market disruptions, the meet enabled participating startups to gain practical insights for sustainable growth and resilience. Overall, the interaction significantly contributed to strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem by fostering knowledge exchange, peer learning, and global perspectives on building robust and scalable startups.



4. The B-TALKS session titled “Leading Through Chaos: Navigating the Uncertainty of Early-Stage Startups,” held on 22 October 2025 at B-HUB, Maurya Lok Complex, Patna in hybrid mode, served as an important platform for founders and startup leaders to gain practical leadership insights for navigating uncertainty in dynamic startup environments. The session featured Ms. Manya Ranjan along with Mr. Kumod Kumar, who shared valuable perspectives on decision-making under pressure, resilience, and strategic focus for scaling startups. With participation from 44 startups, the meet facilitated meaningful founder–investor interaction, peer learning, and capacity building, significantly contributing to strengthening leadership readiness and fostering a more resilient and collaborative startup ecosystem.



Poem

Tiny Feet

Her forms are born everyday somewhere,
Shackles she's adorned with,
has everything to give, love and compassion within.

She is living. And those aalta-dyed tiny feet,
of a lifeless idol.

You touch them three times and again, to seek her
blessings.

Enchant her glory and strength,
but somewhere her glory is brutally killed.
Behind many doors and windows,
somewhere her rights,
somewhere her dreams,
somewhere her respect,
and somewhere her being.

You think she is frail, she has got no power.
So, you silently attack and walk over.
Those 'tiny feet', you call them weak?

Create life. Ever wondered, what if they are forever
dead?

Will not this planet end?

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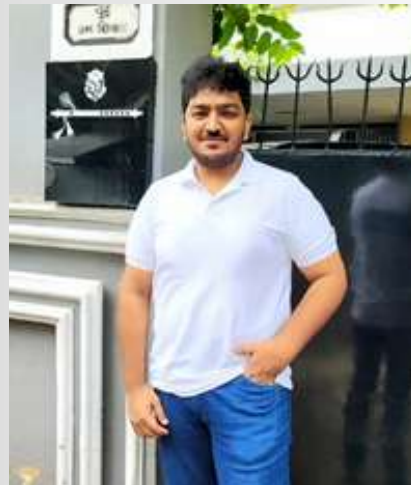
The Theory of Last Meeting

Before the universe sets two people apart,
It brings them together — one last time —
So closely, so quietly,
Without ever revealing that it's the end.
Fate, time, or destiny finds an excuse —
Or sometimes no excuse at all —
To separate paths that once felt like one.
Not because of anger, or distance,
But simply because they were never meant to stay.
That final meeting...
It carries the weight of the last breath in a fading bond.
Maybe that's why we were so happy in that moment,
As if life was full,
As if the world had paused for us.
And yet,
That very moment was silently whispering a goodbye.
But we didn't hear it.
We were unaware that the warmth we felt —
The closeness, the comfort —
Was actually the last time we'd ever feel it together.
I wish I could've held that moment longer.
Lived it a little deeper.
Slowed time down just enough
To stop it from becoming the end.
And maybe, just maybe,
Done something to make sure
That our story didn't end there.
But the universe had already turned the page.

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Baggage Release

Look at you. growing day by day,
Facing your pain & Feeling dismay
Vulnerability is strength they Say
Comforting yourself as you lay
The efforts you'r taking to evolve
Pain & Courage, concocted to dissolve.
The Consciousness to be fully present
Allowing what lay forever Suppressed
Courageously finally feeling the pain
Knowing from doing so, there is to gain.
The release and freedom of baggage.
left behind and working to damage.
I know it's all too much to face.
Slowly and carefully we unite the
Lace.
Processing and releasing the existence of that which
caused such resistance.



Romanticize your life

Take pretty pictures, feel like the main character,
light up a candle, read books, go for a walk, dance to
your favourite music, buy yourself presents, do
whatever you want, be happy.
This is your life, don't let anyone take it from you.

By : Shruti Soni

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कोरोना की दूसरी लहर और हमारी बेबसी

कोरोना ने ये कैसा मंज़र दिखाया,
बेबसी क्या होती है हमें ये बताया,
जंग-ए-ज़िंदगी तो हार गए कई लोग,
उनकी कैफ़ियत पूछो जिन्होंने अपनों को गंवाया।



जैसा कि हम सब जानते हैं कि कोरोना की दूसरी लहर के दौरान हमारे देश की और हमारे देश के लोगों की क्या हालत हुई थी। ये कहानी उन लाखों लोगों में से एक की है जो बता रहे हैं कि इस कोरोना के दौरान जो कोरोना मरीज़ थे, उन्हें तो तकलीफ़ हुई ही, पर उन पर क्या बीती जो उनके साथ उनके अपने थे।

तो इस कहानी का आगाज़ कुछ यूँ है कि...

