

Patna Goes Global

An Exclusive Report on Global Bihar Meet, 2007

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1. Abstract

Patna, the ancient Pataliputra witnessed large gatherings of Non Residents Indians and Non Resident people of Bihar who came here all the way to attend First global Meet for the resurgent Bihar at Hotel Maurya, Patna on Jan 19-21, 2007 and discussed on the development perspectives of the state which has gone at nadir in almost all the fields in a modern India. This meet was of very importance as the development of Bihar has become sole issue of the central govt as well as the state govt. Many a times the reports of world bodies, statistical analyst also showed very pathetic situation of this sorry state of India.

To initiate the process of development, the new govt in Bihar has taken several steps to improve infrastructure, education and overall brand image of Bihar in national and international fora. Organising Global Meet at Patna was one of the major steps in this direction.

The credit goes to The Institute for Human Development (www.ihindia.org) and Bihar Times (www.bihartimes.com) who made this event successful in collaboration with Govt of Bihar including Bihar Industries Association & Bihar Chamber of Commerce, the Indus Enterprises and Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI, Patna), A.N. Sinha Institute of Social science & studies, Patna along with many Overseas Coordinators and Participation associates.

This Article presents exclusive report on Global Bihar Meet, 2007.

2. Global Meet Need and Objectives

In 1952 Dr. Paul H. Appleby, a US scholar presented a document on Indian States to the Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru which suggested that Bihar was the best administrated state in the country at that time. He used various criteria and interviews with hundreds of specialists across the country for

his study. After independence, the situation became deteriorating because of ill will of politicians and their non performance for the development of the Bihar. In over 50 years of independence, the state has got all bad names in his basket in the name of hooliganism, arsons, Violence and center of bad politics and politicians etc.

With a land mass larger than France and population more than five times that of Australia, Bihar somewhere lost its glorious past and admirable socio-cultural ambience which was once the paradise for the intellect, and center for learning religious values& cultural ethics , until someone, a year ago, dared to see the whole picture by stepping out of the frame. The new government in Bihar took great initiatives to bring state economy on track, give prosperity to the people of state that was warmly welcomed by all section of the society by giving all heartiest support to the govt. Because of these initiatives by the new govt, eyes of the every Indian, particularly People of this state living in different parts of India and abroad got rays of hope. They started giving his opinions and experiences to flourish the state to bring it to national strata.

To share the experiences, examine the exclamations, explore the new ground and search the Cartesian light Global Meet was called at Patna between 19-21 January' 2007 by Bihar Times & Institute for Human Development, New Delhi.

The overall objective of the Meet was to bring together on one platform, leaders of industry and trade, policy makers, scholars, development practitioners, and social activists to explore opportunities and partnerships for playing effective roles towards the development of Bihar. The Meet had enabled individuals and organisations, concerned with development, to appreciate the situation and forge partnerships for undertaking various initiatives for the development of the state.

3. The Event

The event was organized for three days from Jan 19-21, 2007 at Hotel Maurya, Patna. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar: (Sri Nitish Kumar was the Chief Patron and (Hon'ble) Deputy Chief Minister, Sri Sushil Kumar Modi was Chairman of Steering Committee. The function was inaugurated by Hon'ble President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam at S. K. Memorial Hall on January 19, 2007. More than 500 persons including 70-80 NRIs from various parts of the world (mainly from USA, UK, Singapore, South Korea, Japan, Middle East Countries, Thailand, Sweden etc) were participated in the Meet.

The prominent among those who participated are Former RBI Governor and Chairman of PM's Economic Advisory Council, C. Rangarajan, Lord Meghnath Desai, Professor of London School of Economics, Famous economist Sri Abhijit Sen., Sri Y. C. Alagh of National Planning Commission, Noted Film maker Sri Prakash Jha, and famous industrialist Prabhu Goel, Chairman of Indian Tobacco Company, ITC Sri Y. C. Deveshwar, Prof Jean Derez, of Delhi School of Economics, Dr. Gerry Rodgers, Director ILO (Internal labor organization, Geneva), and Prof Ravi Srivastava of National commission of Enterprises for unorganized sector etc. The technical sessions was also attended by representatives from the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, UNICEF and Bihar Industries Association.

4. Inaugural Function & the Musings of Hon'ble President of India



(Fig 1: Dr. Kalam Hon'ble President of India inaugurating the event. Hon'ble DY CM Hon'ble Governor, Hon'ble Chief Minister in the inaugural function)

The last moment acceptance of arrival of Hon'ble President of India, Dr. Kalam was the major break through of this event and gave boost to the organizers as well as made attention to the national media. Dr. Kalam has always shown soft corners for Bihar in the past and has given his road map for the development strategies for Bihar. He readily accepts that development of Bihar is synonymous to the development of India.



