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Background

Bihar stands at a pivotal moment in its development journey, characterised by a young population, rising aspirations and strong linkages with labour markets across India and beyond. As India advances towards the vision of a developed nation by 2047, Bihar's progress will significantly shape the country's future. Over the last two decades, Bihar has recorded notable achievements in economic growth, infrastructure expansion, school enrolment, public service delivery, and governance reforms. Yet, substantial challenges remain in employment generation, industrialisation, urban development, investment acceleration, and human capital formation, particularly improvement in learning outcomes and quality education.

In this context, the **Global Convention on Transforming Bihar 2027,** to be held at Patna during **12-13 January 2027** at Samrat Ashok Convention Centre, seeks to bring together scholars and experts, policymakers, industry leaders, civil society members, development practitioners, and members of the Bihar diaspora from India and abroad to deliberate on pathways for transforming Bihar into a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable economy. The Convention is being organised by the Institute for Human Development (IHD) and Bihar Foundation (Department of Industries, Government of Bihar) in collaboration with Nalanda University.

The Convention builds upon the Institute for Human Development's landmark **Global Meet on Resurgent Bihar 2007** and the subsequent **Global Summit on Changing Bihar 2012,** organised in partnership with the Government of Bihar and other partners. These initiatives helped place Bihar's developmental challenges and opportunities at the centre of national discourse. The 2027 Convention aims to provide a fresh roadmap for Bihar's next phase of transformation.

This is a purely non-partisan convention, convened solely in the overarching interest of Bihar's development and future growth.

Bihar's Development Challenges

Over the last two decades, Bihar has experienced profound social and economic progress. At the same time, the State now faces a new set of development challenges that call for innovative, coordinated, and forward-looking responses. These include creating quality employment for a young population; improving learning and educational outcomes; enhancing agricultural productivity, diversification, and value chains; accelerating

industrial development; managing urbanisation; harnessing technological change, including artificial intelligence; mobilising investment and managing resources; leveraging the knowledge and networks of the Bihar diaspora; and strengthening institutional capacities for sustainable development.

Main Objectives

The Convention aims to:

- Identify opportunities and hindrances for the next phase of accelerated development of the State;
- Generate evidence-based recommendations for policy formulation and action;
- Develop a shared vision and roadmap for Bihar's transformation by 2047; and
- Build partnerships among government, academia, experts, private sector, civil society, international institutions, and the Bihar diaspora, both from India and abroad, for sustainable and inclusive development of the State.

Main Convention Themes

The Bihar Convention will focus on three overarching themes:

Accelerating Industrialisation

Bihar's industrial base remains narrow, and the state's growth has come largely from construction, services and public investment rather than manufacturing. The opportunity lies in what Bihar already produces: food processing, makhana, maize, litchi and dairy, alongside ethanol, textiles and leather. Given the abundant availability of hardworking and qualified workforce, there are opportunities in non-conventional manufacturing and services sector as well. In this growth context, the service sector also has an important role in supporting industrial growth and creating employment. Yet most enterprises in the state are own-account household units, constrained by access to credit, land, reliable power and markets, and few make the transition from survival activities to firms that hire workers. The question is whether Bihar can industrialise through agro-value addition and enterprise density rather than by waiting for large-scale manufacturing to arrive. It will also be important to cover industrial policy and incentives, cluster development, MSME financing, formalisation, the service sector and the emerging startup ecosystem. The theme will explore which instruments have actually increased investment and

employment, and what it would take to anchor processing and value addition within the state.

Managing Sustainable Urbanisation

Bihar is India's least urbanised major state, and this is a starting point rather than a disadvantage. Most of its urban growth is happening in census towns and small and medium towns rather than in Patna alone. The state is therefore still in a position to plan its urban transition instead of retrofitting it later. The binding constraints are institutional: urban local bodies have limited finance, staff and planning capacity, while chronic waterlogging, inadequate drainage, housing shortages and services that lag behind population growth remain persistent challenges. Patna Metro has begun operations on its priority corridor, while further development of the network remains underway. Alongside the metro's continued expansion, recent commitments to satellite townships and own-source revenue reform set a direction, but their wider outcomes are yet to be realised. It will be important to cover municipal finance and governance, the role of small towns, rural-urban linkages, the service sector, urban livelihoods and informal settlements. It is also worth exploring how government action can support infrastructure development in and around villages, and what sustainability means for cities that are still being built. It is important to mention that 40% of the rural population of Bihar resides in villages with a population of five thousand or more. Such villages are important from the perspective of infrastructural development, urbanisation and expansion of economic activities.

