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global Meet for a Resurgent Bihar

19-21 January, 2007, Patna

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Collaboration



Organising Partners

**Asian Development Research Institute
A. N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies**

**Bihar Industries Association
The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE, Bihar Chapter)**

Context

Bihar is one of the most bountiful states of India in terms of its geographical location, and natural and human resources. Once a centre of political, intellectual, cultural and literary excellence, the state has contributed significantly to nation building. While Bihar played an important role in India's freedom movement, its economy and society suffered considerably during the colonial period. In the post-Independence period, notwithstanding achievements in several fields, its status vis-a-vis other states has deteriorated and it is now amongst the most economically backward states of India. Every year people migrate in large numbers, both within the country as well as abroad, in search of better education and livelihood. The bifurcation of the state has also changed the parameters of development, particularly in terms of resource endowments.

Of late, there has been a concerted effort to improve the overall development climate of the state, once again opening up the potential for socio-economic and human development. There are a host of new policy initiatives in various spheres—physical infrastructure, industrial development, education, health and tourism—that have already begun to bear fruit. However, the state still faces enormous economic, institutional and social challenges that need to be overcome to pursue an effective development strategy.

As a response to this challenge, the Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi and Bihar Times, Patna are organising a Global Meet for a Resurgent Bihar in Patna from 19 to 21 January, 2007. The Government of Bihar is actively collaborating in the organisation of this event. The Meet shall enable development stakeholders (public as well as private) to appreciate the situation and forge partnerships for undertaking various initiatives in Bihar's development.

More than 500 eminent persons from across the world, belonging to various fields and concerned with the development of Bihar, are expected to participate in the Meet. It will be funded through registration fee, individual contributions and sponsorship from the government and concerned organisations.

The proceedings of the Meet will be widely disseminated through the print and the electronic media. A network of stakeholders would be formed and a liaison mechanism created through which inputs from the Meet would be utilised in future. Efforts will also be made to organise such events at the regional and sub-regional levels.

Objectives

The key objectives of the Meet are

- To bring together leaders of industry and trade, policy makers, scholars, development practitioners and activists, in exploring opportunities and forging partnerships;
- To create networks and liaisons between the people of Bihar and those outside so as to explore avenues of investment in different sectors;
- To deliberate on ideas that contribute towards cultural and educational resurgence of the state; and
- To enable Bihar to acquire a positive brand image that can be helpful in forging links with the outside world.

Themes

The Meet would focus on

- Strengthening governance and delivery mechanisms of various institutions in the state;
- Creating a social and political structure conducive for development;
- Developing education, skill and training systems; and
- Boosting investment opportunities in different areas.

Papers

Background papers on the above themes are being prepared which will be presented and circulated in the Meet. Focused papers, not exceeding fifteen hundred words, are welcome. These will be circulated and discussed in various parallel sessions at the Meet. In addition, there will be panels and lectures by specialists in diverse fields. The Government of Bihar will also organize an interactive session with potential investors in which senior decision-makers of the state will participate.

Venue

The Global Meet for a Resurgent Bihar will be held at:

Hotel Maurya, South-West Gandhi Maidan, Patna. Phone: (0612) 2203040-59

The Hotel is centrally located and offers conference facilities of international standards with an ambience that is widely appreciated.

Patrons and Organisers

Shri Nitish Kumar, Chief Minister of Bihar, is the Chief Patron of this Meet and *Shri Sushil Kumar Modi*, Deputy Chief Minister, is the Chairperson of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee, comprising eminent experts with an interest in Bihar's development, will guide the perspective and approach underlying the Meet. The Organising Committee will take care of its logistics and activities.

The Meet is being organised by the Institute for Human Development (IHD) and Bihar Times, Patna in collaboration with the Government of Bihar. The organising partners are: Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), A. N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Bihar Industries Association and The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE, Bihar Chapter).

Professor Alakh N. Sharma, Director, Institute for Human Development, is the Coordinator of this Meet and *Shri Ajay Kumar*, Chief Executive Office and Editor, Bihar Times, is the Associate Coordinator.

