

BRLPS Internship





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Scheme for Internship of International and National Graduate Students-2023

India and Bihar

India is the world's largest democracy with more than 1.3 billion people. It is a federal constitutional republic governed under Parliamentary system. It is today one of the Fastest-growing countries of the world, an emerging Power. India is an ancient civilization, comprising of physical and spatial diversity and striking levels of social, Cultural, religious, and linguistic diversity.

Bihar is one of the 29 states of India, occupying an area of 94 thousand sq. km with Indo Gangetic plains of fertile agricultural land and perennial rivers. It has the highest population density among Indian states (1106 person per sq. km). It is the third most populous state in India is home to 104 million people. Bihar is one of the poorest and least developed states of India in terms of most of the development indicators -per capita income, various health and educational indicators, industrial and agricultural activities etc. However, for past 6 years, Bihar has been growing at a rapid

achieving per annum growth rate of above 15%, making it the fastest-growing state in India. Further, Bihar has a very rich cultural and historical heritage, spanning more than 3000 years, being the birthplace of Lord Buddha and King Ashoka and home to arguably the first republic in the world.



About JEEViKA

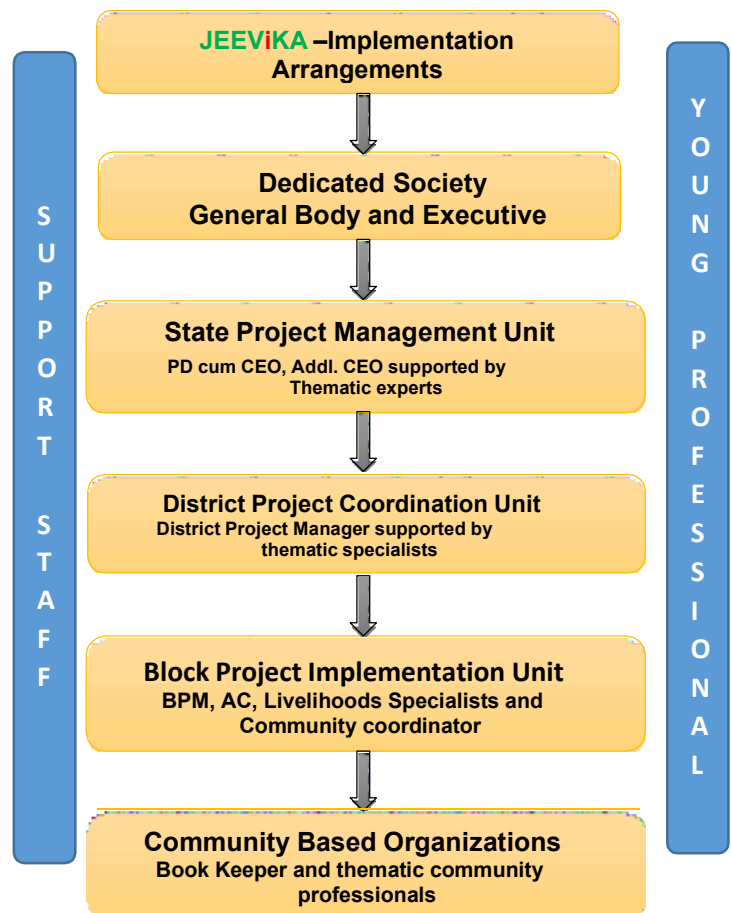
Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS) popularly known as JEEViKA was established in 2005 by Government of Bihar, GoB with the assistance of World Bank for Poverty Alleviation in the state. The World Bank assisted Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project was launched in 2006.

After a successful pilot in 22 villages across 5 blocks in 2006, the project expanded to 18 blocks in 6 Districts in 2007. In 2009, 24 more blocks were added. JEEViKA commenced operations in 11 more blocks of 3 districts in Kosi area under Bihar Kosi Flood Recovery Project in December, 2010. In April 2011, JEEViKA was designated by Government of Bihar as State Rural Livelihoods Mission to roll out National Rural Livelihoods Mission in entire state. JEEViKA has up scaled its interventions in 534 blocks across 38 districts in February, 2014.

JEEViKA promotes rural livelihoods and enhances social and economic empowerment of the poor, particularly women. The project has been making significant strides in supporting and nurturing institutions of the poor, its federations and their livelihoods.

