

Bihar delegation explores Punjab's rich heritage, governance and urban planning excellence under Yuva Sangam Phase VI

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A student delegation from Bihar visited Punjab as part of the Yuva Sangam Phase VI programme. The visit concluded last Saturday (June 13, 2026). Led by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Patna, the participants had embarked on an educational and cultural immersion visit to Punjab, hosted by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar.

The delegation also called on the Governor of Punjab, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, at Lok Bhavan, Chandigarh, last Wednesday (June 10, 2026). During the interaction, the Governor encouraged the participants to embrace India's cultural diversity, contribute actively towards nation-building and strengthen the spirit of national unity. He emphasized the importance of youth participation in shaping the future of the country and fostering harmony across regions. The session offered valuable insights into leadership, public service and responsible citizenship.

During their stay, the delegates visited several iconic landmarks of Punjab and Chandigarh, gaining first-hand exposure to the region's cultural heritage, urban planning achievements and historical significance. The participants visited the renowned Sukhna Lake, one of Chandigarh's most prominent landmarks and an integral part of the city's planned development. The visit enabled delegates to appreciate the harmonious integration of natural landscapes with urban design and public spaces.





The delegation also visited the historic Harappan archaeological site at Ropar (Rupnagar), situated along the banks of the Sutlej River. The site provided participants with valuable insights into the country's ancient civilisation and archaeological heritage. The delegation also visited the ancestral house of Bhagat Singh.



As part of the experiential learning component of Yuva Sangam, the delegates explored Chandigarh's iconic Sector 17 Plaza and other urban landmarks, gaining insights into the vision and planning principles that shaped India's first planned city. The participants observed how thoughtful urban design, public infrastructure and civic spaces contribute to sustainable and inclusive development.



The Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education launched Yuva Sangam Phase VI initiative under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme with the objective of fostering national integration and strengthening people-to-people connections among the youth of the country. The programme provides participants from 22 paired States and Union Territories with opportunities to engage with India's diverse cultural traditions, educational institutions, innovation ecosystems and developmental initiatives, thereby deepening appreciation for the nation's unity amidst diversity.

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