(Fig 2: Front view of Historic S.K memorial Hall for Inaugural Function)



(Fig 3: Inner view of Inaugural Function: Huge gathering at S.K Memorial Hall, Patna)

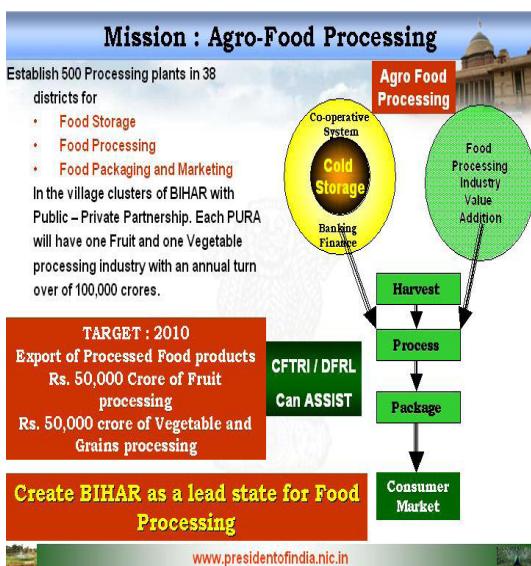
Following are some of the excerpts from his typical style of inauguration in a high tech way by giving power point presentation on his mission to the progress of Bihar and 10 points formula to develop the state.

4.1 Agriculture and Agro Food processing

While inaugurating, he stressed the need for Increasing the agriculture production, activating the sugar industries, dairy development, food processing and horticulture etc. This will lead to

empowerment and enrichment of 27 million farmers which involves production of 57 million tones of food grains, fruits and vegetables by the State. Also it will lead to a business of Rs. 100,000 crores for processed food items in a decade. He clearly indicated Mission for Agro food industry, Mission for sugar Industry, Mission for Horticulture and Mission for PURA (Providing Urban Amenities in Rural Areas) will sharp boost to the economy of the state. The below given chart clarifies all the points for the same.

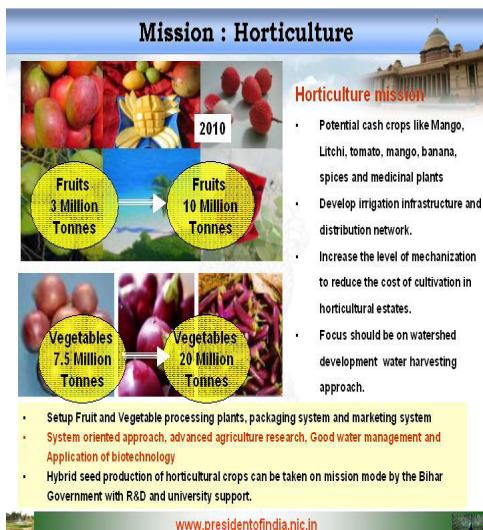
4.1.1 Mission: Agro Food Processing



4.1.2 Mission: Sugar Industry



4.1.3 Mission: Agro: Horticulture



4.1.4 Mission: PURA (Providing Urban Amenities in Rural Area)



All the above mentioned Mission of Bihar will pave the path for good financial boost as well as generate millions of employment in the state.

4.2. Education and entrepreneurship: Dr. Kalam suggested Bihar to improve its literacy rate and achieve it by 75% literacy by 2010 and 100% by 2015. He also stressed the need for integrated education and entrepreneurship from the secondary to higher education segment.

He advocated that *Bihar should also aim at IIT and Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER)*.

4.3 Global Human resource cadre:

He said that youth is strength of the Bihar. He advised govt to prepare 2 million youth for high value employment in IT, ITES and BPO sector and allied sector before 2010.

4.4. Renaissance - Nalanda International

University: He strongly recommended re-establishing Nalanda International University with international partnership with an outlay of Rs. 500 crores (\$100 million).

The focus of the university is the evolution of world of peace and prosperity, devoid of crime, terrorism and war. It should be a place for meeting of minds from the national and international arena to do research on unity of minds linking human welfare, science, technologies, economics and spirituality with reference to ancient and modern thinking.

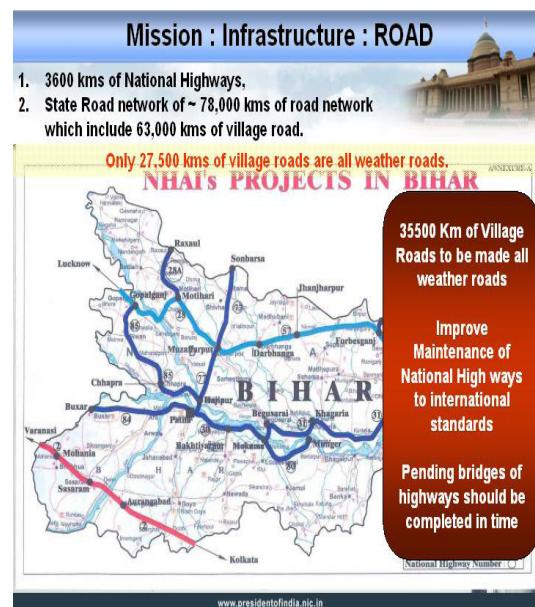
4.5. Healthcare Mission: In Health care too, Bihar has to progress a lot. According to him, it can be done through mobile clinics; tele-medicine, corporate hospitals and health benefit schemes that are essentially needed.