Objective

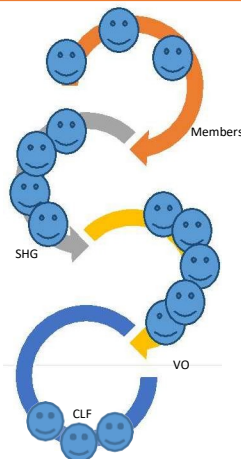
Social and Economic Empowerment of the Rural Poor through:



COMMUNITY INSTITUTION PRESENCE

TARGET

CLF: (1600)
 VO: (80000)
 SHG: (1100000)
 MOBILIZATION: 1.5 Crore HHS
 TOTAL VILLAGES: 50000



PRESENT STATUS

1480 Cluster Level Federations
 72239 Village Organizations
 10.45 lakhs SHGs
 Mobilization 1.30 Cr HHS
 Presence: 44000 villages

National Rural Livelihoods Mission

The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) Government of India (GoI) launched on 3rd June 2011 National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) to provide greater focus and momentum for poverty reduction and to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) by 2015. The mission adopts a 'Livelihoods approach' to poverty.

The broad objectives of the NRLM programme are:

- To mobilize all the poor households into functionally effective SHGs and their federations;
- To enhance their access to bank credit and other financial, technical and marketing services;
- To build their capacities and skills for gainful and sustainable livelihoods development; and
- To coverage various schemes for efficient delivery of social and economic support services to poor with optimal result.

NRLM Guiding Principles

- Poor have a strong desire to come out of poverty, and they have innate capabilities.
- Social mobilization and building strong institutions of the poor is critical for unleashing the innate capabilities of the poor.
- An external dedicated and sensitive support structure is required to induce the social mobilization, institution building and empowerment process.
- Facilitating knowledge dissemination, skill building, access to credit, access to marketing, and access to other livelihoods services underpins this upward mobility.

NRLM Values

- Inclusion of the poorest and meaningful role to the poorest in all the processes.
- Transparency and accountability of all processes and institutions.
- Ownership and key role of the poor and their institutions in all stages – planning, implementation, and monitoring.
- Community self-reliance and self-dependence.

Bihar Transformative Development Project (BTDP)

Bihar Transformative Development Project (BTDP) was launched in the year 2016 and has been built on the significant results achieved by the Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project across 6 districts and 102 blocks and the National Rural Livelihoods Project across 77 blocks of the state. Bihar Transformative Development Project (BTDP) aims at intensifying development of institutional platforms of poor across the state of Bihar and delivering transformational results towards poverty alleviation in rural Bihar.

The project leverages both community resources and knowledge developed from long standing implementation experience of similar programs, most notably the Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project (BRLP), also known as JEEViKA and National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM).

BTDP intends to replicate the success of BRLP to a much larger scale and will be implemented in 300 blocks across 32 districts of Bihar. The BTDP's Project Development Objectives is to diversify and enhance household-level incomes and improve access to and use of nutrition and sanitation services among targeted rural households.

The project seeks to accomplish this PDO through the following five components

- (i) Community institutional development;
- (ii) community investment funds;
- (iii) access to nutrition and sanitation services;
- (iv) partnerships, innovations, and technical assistance; and
- (v) Project management.

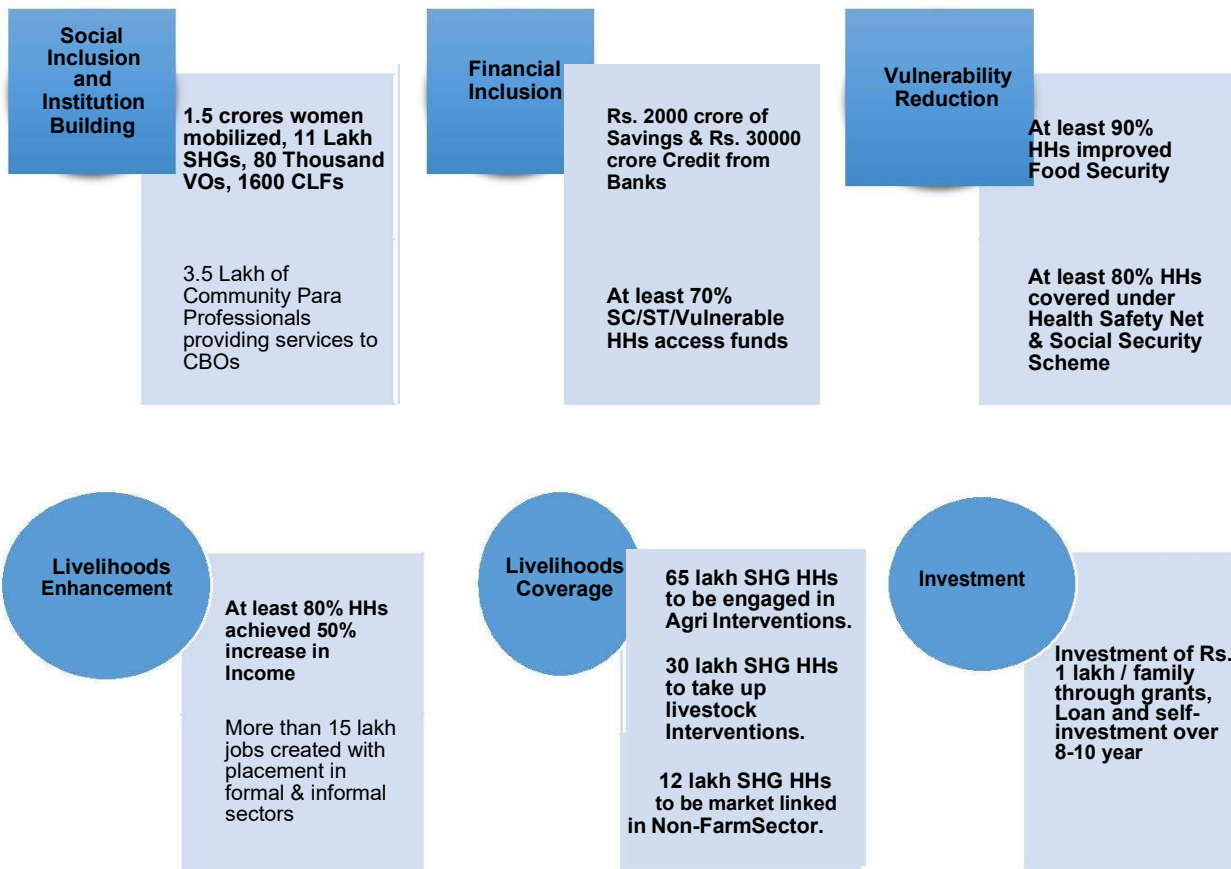
The BTDP's focuses on Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), minorities, Extremely Backward Castes (EBC), and Other Backward Castes (OBC)—which constitute approximately 60 percent of total beneficiaries.

