

### PRESS BRIEF

The Second meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> State Audit Advisory Board (SAAB), Bihar was held successfully on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 . The meeting was chaired by Shri Ramawatar Sharma, Accountant General (Audit) Bihar, Patna and participated by the following nominated honorary external members:-

1. Prof. Gopal Krushna Pal, Executive Director, AIIMS, Patna;
2. Prof. Sunaina Singh, Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University, Rajgir, Bihar
3. Dr. Ashok Kumar Ghosh, Chairman, Bihar State Pollution Control Board;
4. Shri Rajesh Jha, (Former Executive Director, The Center for Health Policy, ADRI, Patna) (Online);
5. Shri Samir Jha, Head Education Aga Khan Foundation, Patna;
6. Prof. D.M. Diwakar, Hon Director & Professor of Economics, Development Research Institute, Jalsain;
7. Ms Akhtari Begum, Secretary, IZAD (NGO), Bihar, Patna.

The following Senior Officers from Patna office of the Indian Audit & Accounts Department / Ex-officio members, SAAB Patna also participated in the meeting:-

1. Shri Praveen Kumar Singh, Principal Accountant General (A&E) Bihar;
2. Shri Adarsh Agrawal, Deputy Accountant General (Admn. & AMG-I & AMG-IV)
3. Ms. Pushpalata, Deputy Accountant General (AMG-II)- cum- Ex-officio Member-cum-Secretary/ SAAB Bihar;
4. Shri Shiv Shankar, Deputy Accountant General (AMG-III & V)

The objective of this Board is to provide a forum for professional discussion between the senior management of audit office and experts from varied fields. It provides suggestions on matters relating to audit, including coverage, scope and prioritization of audits together with suggestions regarding audit approaches and techniques.

In the meeting, matters relating to topics currently being undertaken for audit alongwith implementation of present Audit Plan were discussed among the members. In addition to this, members of SAAB gave their suggestions on probable topics for the ensuing Audit Plan. Insightful discussion was held on different schemes being implemented in the state relating to Solid Waste Management, Pre & Post Matric Scholarship Schemes for SCs/STs/Minorities, Pradhan Mantri Awasht Yojana- Gramin, and some other topics Non- functional of Government Companies, implementation of Neer Nirmal Project under PHED, Implementation of Boarder Area Development Programme by LAEO, Fasal Sahayata Yojana, Comprehensive Financial Management System etc. In course of discussion, Shri Ghosh stressed that quality of potable water supplied through tap should be examined. The Director, AIIMS suggested to review the effectiveness of monitoring system adopted for schemes discussed. Prof. Sunaina Singh advised to focus on recycling process adopted for solid waste. Prof. D.M. Diwakar desired for social audit of Neer Nirmal Project and suggested to examine how much benefits have been provided to the beneficiaries from the budgeted amount. Ms. Akhtari Begum suggested to examine the schemes implemented for women and transgender. Shri Samir Jha opined to assess how the resources are

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being utilized and steps taken for capacity building. Shri Rajesh Jha stressed on effectiveness of wellness centers. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

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**Deputy Accountant General  
-Cum-Ex-officio Secretary,  
State Audit Advisory Board, Bihar.**