4.6. Flood and Water management: He suggested there is a need of water management in Bihar by creation of waterways in southern Bihar to manage the flood will increase irrigated land for about 5 million hectares and generate over 1000 MW of Hydel power and thereby it will provide employment for 9 Million people.

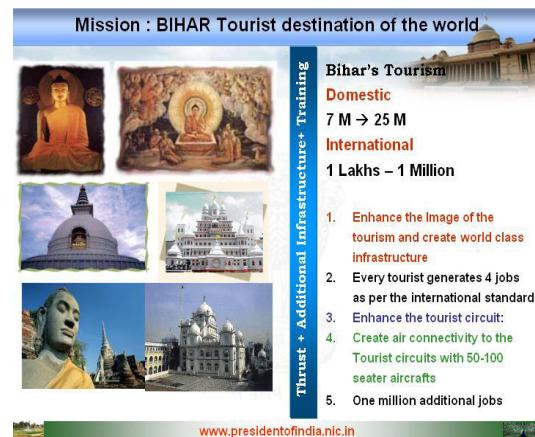
4.7. Infrastructure Development (PURA):

He stressed the need to focus on Rural Roads condition and convert 35,500 km length of rural roads to all weather roads and improve the maintenance of national and state highways to international standards. This is essential for all the missions discussed. Creation of 500 PURAs for the rural economic prosperity with at least two agro, food and fruit processing rural enterprises in each PURA. One nuclear Power Plant of 1000 MW capacity is suggested, apart from the large scale use of solar power and modernization of thermal power stations and creation of super critical

thermal station of 1980 MW capacity.

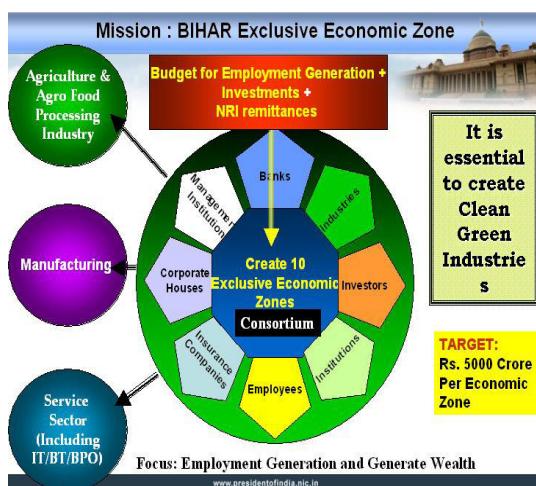


4.8. Tourist destination of the world: Bihar can be the best destination of tourism and it has potential to increase international tourist arrival of 1 lakh to 1 million and domestic tourist of 7 million to 30 million. It may generate minimum of 4 million jobs with reference to international tourist arrival alone. It will lead to US \$10 million additional revenue to the state. Road, communication and proper hotel accommodation will be a necessary condition for enabling such a tourist growth.



4.9. Exclusive economic zones: Creation of 10 exclusive economic zones will give a mission to industries such as leather, silk,

sports goods, sugar and IT, ITES and BPO and special tourist products. It can provide large scale employment for each region and it should aim at a turn over of at least Rs. 5,000 crores per year based on our experience in the country.



4.10. E-Governance for Bihar: For carrying out all the 9 missions the most important driving force is implementation of e-governance coupled with administrative reforms and mission mode management is the necessary requirement. This will accelerate the process of socio economic development.

5. Ten Point Formula for Prosperity through smart Governance

The hon'ble President of India presented his 10 points formula for the development of the state. Those are:

1. Fiscal correction, enhancing the revenue, controlling the expenditure and restructuring the debt and borrowings.
2. Restructure the Public sector corporations, undertakings and turn the focus towards providing quality of services to people at the same time made competitive.
3. Creating the export led economy in the state.
4. Reviving the Cooperative societies with new management structure, state-of-the-art technology value addition, export oriented market linkages, coupled with state-of-the-art training.

5. Reviving the Agriculture sector by diversification, efficiency in water management and alternate cropping, Agro-food processing and create a market chain.
6. Encourage cultivation of commercial crops with market advantage while ensuring food security with the stabilization of food grains cultivation and increase the food production.
7. Accelerating the growth momentum in Manufacturing and Services sector with attractive investment climate, single window clearance, creating special economic zones, deregulation, better monitoring instead of control
8. Delivering Quality of Service to the people through smart governance using G2G, G2C and G2B e-governance GRID across the state in Civil Administration, Police Administration, and Institutional Administration thus creating transparent administration.
9. Establishment of PURA to remove the Rural Urban Divide and improving the Rural Economy with? One PURA Cluster - One Product? as the focus.
10. Evolution of leadership for the mission mode operation from planning to execution to the performance.

6. Meetings and Discussions in the Meet

6.1 JAN 19: Lunch at CM House

Because of the visit of the Hon'ble President of India, Schedule of the global meet was shrunk from three days to two days. This time was very well used by Hon'ble Chief Minister. He invited all the Guest NRIs/NRBs at his residence for lunch where they got chance to interact with CM and DY CM of Bihar and try to know his vision for Bihar. Both were taking care of guest hospitality in a very good manner. All the guests were satisfied to this bonhomie.