Enhancing Education and Skills

Bihar has achieved near-universal school enrolment, a substantial gain over two decades, but enrolment has not translated into learning. Weak foundational outcomes, teacher vacancies, dropout at the secondary stage and uneven school quality limit what schooling delivers. Ensuring quality education is therefore central to improving learning outcomes. In higher education, apart from its quality, capacity has not kept pace with demand, and large numbers of young people leave the state to study, with many not returning. Skilling systems exist but remain loosely connected to actual labour demand, producing certificates without ensuring employability. This matters more in Bihar than almost anywhere else because it has India's youngest population, and its demographic window is open now but will not remain open indefinitely. It will be essential to address quality education, learning outcomes and school

governance, higher and technical education, digitalisation and AI in education and skills development, skilling and apprenticeships, educational migration, and the transition from education to work, both within Bihar and in the outside labour markets its young people enter. Given the rich tradition and historic legacy, the State should aspire to be a knowledge hub and a center of high skill endowment.

Thematic Sessions

The following thematic sessions will provide key insights and inputs to inform and enrich the three overarching themes of the Convention.

Rural Economy, Agricultural Diversification and Livelihoods

Agricultural diversification, productivity and value addition; livestock and fisheries; rural non-farm enterprises and livelihood diversification; farmer collectives and market linkages; labour migration and rural labour markets.

Youth, Education and Employment

Harnessing Bihar's demographic dividend; skill development and employability; educated youth unemployment and transitions to work; gig and platform-based work; migration for employment and education; remittances and their role in household and local economic development; migrants' rights and access to social security; artificial intelligence and the future of employment.

Accelerating Investment and Mobilising Financial Resources

Centre–State fiscal relations and transfers; strengthening state fiscal capacity; mobilising resources through banking and non-banking institutions; attracting private investment, including Foreign Direct Investment (FDI); domestic tax and non-tax revenues; improving quality and effectiveness of public expenditure; engaging diaspora in investment mobilisation.

Industrialisation and Enterprise Development

MSMEs and entrepreneurship; agro-industries and value addition; industrial clusters and enterprise development; investment and access to financial resources; energy availability and reliability; technology and artificial intelligence; industrial policy and incentives; attracting private investment, including FDI; formalisation and strengthening of enterprises.

Urbanisation, Small Towns and Local Development

Urban transition and the growth of census, small and medium towns; municipal finance, capacity and governance; housing and basic urban services; informal settlements and urban livelihoods; urban drainage and waterlogging; flood management and urban resilience; urban infrastructure and connectivity; waste management; preservation of urban heritage; rural–urban linkages and integrated local development; strengthening local governments and institutions.

Education and Skills

School, higher and technical education; skill development and training systems; making Bihar as an important knowledge hub of higher education and centre of skill development; access, equity and quality, particularly in higher and technical education

Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

Women's economic participation and entrepreneurship; Jeevika and Self-Help Groups (SHGs); female workforce participation; financial inclusion and asset ownership; unpaid and care work; women's safety, security and mobility; women's political participation; gendered impacts of male out-migration; women's access to higher education and skills.

Tourism, Heritage and the Creative Economy

Cultural, religious and pilgrimage tourism; Buddhist and other tourism circuits; tourism infrastructure and connectivity; preservation and conservation of historical and cultural sites; craft economies, artisans and market access; cultural enterprises and creative economy; strengthening infrastructure and enabling environment for tourism; linking tourism with local livelihoods.

Partnerships, Networks and the Bihari Diaspora

Building partnerships with stakeholders committed to Bihar's development; engaging entrepreneurs, civil society, national and international organisations; leveraging networks of diaspora to support investment, innovation and entrepreneurship for state's development.

Strengthening Governance and Public Institutions

Improving administrative and institutional capacity; efficiency in public service delivery; citizen participation and accountability; Panchayati Raj and

decentralisation; transparency and grievance redressal; strengthening state capacity and addressing implementation gaps.

Programme Structure

Alongside high-profile and plenary addresses by eminent speakers from India and abroad, the Convention will feature a number of thematic panels and round table discussions. A special roundtable dialogue will showcase young innovators and entrepreneurs working in Bihar and their promising ideas.

The Convention will provide opportunities to form networks among those interested and engaged in the development of Bihar.