मेरे अपने तड़प रहे हैं मेरे सामने,

जैसे मौत आ रही हो उनका हाथ थामने,

के मेरे अपने तड़प रहे हैं मेरे सामने,

जैसे मौत आ रही हो उनका हाथ थामने,

"आपको कुछ नहीं होगा" मैं कह रहा उनको,

ऑक्सीजन और बेड मिल नहीं रहा जिनको।

उनकी ज़िंदगी की तलाश में भटक रहा हूँ दर-ब-दर,

दवाइयाँ और ऑक्सीजन न जाने मिलेगी किधर।

इतना भी वक्रत नहीं के अपनी बेबसी पर रो दूँ,

के इतना भी वक्रत नहीं के अपनी बेबसी पर रो दूँ,

हर वक्रत डर रहा हूँ के ऐसा न उन्हें खो दूँ।

फिर बड़ी मुश्किल से ऑक्सीजन का सिलेंडर लिया,

पाँच हज़ार की दवा के लिए पचास हज़ार भी दिया,

जो पहुँचा मैं ऑक्सीजन और दवा लेकर,

तो पता चला मैंने आने में देर कर दिया।

धीरे-धीरे वो अपनी ज़िंदगी खो रहे थे,

हमेशा हँसने वाले उस वक्रत रो रहे थे,

के धीरे-धीरे वो अपनी ज़िंदगी खो रहे थे,

हमेशा हँसने वाले उस वक्रत रो रहे थे,

हर एक साँस के लिए जिन्होंने की लड़ाई,

कुछ देर बाद वो चैन की नींद सो रहे थे।

फिर उन्हें ले गए उनकी आखिरी मंज़िल तक पहुँचाने के लिए,
वहाँ इंतज़ार कर रहे हैं इनका नंबर आने के लिए,
खौफनाक मंज़र है श्मशान घाट और कब्रिस्तानों में,
यहाँ की सन्नाटे चीख रही है हमारे कानों में।
इतनी सारी मौतें आखिर क्यों हो रहे हैं,
खुदा ज़्यादा नाराज़ हो गए या सरकार सो रहे हैं,
के इतनी सारी मौतें आखिर क्यों हो रहे हैं,
खुदा ज़्यादा नाराज़ हो गए या सरकार सो रहे हैं,
सिर्फ़ कोरोना से लोग मरते तो शायद सब्र भी कर लेते,
पर दवा, बेड और ऑक्सीजन की कमी से भी हम अपनों को खो रहे हैं।
अब किसे क्या कहें, कुछ ग़लती हमने भी तो किया,
धर्म के आधार पर वोट हमने ही तो दिया।
हम हमेशा मंदिर-मस्जिद के लिए लड़े,
अस्पतालों के लिए कभी कहाँ हुए खड़े,
के हम हमेशा मंदिर-मस्जिद के लिए लड़े,
अस्पतालों के लिए कभी कहाँ हुए खड़े,
जो कहते थे बनाएंगे विकसित देश,
उन्हीं की सरकार में नदी किनारे लाशें हैं सड़े।

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Research Paper Presentation by Balwinder Singh Gulati and Anushka Priya, PGDM Students, CIMP

Topic - Evaluating the Mental Health and Socio-Economic: Impacts of Corporate WASH Interventions on Rural Women

The research paper critically examines corporate WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) interventions implemented by HUL, ITC, Tata Trusts, and One Drop. Our analysis highlights that inadequate sanitation facilities continue to impose significant psychosocial stress on women, largely driven by the stigma associated with open defecation and the persistent fear of violence. Furthermore, women experience acute time poverty, collectively spending an estimated 200 million hours each day fetching water—time that could otherwise be invested in income-generating activities or educational pursuits.

The study acknowledges the positive contributions of corporate initiatives such as HUL's Suvidha Centres and ITC's livelihood programs, which have demonstrably improved mental well-being and strengthened women's economic agency. However, the research also identifies critical implementation gaps. Many sanitation facilities deteriorate due to inadequate maintenance systems, and user fees associated with services often create barriers for the most economically vulnerable populations.

To address these challenges, the report introduces an innovative solution titled the "Mobile Pink Maintenance Squad." This proposed model envisions trained local women operating e-bikes equipped with repair tools and essential sanitary supplies. The squad is designed to tackle the recurring maintenance gap through rapid-response repairs, deliver emergency health and hygiene materials, and enhance community safety through routine patrols. By repositioning women from passive beneficiaries to skilled service providers and technicians, the model promotes infrastructure sustainability while simultaneously challenging restrictive gender norms.

Ultimately, the findings emphasize that WASH interventions should be understood not merely as infrastructure projects, but as instruments of social empowerment—capable of reducing fear, expanding opportunities, and enabling women to realize their full potential.



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CONFERENCES, INVITED SESSIONS, WORKSHOPS & MDPS

Workshops

Prof. (Dr.) Santosh Kumar

- Program Coordinator & Resource person (CVP Analysis) for the Workshop conducted on “Cost Control on Financial Intelligence”.
- Program Coordinator for the Workshop conducted on “Introduction to Goods and Service Tax and Return Filing”.
- Program Chair & Resource Person for the Workshop conducted on “Estimation and Interpretation of Financial Data using Eviews”.

