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## **Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India partners with Bihar to promote enterprise**



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## Summary

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Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bihar government's department of Industries to promote entrepreneurship in the state.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Brijesh Mehrotra, additional chief secretary of Bihar's department of Industry; Pankaj Dixit, executive director of Institute of Entrepreneurship Development, Bihar; and Santosh Kumar Sinha, executive director of the Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority.

EDII will conduct entrepreneurship development interventions across the state and will sensitize the stakeholders in the support system to create a conducive environment. The interventions will also ensure that the Institute of Entrepreneurship Development gets revived with a new strategy plan.

EDII director general Sunil Shukla; Raman Gujral, director of EDII's department of Projects-Corporates; and EDII associate professor Pankaj Bharti together presented an action plan before senior officials of the state government on the trajectory that could be adopted to enhance the entrepreneurship quotient in the state.

Shukla said, "We at EDII are committed to train and empower different sections of society on the premise of entrepreneurship, which is the future of the nation. Bihar is a resource-rich state and entrepreneurship development efforts in the state will surely lead to commendable economic growth. EDII already has a presence in some regions of the state and, with these recent developments, we look forward to further strengthening the

entrepreneurial ecosystem in the state. The support that we are getting is commendable and we are greatly obliged to the policy makers and key advisors for helping us in this mandate."

To further promote entrepreneurship in the state, Sunil Shukla had meetings with minister of Industries, Bihar, Syed Shahnawaz Hussain and minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Giriraj Singh.

To explore the possibilities of EDII's collaboration for strengthening entrepreneurship in bamboo and medicinal plants in Bihar, the delegation also met Dipak Singh, IAS and principal secretary of the Bihar government's Environment, Forest and Climate Change department.

The EDII team also visited the state office of Khadi Village and Industries Commission (KVIC) and Rajendra Prasad Multi-Disciplinary Training Centre at Patna. They had a brief interaction with RMDTC trainees, and KVIC director Hanif Mevati and his team regarding possibilities for collaborations to promote village industries and support the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the state.