Side Events

The programme will feature several side events around:

- Investment and Enterprise
- Knowledge and Policy
- Diaspora, Youth and Women
- Culture, Heritage and Hospitality

Invitation for Contributions

Prospective participants in the Convention are invited to share their ideas on any of the Convention themes in a brief write-up of 300-500 words by 26 December 2026. Each submission should highlight three key issues or challenges and propose three policy measures with respect to each of the key issues for actionable strategic intervention. Following a review, selected write-ups will be published on the Convention website and displayed during the Convention. These concise submissions will serve as one of the basis for in-depth discussions during the convention's panel and roundtable discussions.

PRE-CONVENTION RESEARCH FORUM

International Conference on Bihar's Development: Evidence, Perspectives, and Emerging Development Pathways

10–11 January 2027

CALL FOR PAPERS

Prior to the **Global Bihar Development Convention 2027**, a two-day International Conference on "Bihar's Development: Evidence, Perspectives, and Emerging Development Pathways" will be organised on **10-11 January 2027**. The Conference will provide a platform for scholars, researchers, experts, and professionals to present their research papers and deliberate on issues addressing Bihar's key development challenges. The issues may span widely, covering both the Convention themes and other significant development issues related to the State.

Scholars, researchers, and experts working on Bihar's development issues are invited to submit original full papers. An abstract of 300 words or full papers are invited by 20 November 2026. After peer review, the authors of selected abstracts will be invited for full paper submission by 25 November 2026. The deadline for full paper submission (between 6,000–8,000 words) is 26 December 2026. Apart from this competitive call for papers, some selected scholars will be invited to contribute papers and present them at the Conference.

The Conference will provide an opportunity for deeper discussion and preparation of evidence-based papers around the following themes:

1. Agrarian Change and Rural Transformation

Sustainable and climate-smart agri-food systems; agricultural productivity and farm incomes; rural economic diversification; farmer collectivisation through FPOs and cooperatives; market linkages and value chains; technology, mechanisation and farm labour; livestock and fisheries.

2. MSMEs and Entrepreneurship

Own-account and household enterprises; artisan and weaver clusters; street vending and informal enterprises; registered MSMEs and industrial policy; industrial incentives and enterprise development; access to credit and finance; entrepreneurship development, training and support systems.

3. Employment, Migration and Labour Markets

Job creation and the future of work; unemployment and underemployment; wages and earnings; gig and platform work; Bihar's demographic window and youth transitions to work; migration for employment and education; remittances; migrants' rights and social security; wages and earnings; gig and platform work; Bihar's demographic window and youth transitions to work; migration for employment and education; remittances; migrants' rights and social security.

4. Education and Skills

School education and learning outcomes; higher and technical education; access, quality and equity in education; educational migration; education governance and institutional capacity; public resources and financing; skills, training and employability.

5. Gender, Work and Women's Economic Empowerment

Female labour force participation; unpaid and care work; Jeevika and Self-Help Groups; financial inclusion; women's asset ownership; safety and mobility; gendered impacts of male out-migration; access to higher education and skills; education-to-work transitions.

6. Health, Nutrition and Well-being

Public health infrastructure and primary healthcare; maternal and child health; child nutrition; ICDS, mid-day meals and other nutrition programmes; reproductive health; food security; the role of private and informal healthcare providers; Ayushman Bharat coverage and utilisation; inequalities in health outcomes; adolescent health; disease burden and epidemiological transition; water, sanitation and their links to nutrition and health.

7. Social Protection

Poverty and inequality; vulnerability and social exclusion; EBCs, SCs, STs and other marginalised communities; older persons and persons with disabilities; social protection systems and welfare programmes; improving access, coverage and effectiveness of social protection.

8. Urbanisation, Small Towns and Urban Governance

Rural-urban linkages and urban transition; small and medium-sized towns; municipal finance and institutional capacity; housing, sanitation and basic services; informal settlements and urban livelihoods; flood and drainage infrastructure and management; strengthening urban local bodies and governance.

9. Infrastructure, Connectivity and Logistics

Roads, railways and inland waterways; electricity access, affordability and reliability; digital connectivity; warehousing and logistics; cold-chain infrastructure; connectivity as a driver of economic transformation.

10. Climate, Environment, Energy and Disaster Resilience

Flooding and drought; groundwater and arsenic contamination; climate-smart agriculture and adaptation; flood and water management; disaster preparedness and resilience; renewable energy and energy access; improving air and water quality; waste management and environmental sustainability.