One-Day Workshop for Officials and Employees of Bihar State Planning Board (13 September, 2025)

Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh

- Welcome Address (Inaugural Session)
- Purpose, Ownership, and Execution Mastery

Prof. (Dr.) Rajasshrie Pillai

- Self-Awareness and Interpersonal Skills

Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Kumar

- Managing Time and Preventing Burnout

Prof. (Dr.) Mamta Singh

- Leadership and Managing Team

MDPs

MDP on Monitoring & Evaluation

Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh

- Inauguration Session & Introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation
- Monitoring Techniques and Tools
- Using M&E for Learning and Policy Improvement
- Building a Culture of M&E in Government

Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Kumar

- Understanding M&E Frameworks and Indicators (Log Frame Approach)
- Communicating M&E Findings

Prof. (Dr.) Kalyan Agrawal

- Data Collection and Data Quality Assurance
- Data Management and Storage

Prof. (Dr.) S. Senapati

- Evaluation Methods: Basic Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches

Prof. (Dr.) Ankit Sharma

- Planning for Monitoring & Evaluation
- M&E Budgeting and Resource Allocation
- Analysing M&E Data

MDP on Impact Evaluation of Public Policies

Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh

- Inauguration Session
- Role of Public Policies in Growth and Development
- Implications of Evidence-Based Policy on Growth and Development of the Economy

Prof. (Dr.) Debabrata Samanta

- The Theoretical Aspects of Public Policy
- Basic Issues of Evaluation: Different Approaches to the Evaluation of Policies (including Theory of Change)
- Introduction to Quantitative Methods of Impact Evaluation of Policies

Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Kumar

- Project Cycle Management: Issues on Implementation and Evaluation
- Reporting and Development of Evidence-Based Policy Brief

Prof. (Dr.) Ankit Sharma

- Qualitative Methods of Impact Evaluation of Policies

Prof. (Dr.) Kalyan Agrawal

- Processing and Analysis of Data: Numerical Measures, Sampling and Sampling Distribution
- Hands-on Training with Real-world Data

Prof. (Dr.) Nitish Nigam

- Introduction to Choice Experiment for Evidence-Based Policy Making

Prof. (Dr.) S. Senapati

- Introduction to the Concept of Formulation of Objectives, Methodology and Hypothesis Testing

3-Day Residential ToT Training Program under RAMP Capacity Building Program (01–03 December 2025)

Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh

- Entrepreneurship and Skill Development
- Digital Banking Accounting and Cash Flow Management
- Introduction to KAIZEN, 5S, and Kanban (Quality Management)

CA Pallavi Jha

- Digital Financial Literacy

Dr. Gaurav Abhishek Tigga

- AI for Your Business: Simple Tools for Smarter Work
- Master Your Numbers: Practical Excel for Daily Business

Mohammad Hanif Mevati

- Entrepreneurship Promotion

Prof. (Dr.) O. M. J. Shukla (NIT Patna)

- Introduction to Lean Manufacturing and Implementation of Lean Manufacturing

Dr. Pinaz Tiwari

- Connect & Grow Locally: Social Media Power for Your Business

Dr. Namita Ruparel

- Coaching and Mentoring

Sudhanshu Kumar Singh

- Tax Compliance and Financial Security

Sanjeev Verma (Assistant Director, MSME)

- Introduction to MSME and Programs

Dr. Tarun Kumar Vashisth

- Leadership for MSME Entrepreneurs
- Team Building and Conflict Resolution

PROJECTS & CONSULTANCY

- Prof. (Dr.) Kalyan Agrawal conducted - A consultancy project on "Transforming Indian Agriculture through ICT, Blockchain, and Biotechnology – A Case for Development in Bihar, India" for the Planning and Development Department, Government of Bihar, under NITI Aayog, Government of India.
- Prof. (Dr.) Santosh Kumar conducted the following Social Impact Assessments of:
 - Kushwshawarsthan to Phultora Ghat Raod project in Darbhanga District.

- Construction of Bypass Road Bakhari to Bahadurpur (Khagadia Boarder) in Begusrai District(Bakhari Mauza).
- Construction of Bypass Road Bakhari to Bahadurpur (Khagadia Boarder) in Begusrai District”.
- Upgradation, Development and Construction of Elevated Corridor from Darbhanga Railway Station to Ashma Darbhanga Expressway via Donar Chowk , Karpuri Chowk and Karpuri Chowk to Ekmi Chowk via Laheriasarai Chowk in District Darbhanga.
- Construction of Akodigola Bypass Road Under Dehri On Sone in District Rohtas.
- Construction of Chapra Manjhi Darauli Gutni Path Package 6.
- Construction of office Building for Block cum Circle Office Karaiparsurai in District Nalanda.