In the evening at 6.45 PM, the inaugural function was held in a very tight security arrangement on the arrival of Hon'ble President of India, Dr. APJ Abul Kalam. His musings has been mentioned above.

6.2 Jan 20, 2007: The actual session started on Jan 20 and the major attraction was Sri Lord meghnad Desai, member of the House of Lords and noted economist, also the director of the Centre for the Study of Global Governance at London School of Economics. Speaking on “Development of Bihar in globalizing world” he first thanked the chief minister, Nitish Kumar, for being in the audience and said “now when people say Bihar is passing through a phase of resurgence, a sense of optimism develops within him”. In his speech at the conclave he observed that social equality beyond caste and creed was more important for a real turnaround of Bihar.



(Fig 4: Lord Meghnad Desai (left), London School of Economics with Prof V.S Vyas(right), Institute of Human Development, New delhi)

The Chairman of ITC (The Indian Tobacco Company) Sri YC Deveshwar announced the company's decision to invest Rs. 300 crore in various schemes, including primary education and health care in Munger district.



(Fig 5: Sri Y.C. Deveshwar, Chairman, ITC)

Dr. Rajay Narayan, NRI of UK and one of the overseas coordinators of the Global Bihar Meet showed power point presentation for

improvement in health care units in Bihar. He has planned to invest in this sector in Bihar.



(Fig 6: Dr. Rajay Narayan, UK one of Overseas Coordinator, Global Bihar Meet)



(Fig 7: Shri Prabhu Goel, Duet Corporation Inc, USA)

Prabhu Goel, Chairman of iPolicy Networks and founder of Duet Corporation, gave impressive speech for the industrialization of Bihar. The presence of Sri Goel who was also Division President and Director of Cadence Design Systems, Inc. and CEO/Chairman of Gateway Design Automation Corporation and also held management and technical positions at IBM and Wang Labs, may pave path for starting chip design center in Bihar. All other speakers spoke and discussed mainly on issues given below

6.2.1 Brand Image Building for Bihar: As Mentioned, this global meet was aimed for the building good image of Bihar. People discussed and decided to become brand ambassador of Bihar in the national and international fora which is needed for attracting investment in the state.

6.2.2. Sugar Industry: Discussions were held on the improvement of sugar industry and there was unanimous view that sugar industry of Bihar should be revived.

6.2.3 Tourism sector: Bihar can be the best tourist spot. They all discussed about improvement in this sector and measures to be followed and adopted by the Govt of Bihar. One Mr. Naveen Sharma showed presentation in which he compared Gaya with Jerusalem as both the places have religious importance for three religions : Judaism, Christianity and Islam for Jerusalem as much Buddhism, Hinduism and Jainism has for Gaya. The income levels of the religion holders were compared to arrive at the tourism potential of Gaya.

6.2.4 Entrepreneurship: Bihar lacks real entrepreneurship. People discussed on building entrepreneurship in people are a need of hour to create jobs and employment problems to fill in. One innovator Raghav Mahto who built a community radio centre at Raghpur in Bihar with virtually no capital and started earning a living for him while propagating socially useful messages on his community radio was the center of attraction.

6.3 Jan 21, 2007

6.3.1 Plenary session: In a plenary session chaired by the CM, he mentioned about the difficulties he faces to improve the situation of the state .He made a brief opinion of the various achievement of his government - innovative steps like involving well trained retired employees of the army and the CBI in dealing with law and order, highly improved conviction rate of the criminals and the fact that criminals do not enjoy the patronage of the political classes any more.

On the investment in Bihar, he said that the govt will ensure that the investment process in Bihar is made as smooth as it can be and we are also ready to implement suggestions made by you. Now is the time to start investing in the state and that would be the true measure for the success or failure of this conclave.



(Fig 8: Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Nitish Kumar on Jan 21, 2007)

He declared that Bihar got Rs 27,000 crore of private investment since the new government has come into power. This is good sign for the others who want to take interest for the investment in the state. He also declared that now all information will be uploaded and updated on Bihar govt several website concerning those departments.

6.3.2 Panel discussion: In the panel discussion, many economist including C Rangarajan former Governor of Reserve Bank of India, Sri Abhijit Sen, a member of planning commission, World Bank Chief Economist (South Asia) and PM Economic Advisory Council Chairman Shanta Devarajan gave their opinion on the subject.



(Fig 9: C. Rangarajan, Former Governor, RBI)

Sri Rangarajan made a positive reference to the improved utilisation of funds by Bihar. Sri Abhijit Sen stressed the need for ameliorating primary education in Bihar.

Planning Commission member Prof. Abhijeet Sen, during his speech, said talent-wise Bihar was among the top 5 states in the nation. "Sadly, Bihar is also among the top few states when it comes to dropping out of the school," Sen said emphasizing the need for children to stay in school.



(Fig 10: Prof Abhijit Sen, Member Planning Commission)

Shri Uday shankar, CEO of Star News Network, India also made his points for the development of state.