11. Investment, Resources and Public Finance

State fiscal capacity; quality and effectiveness of public expenditure; Centre–State transfers; investment trends and mobilisation of resources; banking and non-banking sources of finance; private investment and FDI; engaging the Bihari diaspora in attracting investment.

12. Governance, Institutions and Service Delivery

Administrative and institutional capacity; law and order; Panchayati Raj and decentralisation; transparency and accountability; grievance redressal; implementation gaps; efficiency and quality of public service delivery.

13. Technology, Digitalisation and Artificial Intelligence

Digital public infrastructure; digital divides based on gender and location; technology, employment and future of work; digital technologies for improving governance and service delivery.

14. Culture, Heritage, Tourism and the Creative Economy

Pilgrimage and Buddhist tourism circuits; heritage conservation and local livelihoods; crafts, artisans and market access; cultural enterprises; creative industries; tourism infrastructure and connectivity; sustainable tourism; strengthening ecosystem for tourism-led development.

15. Bihar: Identity, Culture and Belonging

Regional identity and belonging; non-resident Biharis and the wider Bihari diaspora; second-generation Bihari identity; regional languages and cultural traditions; folklore, arts and crafts; cultural preservation and promotion; engaging the overseas and wider Bihari diaspora; building stronger connections between the diaspora and Bihar's development.

Additional Themes

The above themes are intended to provide a broad framework for discussion. Prospective paper writers are welcome to contribute papers on other themes relevant to Bihar's development that are not explicitly covered above.

- ***Participation in both the events—the Convention and the Pre-Convention Research Forum—will be by invitation and registration only.***
- ***Both the events will be bilingual (Hindi and English).***
- ***Authors of the accepted papers are expected to register for the Conference and meet the travel expenses from their own sources.***
- ***Based on peer review, the organisers may be able to provide a financial subsidy towards travel and other expenses, in the case of a few select paper writers.***
- ***Abstracts and Papers can be submitted here.***

Registration

Delegate Categories	Registration Fee
Delegates (without accommodation) *	₹4,000
Delegates (with accommodation) **	₹15,000

* Delegates (without accommodation): The registration fee includes breakfast, tea and lunches during the Convention days; one Convention dinner; and a Convention kit. Accommodation is not included.

** Delegates (with accommodation): The registration fee includes accommodation for up to four nights; breakfast, tea and lunches during the Convention days; one Convention dinner; transportation to and from the Convention venue; and a Convention kit. Accommodation will be provided only to delegates from outside Bihar and who select the accommodation option during registration.

Notes:

- A 50% concession on registration fees is available for students upon presenting valid documents.
- Accommodation is limited and will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis upon registration for the same. Registration with accommodation will close once available capacity is exhausted.
- Convention Participants are expected to meet their travel and related expenses from their own sources. The organisers may be able to provide a financial subsidy towards travel, in the case of a few selected panelists and speakers.

Outputs

The Convention will culminate in:

- **A Bihar Declaration 2027:** A substantive and policy-relevant declaration that will contribute meaningfully to Bihar's development discourse and planning.
- **A Bihar Vision 2047 Policy Pathways:** A comprehensive Convention Report that will synthesise the key deliberations, insights and recommendations.
- **Thematic Policy Briefs** from the technical sessions: Policy briefs that will present focused strategies and actionable recommendations for key themes.
- A **Multi-Stakeholder Knowledge and Policy Network:** Comprising government functionaries and policymakers, academics, experts, industry representatives, civil society members, development practitioners and the diaspora committed to the development of Bihar.
- **Edited Volumes:** By a leading international publisher containing selected and revised papers presented at the Pre-Convention.

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Global Convention Programme at a Glance

Date	Event	Focus
10 Jan 2027, Sunday	Pre-Convention Research Forum, Day 1	International Conference – Paper Presentations in Technical Sessions and Plenary Sessions
11 Jan 2027, Monday	Pre-Convention Research Forum, Day 2	Paper Presentations in Technical Sessions; Plenary Sessions; Closing of Pre- Convention International Conference; Eve-of-Convention Round Table; Cultural Programme
12 Jan 2027, Tuesday	Convention, Day 1	Inaugural Session; Plenary Sessions; Thematic Panels
13 Jan 2027, Wednesday	Convention, Day 2	Plenary Sessions; Thematic Panels; Bihar Declaration and Valedictory Session
14 Jan 2027, Thursday	Nalanda and Rajgir visit (Optional)	Heritage visit and Knowledge-hub Round Table

Venue for all days: Samrat Ashok Convention Centre, Patna (Thursday's optional programme is at Nalanda University, Rajgir).