PROF. RANJANI KUMARI ACTED AS RESOURCE PERSON FOR THE FOLLOWING FDPs

- One Week Online Faculty Development Programme on Research Methodology & Hands-on Training on Smart- PLS 4.0”, conducted by Lalit Narayan Mishra Institute of Economic Development & Social Change, Patna, from 24th-29th Nov 2025.
- “One week online national workshop on Quantitative Data Analysis” conducted by HumanBehavtics, Private Limited, Lucknow, from 21st - 26th September, 2025.

TECHNICAL SESSION CHAIRED BY PROF. (DR.) VIJAYA BANDYOPADHYAHA

- Chaired a Technical Session on Innovation Labs & Applied Research in the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Sustainable Innovation: Next Gen Management in the Quantum Era (AIM-Q 2025) organized by School of Management, Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha, India on 22 December 2025

SESSIONS CHAIRED BY PROF. (DR.) SANTOSH KUMAR

- Session Chair, MCC 2025
- Revision of Compendium (Finance and Accounts) Directed by Associate Dean, CIMP
- Judge, CBSE District level Deliberation Workshop on STEM Education, Radiant International School, Khagaul Road, Khagaul Patna, 30 th August, 2025
- Faculty Host for FMC Bootcamp CXO Opines
- Session Chair, World Management Conference 2025, 27th June, 2025, Track 1A:Resilient Economies and Financial System

BOOK PUBLICATION

- Bandyopadhyaya, R., & Bandyopadhyaya, V. (2025). Road Safety Analysis and Management: Concepts and Practice. New Delhi, India: Khanna Publishers.
- Editors (Dr. Rana Singh, Dr. Ranjit Tiwari, Dr. Santosh Kumar), CIMP Management Case Review, ISBN978-93-89947-61-8, 2025.

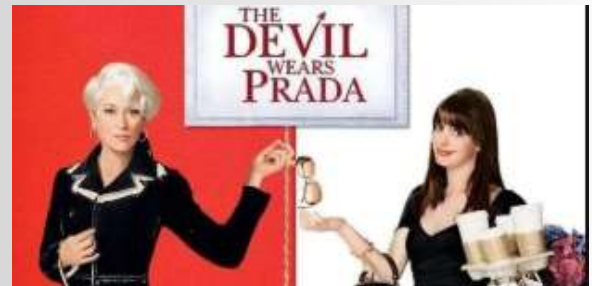
PRESENTATION BY EFPM SCHOLAR

- International Conference on Psychological Support and Mental Health Services in Disaster Management' at National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) Bangalore. The policy panel was on "Integrated Leadership for Centrifugal Disasters: Building Resilience through Psychosocial Support".

Management Insights Through Movies

1. 🎬 The Devil Wears Prada

This film beautifully shows how high-pressure workplaces function and how expectations shape performance. It highlights the importance of understanding workplace culture, reading between the lines, and adapting quickly. Through Andrea's journey, we learn that success often comes with personal trade-offs, and true growth lies in knowing when to stay and when to walk away.



2. 🎬 Guru

Guru presents the rise of an ambitious entrepreneur navigating a complex and restrictive business environment. It teaches how market barriers, resource scarcity, and bold decision-making shape success. At the same time, it reminds us that ethical compromises can threaten long-term credibility, making governance and trust essential pillars of leadership.



3. 🎬 Rocket Singh: Salesman of the Year

This film highlights the power of honesty and customer trust in business. Instead of chasing targets blindly, Rocket focuses on genuine value for customers. It teaches that ethical service, transparency, and strong relationships can outperform aggressive sales tactics and build sustainable success.



4. 🎬 Corporate

Corporate explores the dark side of business competition, where power, politics, and profit collide. It emphasizes the importance of ethical decision-making, compliance, and accountability. The film shows how shortcuts and manipulation may bring short-term gains but damage long-term reputation and trust.



5. 🎬 Moneyball

This movie demonstrates how data-driven decision-making can disrupt traditional systems. It teaches managers to think differently, use analytics, and find hidden opportunities in limited resources. The key lesson is that innovation and belief in new methods can redefine success, even against stronger competitors.



6. 🎬 The Social Network

This film captures the journey of building a global startup and the challenges of partnerships and rapid growth. It highlights the importance of speed, vision, and strategic clarity. At the same time, it warns about conflicts, governance issues, and the personal cost of unchecked ambition.