(Fig 11: Shri Uday Shankar, CEO Star News on dias)

6.3.3 Valedictory session: In a valedictory session of the Global Bihar Meet Hon'ble DY CM of Bihar, Sri Sushil Kumar Modi who was deeply involved and instrumental for this meet thanked all delegates who came to attend the meet. He also announced that Bihar Foundation formed by the govt of Bihar will encourage investment in the state and all NRIs and NRBs will invest through Bihar

Foundation. Bihar foundation will have many units in all over the world.



(Fig 12: Hon'ble DY CM, Sri Sushil Kumar Modi on Jan 21, 2007)

Sri Prakash jha, noted film maker and now entrepreneur stole the show. He talked about the challenges and opportunities in Bihar and stressed need to develop entrepreneurship within each one of us. His mission to build malls at places like Bettiah and Samastipur besides Patna and Jamshedpur are a business proposition, not as charity. Indeed Bihar does not need charity; it needs empathetic business oriented thinking. This session was chaired by Mr SP Sinha, the MD of Maurya hotel



(Fig 13: Noted film maker and entrepreneur Sri Sri Prakash Jha)

7 Role of coordinators & Participation Associates:

For the successful completion of any big event, collective effort matters. Organizing Global Meet in Bihar was very tedious task to be performed .Many people played important role and took it as challenge. In the

discussions, organizers had identified the role of overseas coordinators who may work for brand ambassadors for this meet in outside India. They appointed six key people as Overseas Coordinators for the meet were involved themselves in organizing conference meet and to decide about the strategies for the global meet. The name of those were Sri Ramesh Yadav, (California, USA), Sri Ravi Verma (California, USA), Dr. Rajay Narayan (Manchester UK), Sri Birendra Kumar (President, Bajana), Sri Bibhuti Bikramaditya, (Chairman, BiharBrains Daejeon, S. Korea) and Sri Shakeel Ahmad Kakvi, (President Indian Association of Bihar and Jharkhand, IABJ DOHA –Qatar). They held many rounds of conference Talks on conference where coordinators and many more representatives took part to give their opinion and contribution. In the conference they decided following thing to be advertised:

1: It is not an investment conference. The mission of the conf is to

1.1: Improve Bihar Image

1.2: Communicate Opportunities in Bihar

1.3: Convince participants to take the roll of Ambassador of Bihar

2: There are four Internal and two external constituents to this:

2.1: Local Businessmen and Entrepreneurs

2.2: Academician, Economists, Reformists and resident of Bihar

2.3: Non Resident Bihari's(NRBs)

2.4: Government of Bihar.

2.5: Government of India (External)

2.6: World Bank etc (External)

All coordinators and organizers through conference call decided on many other issues too even about functioning of Global Meet and work distribution.

Sri Ravi Verma (CEO, Telecommand software, California) and Sri Ramesh Yadav, California, USA took key role in calling conference meet and coordinating with all coordinators and organizers.

Sri Ravi Verma has his own company at California, USA who started one engineering college in Bihar at Katihar. He also started the unit of his company at Katihar which is itself one bold decision taken by him.

Sri Ramesh Yadav, California, USA who wants to develop chain of hotels in Buddhist circuit of Bihar. While giving interview to Telegraph, he showed his willingness to Invest Rs. 100-crore venture with Signet Hotels to open hotels in Patna, Rajgir and Bodh Gaya. He took key role in organizing meet. He is also part of the American Organisers for Development of Bihar, which has 200 non-resident Biharis as its members. It promotes hygiene, education and has held several eye camps in Bihar over the past 10 years.

Sri Dr. Rajay Narayan is from UK and going to invest in health care sector in Bihar and his role in coordinating with members were laudable.

Sri Bibhuti Bikramaditya, Chairman BiharBrains called press meet at Patna to request all industrialist from Bihar to attend the global meet which was very much publicized by local media. Hon'ble DY CM, Bihar Sri Sushil Kumar Modi also called him on telephone and both were discussed on making this event successful. Later BiharBrains sent four members Delegation to meet Hon'ble DY CM.



(Fig 14: Sri Bibhuti Bikramaditya, Chairman, BiharBrains meeting Press at Hotel Rajasthan, Patna)

Sri Shakeel Ahmad Kakvi, President of IABJ met Sri Shushil Kumar Modi to extend his active support for the global meet and demanded separate ministry for NRBs. He also invited DY CM & CM to visit UAE to bring investment in Bihar.



(Fig 15: Shri Shakeel Ahmad Kakvi (Center), President IABJ and team of UAE with Hon'ble CM)

Sri Ajay Kumar jee, CEO of BiharTimes has done great work in collaborating and coordinating with NRIs. His effort in bringing people on this front is laudable and simply can not be expressed in words.

Sri Alakh sharma jee of Institute of Human Development (IHD, New Delhi) who was instrumental in this global meet right from the beginning with Ajay jee, did great job in inviting top educationist and erudite of India. His job in the coordinating people in the event place was commendable.

Other members who involved himself were Sri Dayanand Prasad USA, Ms. Anita Prasad USA, Sri. Pankaj Prasad USA, Sri RK Dubey Delhi, Shailendra Sinha,Kesriji, Shaibal Gupta(ADRI ,Patna), OP Sah,N K Singh(member planning commission ,Bihar), Chanchal Kumar(PA to Hon'ble CM) Umakant (Secy to Sushil Modi) etc.