Pre-Convention Research Forum: Draft Programme Structure

International Conference on Bihar's Development: Evidence, Perspectives, and Emerging Pathways

Day 1: Sunday, 10 January 2027

Time	Session	Notes
08:00–09:30	Registration and breakfast	
09:30–10:30	Inaugural Session	Theme-Setting; The Road from the 2007 and 2012 Meets and Inaugural Address by a high-level academic
10:30–11:00	Tea	
11:00–12:30	**Plenary 1: Bihar in India's Development Story: Two Decades of Change and the Road to 2047**	Theme Presentation plus Panel
12:30–13:30	Lunch	
13:30–15:30	**Parallel Technical Session A**	▪ Agrarian Change and Rural Transformation ▪ MSMEs and Entrepreneurship ▪ Employment, Migration and Labour Markets ▪ Education and Skills ▪ Investment, Resources and Public Finance
15:30–16:00	Tea	
16:00–18:00	**Parallel Technical Session B**	▪ Gender, Work and Women's Economic Empowerment ▪ Health, Nutrition and Well –being ▪ Infrastructure, Connectivity and Logistics ▪ Governance, Institutions and Service Delivery ▪ Bihar: Identity, Culture and Belonging
18:00–18:15	Break	
18:15–20:00	**Plenary 2: Round Table on Bihar's Development Perspectives with Global and National Voices**	
20:00	Dinner	

International Conference on Bihar's Development: Evidence, Perspectives, and Emerging Pathways

Day 2: Monday, 11 January 2027

Time	Session	Notes
08:00–09:00	**Tea and breakfast**	
09:00–11:00	**Parallel Technical Session C**	▪ Social Protection ▪ Climate, Environment, Energy and Disaster Resilience ▪ Technology, Digitalisation and Artificial Intelligence ▪ Culture, Heritage, Tourism and the Creative Economy ▪ Urbanisation, Small Towns and Urban Governance
11:00–11:30	Tea	
11:30–13:00	**Plenary 3: Inclusive Development: Gender, Social Protection and Human Well-being**	
13:00–14:00	Lunch	▪ Convention registration desk opens for early arrivals (14:00–20:00) ▪ Two Parallel Sessions: (a) Publisher and Editors' Round Table on the Edited Volume; (b) Policy Brief Clinic for Early-Career Researchers
14:00–15:30	**Roundtable on Contemporary Perspectives on Bihar's Transformation and Policies**	
15:30–16:00	Tea	
16:00–17:00	**Pre-Convention Closing Session**	A brief presentation on the two-day deliberations; an address by a distinguished scholar or domain expert
17:00–17:30	Tea	
17:30–19:00	**Eve-of-Convention Round Table: Participation and Contribution of Bihar's Diaspora in Bihar's Development**	Open to pre-convention participants and arriving convention delegates
19:00–20:00	**Cultural Programme: "Welcome to Bihar"**	
20:00	**Dinner**	

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Day 1: Tuesday, 12 January 2027

Time	Session	Notes
07:30–09:00	Registration and breakfast	Staggered entry; most delegates should be pre-registered on 9 January. Exhibition, Investment Desk and Ideas Wall open at 10:00
09:00–09:30	Seating and curtain-raiser film	"Bihar 2007 to 2027"; delegates seated 30 minutes before protocol arrivals
09:30–10:45	Inaugural Session	Welcome by Convention Directors; Addresses by Dignitaries; Vote of Thanks
10:45–11:15	Tea and exhibition walk-through	Press conference in the media room
11:15–13:00	**Plenary 1: Accelerating Development of Bihar: Challenges and Opportunities**	
13:00–14:00	Lunch	Startup pitches and Authors' Corner in the exhibition hall
14:00–15:30	**Plenary 2: Accelerating Industrialisation in Bihar**	
15:30–16:00	Tea	
16:00–17:30	**Plenary 3: Managing Sustainable Urban Development in Bihar**	
17:30–18:15	Tea and networking	Diaspora Connect Lounge opens
18:15–20:00	Parallel Thematic Panels	▪ Rural Economy, Agricultural Diversification and Livelihoods ▪ Youth, Education and Employment ▪ Accelerating Investment and Mobilising Financial Resources ▪ Industrialisation and Enterprise Development ▪ Urbanisation, Small Towns and Local Development
20:00	Dinner	Theme: Bihari Cuisine