'उच्च शिक्षा नेताओं का सम्मेलन 2025' में राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति पर होगा व्यापक मंथन

शैक्षणिक नवाचार, सांस्कृतिक पहचान और राष्ट्र निर्माण पर होगी गहन चर्चा

पटना (आससे)। चंद्रगुप्त प्रबंध संस्थान, पटना (सीआईएमपी) और श्री गुरु गोबिंद सिंह त्रिशताब्दी विश्वविद्यालय, गुरुग्राम के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में 'उच्च शिक्षा नेताओं का सम्मेलन 2025' का आयोजन 25 जुलाई को गुरुग्राम स्थित विश्वविद्यालय परिसर में किया जा रहा है। यह सम्मेलन प्रातः 9:30 बजे से सायं 5:30 बजे तक चलेगा। कार्यक्रम में देश के प्रतिष्ठित विश्वविद्यालयों के कुलपति, प्राचार्य, प्रोफेसर, शैक्षणिक योजनाकार और नीति विशेषज्ञ भाग लेंगे। इस सम्मेलन का आयोजन लखनऊ विश्वविद्यालय (उत्तर प्रदेश), जम्मू विश्वविद्यालय (जम्मू-कश्मीर), विनोबा भावे विश्वविद्यालय (हजारीबाग, झारखंड), और चंद्रगुप्त प्रबंध संस्थान (पटना, बिहार) के सहयोग से किया जा रहा है। सम्मेलन का मुख्य विषय है 'भारतीय शिक्षा को पुनः कल्पना करना - विरासत, नीति और राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति 2020 के आलोक में राष्ट्र निर्माण'। इसका उद्देश्य नई शिक्षा नीति (एनईपी) के पांच वर्ष पूर्ण होने के अवसर पर उसकी समीक्षा करना और भविष्य के लिए एक समवेसी, नवोन्मेयी और

शिक्षार्थी-केंद्रित रणनीति तैयार करना है। सम्मेलन में पांच समानांतर सत्रों का आयोजन होगा जिनमें शिक्षा के माध्यम से सामाजिक परिवर्तन, अकादमिक स्वतंत्रता एवं संस्थागत नवाचार, कौशल उन्मुख शिक्षण पद्धतियाँ, भारतीय भाषाएँ और ज्ञान परंपराएँ, तथा एनईपी के अंतर्गत विज्ञान, गणित और प्रौद्योगिकी शिक्षा के भविष्य जैसे विषयों पर मंथन किया जाएगा। सीआईएमपी के निदेशक प्रो. राणा सिंह ने कहा, 'नई शिक्षा नीति केवल एक शैक्षणिक सुधार नहीं, बल्कि यह एक पुनर्जागरण है जो हमारी सांस्कृतिक विरासत को भविष्य की आकांक्षाओं से जोड़ता है।' उन्होंने कहा कि यह सम्मेलन भारत को ज्ञान महाशक्ति बनाने की दिशा में एक सशक्त प्रयास है। कार्यक्रम में चंद्रगुप्त प्रबंध संस्थान, पटना के प्रमुख प्रशासकीय पदाधिकारी श्री कुमार कुमार ने कहा कि यह आयोजन पूरे देश के शैक्षणिक नेतृत्व को एक मंच पर लाने का कार्य करेगा, जिससे विचारों का आदान-प्रदान, नीति-निर्माण में समन्वय और अनुसंधान व नवाचार को गति मिलेगी। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत को वैश्विक नवाचार केंद्र बनाने के लिए सोमों से पूरे जाकर

शिक्षण, अनुसंधान और ज्ञान-विनिमय की संस्कृति को बढ़ावा देना आवश्यक है। सम्मेलन में कई प्रतिष्ठित वक्ता भाग लेंगे, जिनमें प्रोफेसर हेमंत वर्मा (कुलपति, एसजीटी विश्वविद्यालय), प्रोफेसर आलोक राय (पूर्व निदेशक, आईआईएम कलकत्ता व कुलपति, लखनऊ विश्वविद्यालय), प्रोफेसर उमेश राय (कुलपति, जम्मू विश्वविद्यालय), प्रोफेसर परमेश कुमार बाबोई (कुलपति, जयप्रकाश विश्वविद्यालय, बिहार), श्री नितीश्वर कुमार (प्रशासनिक सेवा अधिकारी), श्री राहुल सिंह (अध्यक्ष केंद्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड), डॉ. आरचना ठाकुर (सहायक सचिव), प्रो. विजया लक्ष्मी नंदा (प्राचार्य मिरैन्डा हाउस, दिल्ली), प्रो. योगेश सिंह (कुलपति, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय) सहित अनेक शिक्षाविद् और नीति विशेषज्ञ शामिल होंगे। यह सम्मेलन राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति 2020 को जमीनी स्तर पर प्रभावी रूप से लागू करने, गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षा के प्रसार और भारत की युवा पीढ़ी को वैश्विक प्रतिस्पर्धा के योग्य बनाने की दिशा में एक मील का पत्थर साबित होगा।

सीआईएमपी : एनईपी पर आज होगी चर्चा

पटना. सीआईएमपी, बिहार और एसजीटी विश्वविद्यालय एक कार्यक्रम का आयोजन 25 जुलाई को करेगा. सम्मेलन का आयोजन श्री गुरु गोबिंद सिंह त्रिशताब्दी विश्वविद्यालय कैम्पस गुरुग्राम में सुबह 9:30 बजे से शाम 5:30 बजे तक किया जायेगा. सम्मेलन में एनईपी के आलोक में राष्ट्र निर्माण विषय पर चर्चा की जायेगी.

