

National Conference on “Holistic Development of Districts” to be held in Patna on 11–12 September 2025

Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Chief Minister of Bihar to address the National Conference in the Inaugural Session

Over 20 Speakers including District Collectors and Senior Officials of State/Central Government to present award-winning best practices

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The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), in collaboration with the Government of Bihar, is organizing a two-day National Conference on the theme “Holistic Development of Districts” on September 11–12, 2025, in Patna.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon’ble Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, and Shri Nitish Kumar, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Bihar, will jointly inaugurate the National Conference and deliver the inaugural address. The conference will showcase governance models that have received recognition under the Prime Minister’s Awards for Excellence in Public Administration.

Shri V. Srinivas, Secretary, DARPG, and Shri Pratyaya Amrit, Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar, will also address the inaugural session, setting the tone for an engaging exchange of ideas and practices.

The two-day event will feature presentations of PM Awarded and Shortlisted Initiatives 2023 & 2024 (Holistic Development of Districts), Prime Minister’s Awarded Initiatives 2023 & 2024 (Innovations in Governance) and Innovations in Bihar Government covering multiple categories such as Holistic Development, Digital Governance, Health, Education, Rural Transformation, and Public Service Delivery. A film on PM Awarded Initiatives 2024 will also be screened.

The Session I of the National Conference will be on Prime Minister’s Awarded/Shortlisted Initiatives 2023 & 2024 (Innovation in Governance), and will be chaired by Shri Puneet Yadav, Additional Secretary, DARPG,

featuring district-level innovations.

The National Conference will feature four more such sessions, and will be chaired by senior officials including Shri Narmadeshwar Lal, Principal Secretary, Minor Water Resources Department, Bihar; Dr. S. N. Tripathi, DG, IIPA, New Delhi; and Smt. Sarita Chauhan, Joint Secretary, DARPG, with presentations highlighting district-level innovations from across the states, along with a dedicated session on innovations in the Government of Bihar.

The Conference, expected to be attended by more than 300 delegates from across India, including senior administrators, domain experts, and practitioners in the field of public administration.

The National Conference aims to showcase and disseminate innovative governance practices adopted by districts across the country that have significantly improved service delivery, citizen welfare, and local development outcomes. The conference seeks to provide a platform for District Collectors, Senior Officials, Policymakers, and Experts to share experiences, exchange ideas, and deliberate on strategies for achieving saturation of flagship schemes, integrated development across sectors, and effective grievance redressal mechanisms. Through fostering collaboration and cross-learning, the conference strives to institutionalize successful models, scale up impactful initiatives, and accelerate India's journey towards inclusive and citizen-centric governance at the grassroots level.

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