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Day 2: Wednesday, 13 January 2027

Time	Session	Notes
08:00–09:00	Tea and breakfast	Women Entrepreneurs' Breakfast in a side room
09:00–10:30	**Plenary 4: Strengthening Education and Skills System in Bihar**	
10:30–11:00	Tea	
11:00–12:30	Parallel Thematic Panels	▪ Education and Skills ▪ Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment ▪ Tourism, Heritage and Creative Economy ▪ Partnerships, Network and Bihari Diaspora ▪ Strengthening Governance and Public Institutions
12:30–13:30	Lunch	Development Partners' working lunch (invite-only)
13:30–15:00	**Plenary 5: Panel on AI and Bihar's Development**	
15:00–16:30	**Plenary 6: Round Table Dialogue with Startups: Catalysing Investments and Development Opportunities for Bihar**	
16:30–17:00	Tea	
17:00–18:15	**Plenary 7: Brand Bihar: Reimagining a State, Rewriting a Narrative**	Assembly of distinguished non-resident writers, artists, journalists and other achievers
18:15–19:00	**Convention Highlights and Open Discussion**	
19:00–20:00	Valedictory Session	Presentation of the Bihar Declaration 2027; Valedictory Address by a dignitary; Vote of Thanks
20:00	Dinner	

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Optional Day 3: Thursday, 14 January 2027

Time	Session
08:00–10:00	Transfer to Nalanda University, Rajgir
10:00–12:00	Roundtable of Vice-Chancellors, Experts and Education Leaders at Nalanda University
12:00–13:00	Lunch
13:00–16:00	Nalanda Ruins and Rajgir Visit
16:00 onwards	Return to Patna or onward to Bodh Gaya

Side Events during the Convention

Investment and enterprise

Event	Description
Bihar Investment and Opportunity Desk	The dedicated desk of government officials: single-window guidance on incentives, land, power and clearances
Startup and MSME Showcase	Stalls for startups, MSMEs, agro-industry and sector pavilions such as *makhana*, food processing, leather, textiles and IT
Startup Pitch Hour	Eight to ten startups pitch to a panel of investors; finalists present in the Plenary Session
CEOs' Round Table with the Chief Minister (invite-only)	Closed-door session with industry and diaspora leaders on investment pipelines

Knowledge and Policy

Event	Description
Ideas Wall and Poster Gallery	Selected 300-500 word contributor write-ups displayed on boards with QR links to the Convention website
Bihar Data and Policy Lab	Live dashboards on Bihar's indicators plus an AI and digital public infrastructure demo zone

Event	Description
Publisher and Editors' Round Table	Meeting between the edited-volume publisher, volume editors and selected authors on revision timelines
Policy Brief Clinic	Early-career researchers work with senior mentors on turning papers into two-page briefs
Development Partners' Working Lunch (invite-only)	Multilateral agencies, foundations and CSR heads discuss co-funding for Bihar Vision 2047 priorities
Roundtable of Vice-Chancellors, Experts and Education Leaders at Nalanda University	Universities, experts and institutes discuss the knowledge-hub agenda at Nalanda University

Diaspora, youth and women

Event	Description
Diaspora Connect Lounge	A lounge for diaspora delegates, with a wall where individuals and companies record specific interests (mentoring, investment, a school or skills centre) that are followed up after six months
Youth Dialogue	Youths from universities of Bihar and other institutions meet invited speakers in small groups
Women's Pavilion and Entrepreneurs' Breakfast	Jeevika and SHG product stalls, plus a breakfast for women entrepreneurs and leaders

Culture, heritage and hospitality

Event	Description
Artisan Bazaar	Madhubani and Manjusha art, Sikki craft, Bhagalpuri silk, Sujani embroidery, Tikuli art, Bawan Buti motifs, applique and other crafts, sold directly by artisans.
Authors' Corner and book releases	Bihari authors in conversation, linked to the Brand Bihar plenary
Cultural evenings	"Welcome to Bihar" on Monday (11 January): folk, classical and contemporary performance
Bihari food street at dinner	Regional cuisines and Bihar's GI and local products
Patna heritage walk	Guided walk for early arrivals
Nalanda, Rajgir and Bodh Gaya excursion	Optional heritage visit, tied to the tourism showcase

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