सीआईएमपी में आज बिहार अर्बन सिम्पोजियम

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PATNA (10 Sep): चंद्रगुप्त प्रबंध संस्थान पटना (सीआईएमपी) में गुरुवार को बिहार अर्बन सिम्पोजियम 2025 का आयोजन किया जाएगा. रैरा बिहार और यूनीसेफ के सहयोग से सुबह 10.30 बजे से आयोजित कार्यक्रम नीति निर्माता, उद्योग जगत, शिक्षाविद् और नागरिक समाज को एक साथ लाकर बिहार के शहरी भविष्य को आकार देने पर केंद्रित रहेगा. समारोह

का उद्घाटन राज्य मंत्री आवास एवं शहरी कार्य मंत्रालय भारत सरकार तोखन साहू करेंगे. शहरी विकास और आवास मंत्री जीवेश कुमार विशिष्ट अतिथि के रूप में कार्यक्रम में मौजूद रहेंगे. उत्तर प्रदेश के पूर्व मुख्य सचिव दुर्गा शंकर मिश्रा मुख्य वक्ता होंगे. इस अवसर पर बिहार राज्य आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण के उपाध्यक्ष उदय कांत मिश्रा, रैरा के अध्यक्ष विवेक कुमार सिंह मौजूद रहेंगे.

शिक्षा बदलाव लाने की ताकत रखते हैं: हरिवंश सीआईएमपी दीक्षांत समारोह, 118 छात्रों को मिली डिग्री



पटना शिक्षा और ज्ञान-आधारित नवाचार समाज में बदलाव लाने की ताकत रखते हैं। यह बातें राज्यसभा के उपसभापति हरिवंश नारायण सिंह ने शुक्रवार को सीआईएमपी के 14वें वार्षिक दीक्षांत समारोह के दौरान कही। इस मौके पर पीजीडीएम 2023-25 के 115 छात्र, पीजीडीएम 2022-24 के 1 छात्र और एफएमपी कार्यक्रम के 2 छात्रों को उपाधियां प्रदान की गईं। समारोह में सर्वश्रेष्ठ शैक्षणिक प्रदर्शन का पुरस्कार ज्योति सिन्हा को और सर्वश्रेष्ठ सर्वांगीण प्रदर्शन का पुरस्कार उज्वल कुमार को दिया गया। इसके अलावा संकाय और कर्मचारियों को भी सम्मानित किया गया। जिसमें सर्वश्रेष्ठ संकाय : प्रो. अंकित शर्मा, शोध में सर्वश्रेष्ठ संकाय : प्रो. कल्याण अग्रवाल और सर्वश्रेष्ठ कर्मचारी सरोज कुमार सम्मानित किया गया। इस अवसर पर संस्थान के निदेशक डॉ. राणा सिंह ने छात्रों को बधाई दी और कहा कि सीआईएमपी की सफलता सरकार, संकाय और सभी हितधारकों के सहयोग का परिणाम है। समारोह में छात्रों ने अपने परिजनों और शिक्षकों की मौजूदगी में उपाधियां और पुरस्कार ग्रहण किए। अंत में प्रो. रंजीत तिवारी ने सभी का आभार जताया।

CIMP में 118 स्टूडेंट्स को मिली डिग्री



पटना (26 Sep): राज्यसभा के उपसभापति हरिवंश ने कहा कि चंद्रगुप्त प्रबंध संस्थान (सीआईएमपी), पटना में आयोजित 14वें वार्षिक दीक्षांत समारोह में कहा कि छात्रों में अवलंबन नीतियों की तमन जरूरी है. उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि भविष्य की चुनौतियों का सामना करने के लिए अन्यायपूर्ण में गहनतम क्षमता और नैतिक नेतृत्व



दीक्षा समारोह की शुरुआत



यू नैटवर्क में जाहिर की अपनी वृत्ति

को सशक्त बनाने का समाज में सकारात्मक बदलाव लाने का सक्ती हैं. उन्होंने कहा कि सीआईएमपी जैसी संस्थानों के नेतृत्व में शिक्षा और सामाजिक प्रगति के नों में महत्वपूर्ण सुधार देखा है. इसके अलावा, उन्होंने संस्थान के प्रौद्योगिकी के उपयोग, उद्यमशीलता को बढ़ावा देने और सामाजिक विकास, विशेषकर इनक्यूबेशन सेंटर और ग्रामीण आउटरीच कार्यक्रमों के माध्यम से की गई उपलब्धियों का भी उल्लेख किया. उनका संदेश था कि समाज में प्रगति के अग्रदूत भी बनें.

कौशल विकसित करना असली चुनौती

जागरण संवाददाता, पटना : चंद्रगुप्त प्रबंध संस्थान पटना (सीआईएमपी) में शुक्रवार को एचआर नेक्स्ट 2.0 कानक्लेव का आयोजन किया गया। कार्यक्रम में कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता और मानवीय विमर्श पर चर्चा की गई। आयोजन का उद्घाटन एचआर नेक्स्ट कानक्लेव के अध्यक्ष प्रो. विभाष कुमार ने किया। भारत पेट्रोलियम के मानव संसाधन निदेशक राज कुमार दुबे ने कहा कि असली चुनौती मानव संसाधन कौशल विकसित करने में है। सीआईएमपी के निदेशक प्रो.