In addition to this , Some organization were chosen as Participation associates for this meet , the name of those are : Bihar and Jharkhand Association of North America, Bajana(www.bajana.org),BiharBrains (www.biharbrains.org), Indian Association of Bihar & Jharkhand (DOHA-Qatar) & Maithili.

net. They all sent their team of delegates in the said meet.

9 BiharBrains as Participation Associate and Coordinator

On this event, BiharBrains as a group/organization was selected as “**Participation Associate**” and given responsibility to work as “**overseas coordinator**” with objectives to spread mission of the conference among all NRIs and NRBs for their participation in the global meet. **Sri Bibhuti Bikramaditya**, Chairman of BiharBrains was one of the overseas coordinator of six member's coordinators team from all over the world who played significant role in organising the said event. Bihar Brains formed 18 member delegates (largest among any group/organisation representation) from different parts of India and abroad, comprising members from scientific community, corporate world and academics etc for the global meet. The said delegation was led by **Dr. B. K. Sharma**, President BiharBrains, & HOD Electronics, NIT, Patna and this was coordinated by **Sri Ravindra Kishore**. CEO of MV Industries, Patna (BB Patna Representative)



(Fig 16: Dr. Harishankar Sharma & His wife Mrs. Aruna Sharma(Sweden Member) side by side to CM, Sri Ravindra jee ,BB representative, Sri Jagjot singh(UK Member), Sri Satya and other BB delegates in a meeting with Hon'ble CM on Jan 19, 2007 at Lunch session)

The names of the delegates who participated in the team were Dr. O.P. Mishra (Japan), Dr. Harishankar Sharma (Sweden), Sri Jagjot Singh (UK), Sri Nandan Kumar

(UK), Sri Amaresh Shankar (Patna), Dr. B. K. Sharma (Patna), Prof J. Thakur, Patna, Prof Mujeeb (Patna), Sri Satya Kumar (Patna), Sri Parimal Madhup (New Delhi), Sri Ranjeet Kumar (New Delhi), Sri Alok Kumar Bihar (New delhi), Sri Chandan Singh (Patna), Sri Sudhir Kumar (Jamshedpur) etc.

During whole session BB Delegates were active in presenting ideas and discussing projects to NRIs and govt officials. They presented projects proposal to Hon'ble CM and Hon'ble DY CM of Bihar (See figures 14 & 15)



(Fig 17: BB delegates with Hon'ble DYCM, Bihar)

BB delegates in presentation



(Fig 18: BB delegates at Global Meet)

On this occasion, BiharBrains Presented proposals to Govt. of Bihar and were involved in many activities during global meet. Below are just a brief

9.1 Proposal of Development of Scholastic center, Gyan Kendra at Patna:

BiharBrains proposed the Establishment of BiharBrains Scholastic center to Bihar Govt which is similar to Gyan Kendra, Vision of Bihar Govt at Patna, and the total investment is expected to be around Rs 4 crore in this project.

The main objectives of this project are to establish unique scholastic center where students, Professors, Researchers, scientist of all the streams will get all basic infrastructure like computers, Internet with unlimited accessibility and all multimedia facility, free online international and national journals and free consultancy for higher studies and employment in abroad. This scholastic center will also establish Training, design and development center in the field of science and Technology, Finances and personality development. The placement and Consultancy center will be established for giving educational consultancy and help in getting employment in India and abroad to the needy aspirants.

This scholastic center will also be the development project execution center where all ideas of any individuals or group will be executed in Bihar. The details about this project can be seen on our website www.bbiscindia.com .

In a brief, for setting up complete scholastic center, we need to establish following centers

- A. To establish CDAC authorized Centers in IT related Training ,design & development
- B. To establish Center for learning, discussions, seminars, workshops, orientation programs with all basic infrastructures.
- C. To establish Development projects Execution Center
- D. To establish Center for Personality Development (CPD) and Human resources.
- E. To establish Placement and consultancy center
- F. To establish Center for Unique Online Library
- G. To develop "Manthan" a world class online and printable magazine
- H. To open and promote R&D center/Institute/Company under

- BiharBrains society or in association with Govt or any other groups or individuals.
- I. To work for infrastructural development of the schools/colleges in India.

Visit website www.bbscindia.com to know the details of the Project.

9.2 Chemical Industry in Bihar: On Behalf of Dr. Kartik, BiharBrains proposed Dr. Kartik plan to establish Chemical industries in Munger dist of Bihar. He is Vice President of his own company ACI PHARM.inc www.acipharm.com and head of steering committee of BiharBrains.

9.3 Water Harvesting Project Model:

Sri Alok Kumar Bihari, a Delhi member Presented Water Harvesting Project, a complete new theme for Nala system in India was presented to Bihar Govt and also many channels has taken his interview. DD1 is going to show documentary on his demo in the national Level. He was in the news in Aaj Tak/ZEE news and Ankho Dekhi for his project model earlier too.



