



# Global Summit on Changing Bihar

Forging Partnerships for Development

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“Bihar’s stunning economic performance is an example of how government policies help accelerate growth.”

- **Moody's Economy.com, Global research agency.**



In recent years the State of Bihar has been in the news for its success in accelerating growth and strengthening institutions to support economic development and public welfare. Yet many challenges remain if the continuing problems of poverty and backwardness are to be overcome. In order to contribute to debate and action in the State, the Institute for Human Development (IHD), Bihar Foundation and Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI) are organizing a Global Summit for all those

committed to the cause of development in Bihar.

The Summit will bring together leading development practitioners, policy makers, scholars, industrialists, investors, representatives from the world of art and culture, donors and members of civil society for forging partnerships to pursue and reinforce social and economic progress in Bihar. About 1000 people from around the world will be participating in the Summit.

The Summit is a follow-up to the “Global Meet for a Resurgent Bihar” organized by the IHD, in association with ADRI and other institutions during 19-21 January 2007 at Patna. Inaugurated by the then president of India Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, this Meet was attended by more than 700 people from across the world. The event was widely appreciated as a milestone for contributing to an environment for change and progress as well as for forging partnerships to boost development in the state.

Five years later, Bihar has made progress in many respects. There has been rapid economic growth, governance has improved and new and effective social programmes are being applied. But Bihar’s economic structure remains narrowly based, its infrastructure weak and its people excessively dependent on employment outside the state. It is time to follow up the 2007 Meet with a new effort to consolidate the progress that has been made, and to advance beyond it. The 2012 Summit will take up this challenge, with the aim of contributing to and expanding the efforts of government – both State and Central – and of other stakeholders to deepen the process of development in the State.

## Objectives

**To generate innovative ideas and thinking among all actors and stakeholders that can foster progress in the state;**

**To define priorities and lay down a roadmap for development;**

**To create strong networks among all the concerned stakeholders in order to facilitate their effective participation in the development of the state; and**

**To forge lasting partnerships between the people of Bihar and the outside world, including distinguished diasporas from the state and friends of Bihar from elsewhere in India, the region and beyond.**

# better bihar, better ideas

Bihar has witnessed a series of initiatives and concerted efforts aimed at pulling it out of its quagmire. There is a new hope and enthusiasm in various sections of the people of the state about their better future. This has brought a perceptible change in the image of the state.

Being the second most densely populated state and also among the poorest in the country, Bihar's transformation is vital in terms of its significance for the overall development of the country. However, the historical burden notwithstanding, the state faces enormous challenges - economic (financial and infrastructural), institutional and social.

Success of any development strategy depends on a serious engagement among all stakeholders in order to identify issues, and prioritise and develop strategies for action. The strengths of the state need to be maximised while focussing on strategies to overcome the bottlenecks, forging partnerships with all stakeholders and benefiting from technical know-how, ideas and experiences form critical ingredients for successful implementation of development strategies.



Devising an appropriate strategy for industrialization and urban development



Bridging the gap in infrastructure development: power and transport



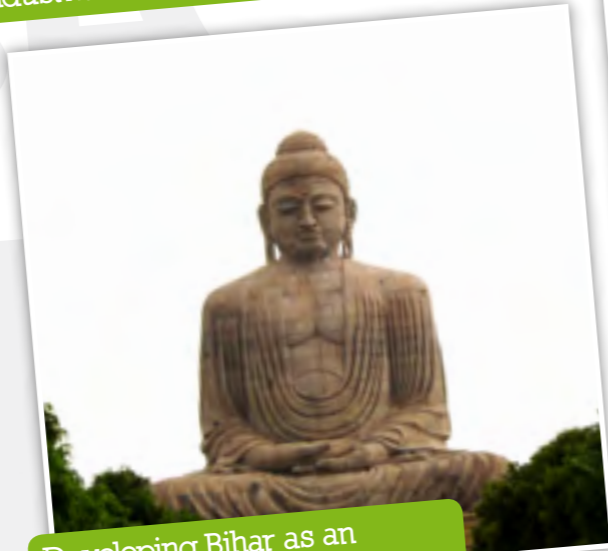
Strengthening educational and training institutions



Ushering in a socio-cultural renaissance



Overcoming the constraints on faster agricultural growth



Developing Bihar as an attractive tourist destination



Creating a more effective healthcare system



Strengthening institutions for inclusive and equitable development



Extending socio-economic and political roles of women

## List of Tentative Speakers

- Shri Baburam Bhattarai, Prime Minister, Nepal
- Shri N.R. Narayana Murthy, Chairman Emeritus, Infosys Technologies Limited
- Prof. Y.K. Alagh, Chairman, IRMA and Former Union Minister
- Dr. V.S. Vyas, Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister and Deputy Chairman State Planning Board, Rajasthan
- Prof. Kaushik Basu, Chief Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Government of India
- Dr.N.C.Saxena, Member, National Advisory Council and Former Secretary, Planning Commission, Government of India
- Prof. Jean Dreze, Delhi School of Economics and Member, NAC
- Prof. Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission, Government of India
- Shri Uday Shankar, CEO, Star News India\*
- Mr. Anil Agarwal, CEO, Vedanta Resources Plc and Executive Chairman, Sterlite Industries and Balco\*
- Shri M.J. Akbar, Chief Editor, India Today\*
- Prof. Deepak Nayyar, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Distinguished University, Professor of Economics, New School of Social Research, New York; and Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi
- Shri U.K. Sinha, Chairman & Managing Director, UTI Asset Management Company Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai\*
- Dr. Ram Chandra Guha, Eminent Historian and Writer
- Dr. Gerry Rodgers, Visiting Professor, IHD, New Delhi and former Director International Institute of Labour Studies, Geneva
- Shri Montek Singh Alhwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Government of India
- Shri Sanjay Pradhan, Vice President, The World Bank\*
- Dr. Sunil Khilnani, Director, India Centre, King's College, England
- Gen. S.K. Sinha, Former Governor, Jammu & Kashmir and Assam\*
- Shri Prakash Jha, Film Maker, India\*
- Prof. Abhijit Banerjee, Professor in Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
- Shri Azim Hasim Premji, Chairman, Wipro Limited
- Shri Chetan Bhagat, Columnist

Shri Baburam Bhattarai, Prime Minister of Nepal



“Shri Baburam Bhattarai, Prime Minister of Nepal will be the Chief Guest on the occasion”

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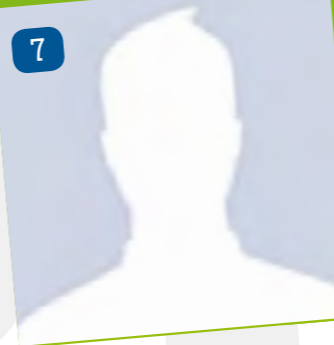
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Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Bihar



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STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER  
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