चंद्रगुप्त प्रबंध संस्थान में सम्मेलन का उद्घाटन करते अतिथि। जागरण पेशेवरों के लिए अपने कौशल को प्रणालियों को फिर से आकार देना, लगातार उन्नत करना और उभरती कौशल आवश्यकताओं को फिर प्रौद्योगिकियों को अपनाता महत्वपूर्ण से परिभाषित करना कहीं अधिक

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गांवों में पढ़ रहे छात्रों को शोध सामग्री घर बैठे मिलेगी



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शिक्षा में एआइ का प्रभाव... (The text is partially obscured and difficult to read fully, but it appears to be a continuation of the article about AI in education.)

नालंदा विश्वविद्यालय में 12 से 15 फरवरी तक होगा नालंदा इंटरनेशनल लिटरेचर फेस्टिवल

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अमात्य फाउंडेशन द्वारा चंद्रगुप्त प्रबंध संस्थान में आयोजित नालंदा लिटरेचर फेस्टिवल 2025 के जरिये पटना रविवार को एक बार फिर साहित्य, संस्कृति और विचारों के विशाल संगम का साक्षी बना. विश्व गुरु भारत का पुनर्निर्माण-प्राचीन विरासत से आधुनिक पाठ तक केंद्रीय थीम पर आधारित इस एक दिवसीय महोत्सव में देशभर के 100 से अधिक विश्वविद्यालयों और शिक्षण संस्थानों ने प्रत्यक्ष व डिजिटल रूप से भाग लिया.

समापन सत्र में नालंदा इंटरनेशनल लिटरेचर फेस्टिवल 2026 की घोषणा की गयी, जिसका आयोजन 12-15 फरवरी 2026 को नालंदा विश्वविद्यालय में होगा. कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत 'द वॉइस ऑफ नालंदा' नामक उद्घाटन सत्र से हुई.



फेस्टिवल के थीम व लोगो का हुआ लोकार्पण

नालंदा इंटरनेशनल लिटरेचर फेस्टिवल में संस्कृति शोधकर्ता वैशाली सेता ने कार्यक्रम की रूपरेखा पर विस्तार से प्रकाश डाला. इसके बाद, हिमालय क्षेत्र के युवा कलाकार और भारत के पहले हैंडपैन प्लेयर बाबा कुटानी ने अपनी मंत्रमुग्ध कर देने वाली प्रस्तुति से पूरे वातावरण को आध्यात्मिक शांति से भर दिया. इसके बाद फेस्टिवल के थीम और लोगो का औपचारिक लोकार्पण किया गया. इस सत्र में ऋत्विक् उदयन (दिनकर जी के पोते और उनके साहित्यिक अभिलेखों के संरक्षक), सीआइएमपी के निदेशक प्रो राणा सिंह और लेखक रत्नेश्वर सिंह ने भाग लिया. संक्षिप्त पुस्तक प्रदर्शनी और नेटवर्किंग के बाद 'मिथक, मन और आधुनिकता' विषयक तीसरा सत्र आयोजित हुआ, जिसमें प्रमुख वक्ता के रूप में लोकप्रिय लेखिका अमी गणात्रा ने शिरकत की. वरिष्ठ पत्रकार पवन कुमार ने सत्र का संचालन किया. फेस्टिवल की अंतिम चर्चा 'साहित्य में महिलाओं की दृष्टि' पर केंद्रित थी, जिसे वरिष्ठ आइपीएस अधिकारी विकास वैभव ने संचालित किया. इसमें शन्थेरी, माधवी कुंटे और रत्नेश्वर सिंह ने हिस्सा लिया और महिलाओं के साहित्यिक योगदान पर गहरी चर्चा की.

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"Nalanda Literature Festival 2025" ushers in India's cultural and intellectual heritage

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PATNA: Patna once again witnessed a grand confluence of literature, culture, and ideas through Nalanda Literature Festival 2025, organized by Amaty Foundation at Chandragupta Institute of Management, Patna (CIMP). Based on central theme of "Rebuilding Vishwaguru Bharat-From Ancient Heritage to Modern Lessons," this one-day festival saw participation from over 100 universities and educational institutions across the country, both in person and digitally.