(Fig19: Open Demonstration of Water Harvesting Project by Sri Alok Kumar Bihari)

He presented his model in front of **four member Review committee of BiharBrains led by Prof. Santosh Kumar**, former HOD, Central water Research Board, a wing of NIT, Patna at the corridor of Maurya Hotel in Global Meet.



(Fig20: Alok Kumar Bihari with the expert Team Led by Prof Santosh Kumar)

The committee submitted their report and recommended that his idea is superb but he needs some more training to present and proof in front of national level team.

He may come to Patna for his training and then we will go for pilot project where his model will be functional.

9.4 Swedish model of Medical Education & Research : based on Dr. Harishankar Sharma & His wife Aruna Sharma Meeting with HE President of India , Dr. Kalam, Hon'ble CM & DY CM

One of the BB delegates from Sweden Dr. Harishankar Sharma and His wife Mrs. Aruna Sharma met Dr. Kalam just after Inaugural function. Dr. Harishankar jee in his report to BB mentions that around 10 minutes discussion was held in a very conducive atmosphere with HE President of India. In the meeting, the President suggested doing some collaboration with **National Brain research Centre, Manesar**. In this regard, He asked him to send some books, papers and other information to Dr. Kalam on the presidential website through e.mail so that he can make contact with the Director of NBRC at Manesar regarding a possible collaboration with Swedish research. The Hon'ble President listened very patiently about our ambition in research and also made some kind suggestions.

Remembering his meeting with President of India, he says that since 2002 he is in touch with HE president through emails and this was the right to talk to him face to face. He remembers the president when we exchanged "New Years Greetings" from Sweden or USA. "Those emails that have been received by me from the president

himself are the priceless treasure for us", he says. Dr. Harishankar Sharma jee invited Dr. Kalam to visit his university and depts to Sweden (Uppsala) where he is works as Professor of Neurobiology (MRC). He is also Chief/International CNS Injury Research Group, UU, Editor-in-chief, International J Neuroprotection& Neuroregeneration (IJNN, UK).

"Currently, through Swedish diplomatic channel and Swedish Govt. we are working to invite the Hon'ble president to Sweden at his convenience" says Dr. Harishankar Sharma in a report to BiharBrains.

In a meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minsiter Sri Nitish kumar Dr. Sharma stressed the need for implementing Swedish model of education in health care which is need of the hour. According to him, the Swedish system for healthcare and education is cheap, affordable and practical for our people of Bihar.

Dr. Sharma proposed development of an International Quality of Medical Research Centre on his land in Dalmianagar as "Built & Transfer" to Bihar Government, Both exchanged some positive ides about this. He also met DY CM sri Sushil Modi and Hon'ble minister Shri Ashwini Kumar Chaubey and gave his proposal for swidish model of medical education in Bihar. The details of his report submitted to BB can be seen on

http://www.biharbrains.org/global_meet_patna.php

11. Outcome of the event

In a three days hectic discussion, at least three major decision have been taken

11.1 Formation of Bihar Parishad:

In a corridor of Maurya Hotel, coordinators of the global meet were engaged himself in the formation of what is called Bihar Parishad.

The main objectives of this Parishad are to explore investment possibility in the state and give active hand to the govt. Many interest groups have been formed and in each and every group, people have been given responsibility to work with. The names of these interest groups are

a. Primary education b. higher education c. technical education d. health care e. agro based industries f. tourism and hospitality g. entertainment h. media i. mentoring. Members have sent their confirmation to contribute him for the above mentioned

interest groups and also it is still in the progress.

The coordinators who were contributing for the formation of Bihar Parishad, Sri Ravi Verma, Sri Ramesh Yadav , Sri (Dr.) Rajay narayan, Dr. Raj Dubey and Shri Shakeel Ahmad Kakvi in Patna. They announced this in the press conference for formation of Bihar Parishad. One coordinator, Sri Bibhuti Bikramaditya was absent in the global meet because of his personal reason.

This is to be mentioned here that Bihar parishad will work as active force for the Bihar Foundation established by Bihar Govt for which DY CM and CM are the mentors.

The details can be seen on www.biharparishad.org

11.2 Announcement of Investment by ITC in Munger:

The announcement of ITC to invest Rs. 300 crore in various schemes, including primary education and health care in Munger district was a major decision and breakthrough turnout from Global Meet.

As per plan, they are adopting Munger for developmental purpose and will encourage others too to take similar steps for their own home town or village.

11.3 Investment through Bihar Foundation

The decision about Investment through newly formed Bihar Foundation was one of the major step taken by Bihar Govt. Govt also announced that This will have many centers around the world and NRIs/NRBs can directly approach for the investment process.

Bihar Foundation will now organize next Global Bihar meet in association with Institute for Human Development, Delhi

11. Investment possibilities in Bihar

Though the common perception about opportunity in Bihar is completely negative because of the environment made by the past all governments in Bihar but there are many opportunities where industries, Investors can show their interest. Following are region wise opportunities which were either not identified by govt or not given much attention to it.