Registration and Accommodation

Overseas Participants

Residential : US\$ 200 (includes boarding and lodging)
Non-residential : US\$ 50

Domestic Participants

Residential : Rs 3000 (includes boarding and lodging)
Non-residential : Rs 1000 (locals and those not requiring accommodation)

In case of spouse, an extra amount of US\$ 50 for overseas/Rs. 1000 for domestic residential participants needs to be paid.

Registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, mid-morning and afternoon tea, admission to sessions, a bag, and a copy of the programme and all the papers. Except for local participants, the fee also covers accommodation charges for four days (from afternoon of 18 January to forenoon of 22 January, 2007).

Organisers will make arrangements for about 500 delegates at various hotels in Patna. These hotels are located within the radius of about 1-3 kms from the venue. The delegates would also be transported to and fro from their place of stay to the venue.

The registration fee should be sent by demand draft in favour of "Global Bihar Meet", payable at New Delhi to the Administrative Officer, Institute for Human Development, NIDM Building, IIPA Campus, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002, before 31 December 2006.

You can also register online at www.globalbiharmeet.com

Registration Form

Name : _____
Designation : _____
Organisation : _____
Address : _____
City : _____ State : _____
Country : _____
Tel (Off) : _____
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Mobile : _____
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Email id: : _____
Date and time of arrival : _____
Date and time of departure : _____

Accompanying person(s) details

Name : _____
Relationship : _____
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Accommodation required (Please write Y for yes and N for no): _____
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Tentative Programme

THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY, 2007

16.00- 22.00 : **Registration**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2007

07.30-10.30 : **Registration**

10.30-12.00 : **Inaugural Session**

12.00-13.00 : **Lunch**

13.00-15.00 : **Plenary Session I**

- Bihar Economy : Challenges of Development in the 21st Century
- Recent Initiatives for Turnaround
- Comments by some Eminent Experts

15.00-15.30 : **Tea**

15.30-18.00 : **Parallel Sessions : Education, Skill Development and Health**

- I. School Education (Elementary and Secondary)
- II. Higher and Technical Education
- III. Skill Development and Training
- IV. Health, Sanitation and Nutrition

18.00-19.30 : **Plenary Session II
Round Table on Making Bihar a Knowledge Hub**

19.30-21.00 : **Cultural Programme**

21.00 : **Dinner**

Saturday, 20 January, 2007

09.00-11.15 : **Parallel Sessions : Priorities and Opportunities for Investment**

- V. Education, Training and Health: Scope of Public-Private Partnership
- VI. Physical Infrastructure: Transport, Power and Telecommunications
- VII. Agri-business, Agro-based Industries and Handicrafts and Handlooms
- VIII. Tourism

11.15-11.45 : **Tea**

11.45-13.45 : **Plenary Session III
Panel Discussion on Strategy for Development of Bihar in the Globalising World**

13.45-14.45 : **Lunch**

14.45-17.00 : **Parallel Sessions : Institutions and Governance**

- IX. Strengthening Civil Society, People's Organisations and Agenda for Growth Conducive Political-Social Environment
- X. Strengthening Governance and Delivery Mechanisms
- XI. Strengthening Financial Infrastructure and Institutions
- XII. Brand Building of Bihar

17.00-17.30 : **Tea**

17.30-19.00 : **Special Session
Interactive Session between Potential Investors and the Government of Bihar
(Organised by Bihar Government)**

19.00- 21.00 : **Cultural Programme**

21.00 : **Dinner**

21 January, 2007, Sunday

09.30-11.00 : **Plenary Session IV**

- Conclusions and the Main Recommendations of the Meet
- Vision and Action for a Resurgent Bihar

11.00-11.30 : **Tea**

11.30-13.00 : **Valedictory Session**

13.00 : **Lunch and Farewell to the Delegates**

14.00 : **Local Sightseeing**