The programme began with an inaugural session titled "The Voice of Nalanda." In her welcome address, Vaishali Seta, curator and cultural researcher of the Nalanda International Literature Festival, outlined the program's outline. Following this, Baba Kutani, a young artist from the Himalayan region and India's first handpan player, filled the atmosphere with spir-



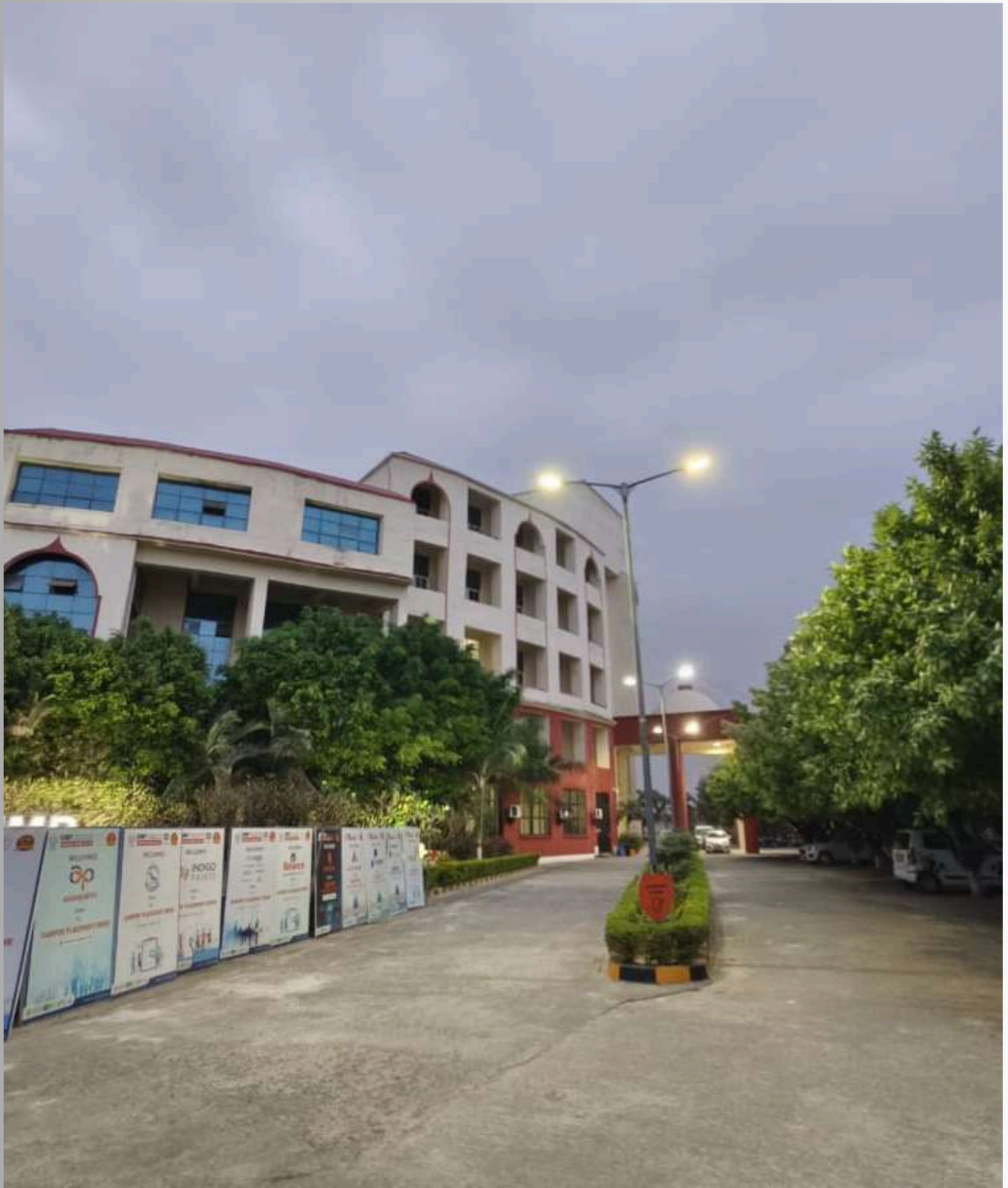
itual tranquility with his captivating performance. Following this, the festival's theme and logo were formally unveiled.

In the first panel discussion, "Dinkar 2.0 - Nation, Religion, and the Digital Age," experts examined the thoughts of national poet Ramdhari Singh Dinkar in the light of a new India and a new generation. This session included Ritwik Udayan* (Dinkar's grandson and custodian of his literary archives), CIMP Director Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, and author Ratneshwar Singh. The discus-

sion explored how Dinkar's ideas on courage, duty, nationalism, and patience are gaining new relevance among youth in the context of social media culture and a rapidly digital age.

Following this, in a panel discussion on "Literature in Cinema and Theatre," renowned screenwriter Shubhrashta and filmmaker Shantanu Gupta attempted to understand the journey of stories from books to the screen. A detailed discussion focused on how stories take on new forms in the worlds of acting, direction, visual craft, and theater.

Following this, a debate session was held on the theme, "Is Artificial Intelligence the New Saraswati or a Challenge to Creativity?" Moderated by CIMP Director Prof. (Dr.) Rana Singh, teams from leading universities across the country participated in this session. The best speaker, selected by a jury comprising writers, academics, and media experts, was awarded the "Nalanda Youth Orator Award."



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