A. Patna Region: Patna has great potential in Finance, Trade & Commerce, Entertainment & Media, Tourism, Dairy Technology, IT and R&D Companies where Patna can be the best choice of investors. Magadh stock exchange at Patna should be immediately revived. Patna can be the city of education and higher learning along with center for R&D. In Dairy Technology, Patna and Muzaffarpur have shown its potential and this is the only industries in Bihar which has excellent track record in terms of profits. Many more diaries industries should come forward to invest in this sector. There are potential in opening Film city, shopping malls, and hub of tourism industry at Patna.

B. Vaishali & Muzaffarpur bound areas: Hajipur can be the good place for Tourism (Vaishali), Manufacturing Industries and also electronic city of Hajipur should be immediately revived and reinstalled. Because of nearness from the state capital, the area from Patna to via Hajipur Muzaffarpur will be good destination for the investment in Education, Manufacturing industries and food processing industries. In fruits exports (Litchi, Mango and Banana), both city can be developed as center and there are large possibility of opening export –import company in this area where investment from private sector is required.

C. Sitamarhi & Raxaul: Sitamarhi can be the best destination for tourism and can attract Hindu religious people as it is the birth place of Hindu Goddess Sita. The govt and private agencies should come forward to develop this city and bound areas. This district is also good in Sugar Industry. Riga Sugar Factory, near Sitamarhi is well known which should be given more importance and revived by govt. Other non govt agencies should come for the investment in sugar industries in this district. In Litchi production, Sitamarhi is second best after Muzaffarpur. Raxaul can be developed for the international trade with India and Nepal.

D. Darbhanga: This region can be developed as good place for floriculture and horticulture. Pan, Makhan and Machhali (fish) are three important things for the people in Mithila region. People of whole Mithila are known for their brilliancies since ancient times. There

are opportunity to develop this city as center of education and research.

The forts of Darbhanga Kingdom can be used for the tourism purpose. The forts of Darbhanga in all over the state can be used for the spot for the tourist attraction.

As whole Darbhanga, Madhubani, Saharsa and Supaul has large no of ponds, fishery industries can be developed. There is immediate need of Establishment of Branch of Central Fishery Research Institute (CFRI, Mumbai) at Darbhanga.

E. Madhubani: is Famous for **Mithila Paintings** in all over the world. It needs to be spread to all villages of Mithila and other districts of Bihar as one of the industries. Presently only few village women are working. Govt should declare it as industry. There are huge scope for private sector and NGOs to come forward & help to grow this industry in the state.

F. Samastipur: This dist is famous for Famous for Khaini (Tambaku) production and wheat. This needs to be more advertised as it is cash crops. The establishment of sugar industry in this dist will be good option for the investors.

G. Bhagalpur Region: Bhagalpur has great potential in Silk Industry, Textile, Handloom & Handicraft, Gems & Jewelry, and Furniture & Artifacts etc. This city should be popularized and advertised as "**Silk city of India**". This region is also be developed for tourism as same as Nalanda. Vikramshila can be the good spot for the tourist.

H. Begusarai: Begusarai district is known for the industries in the field of petroleum, chemical, petrochemical integrate complex including upstream & downstream industry. Presently only govt has its own industry in this field but this dist needs more investment by private sector.

I. Purnia and Katihar Region: This dist is good in agro based industry like Jute, Leather and allied products, animal products, fisheries, poultry. The entrepreneurship can be developed in the youths of this district so

as they can earn huge amount of Money from this sector.

J. Munger Region: can be developed Electrical & Mechanical Hardware Industry, and Heavy Industry etc.

K. Gaya, Nalanda & all Budhist Circuit Regions: No need to say much about this Buddhist circuit. Because of internal terrorism this dist has got bad name.

Because of tourist attraction, there are plenty of opportunities in hotel industry. Gaya, Rajgir, Pawauri, Nalanda, Patna, Fatuha should come under special category for Bihar where govt can get much from the foreigners.

In addition to tourism and hotel industry, these whole region are also good in Cement, Stone Slabs, Prefab Structure, Power Plants other Mineral Based Industry.

Jehanabad can be the center of the production of wheat and rice.

L. Bhojpur Region: Bhojpur Region of Bihar can be developed as the center agriculture .if govt pays attention; this has potential to produce wheat and paddy as Punjab and Haryana produces.

Concluding Remarks

Bihar is in the phase of economic reforms and started process of improving law & order and infrastructure including roads and electricity which has been given prime importance by govt as this is needed for not only for attracting private sector but also for overall development of the state. Bihar has great potential in many fields as mentioned above where investors if can give a thought to invest may get huge benefit. This Global meet were organized to see and explore those opportunity and reality in state.

Though large no of NRIs/NRBs and other potential investors participated in the global meet, most of them didn't turn up for the investment in the state, very few investment proposals were announced during the global meet; The sole reason for this was that many

of them visited just to know the reality and to explore the business opportunity in the state.

But certainly this meet has given good impact on investors which has helped to improve its brand image and other to know about Bihar and its improved conditions in the national and international forums.

In this way the objectives Global meet was satisfied.

If the pace of progress continues, then certainly Bihar will be developed by 2015 as predicted by Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Nitish Kumar. The developed of Bihar will lead to the fulfillment of dream of making whole India a developed nation by 2020 as Dr. Kalam says.

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