Lohiya Swachh Bihar Abhiyan (LSBA)

LSBA is a combination of Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G) a centrally sponsored scheme and Lohiya Swachh Yojana (LSY) a state sponsored scheme which aims to make Bihar Open Defecation Free (ODF) by 2nd October 2019. LSBA aims to achieve an Open Defecation Free Bihar by improving the cleanliness index of rural areas with special focus on Behavioural Change Communication (BCC) among the community members.

In June 2016, LSBA was transferred from Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) to Rural Development Department (RDD) which further delegated the task of implementing LSBA to Bihar Rural Livelihood Promotion Society (BRLPS). Accordingly, BRLPS became the implementing Society for LSBA. Under BRLPS, a separate LSBA cell was created and all existing staff under PHED were transferred to LSBA cell. At the state level, LSBA cell under BRLPS is to have a separate human resource with separate staffing policy and reporting structure. At the district level, District Water and Sanitation Committee (DWSC) under the chairmanship of the District Magistrate is the nodal for implementing LSBA and all the existing staff at district and block level are under direct control of DWSC.

Key Results by 2025



The Internship Scheme

In order to know better, generate ideas for research; find new innovative solution; and also to overcome many of the challenges being faced by Rural Livelihood Promotion Programme program in general and its implementation in Bihar in particular, BRLPS have launched an internship scheme for young graduate (masters/doctoral degree) students. Interns would be attached to SPMU and various DPCU offices across the states of Bihar under the overall guidance of the CEO, JEEViKA during the period of internship. Through this scheme, JEEViKA expects to benefit from the fresh insights and assistance of the young students, whereas the selected interns would gain valuable, real world experience of working on some of the most challenging developmental issues faced by the World today which would substantially compliment their academic learning and provide them an edge to enter the productive workforce after the completion of their respective academic programme.

Eligibility and Target Group

The international component of the internship seeks students of different graduate program from leading universities of the world. Students who are pursuing their masters/doctoral degrees in the following area of specialization like International Development, Economics, Development, Public Policy, Public Administration, Business Administration, Sociology, Social Work, Rural Development, Public Health, Nutrition, Statistics etc. would be better equipped for the internship. Foreign nationals would need to have the necessary visa clearances from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Internship Report and Certificate

At the end of the internship programme, the interns will submit a report outlining their experiences, learning and suggestions for BRLPS delivery or management mechanism. The report must be written in either English or Hindi. On successful completion, interns would be given a certificate.

5 | Duration of the Internship Programme

The internship programme will be for duration anywhere between 4 to 10 weeks. During summer from April to September, and during winter from December to March and it could coincide with summer/winter holidays of the student of the respective universities.

Structure of Internship

The selected candidates will report to the State Project Management Unit, JEEViKA at the start of the internship and then would proceed to the concerned offices/places where the internship has been offered to them. Travelling allowance will not be paid by JEEViKA for joining of the place of internship allotted to the candidates after the completion of internship. The selected candidates have to make their own arrangement of lodging, boarding and transportation.

The intern would be attached with State Project Manager at State Project Management Unit and /or District Project Manager, District Project Coordination Unit in any of the districts of Bihar. It is also expected that interns would make various field visits in villages, rural areas and interiors of the state in the course of their internship to gather data, information, to have interaction with frontline workers as well as beneficiaries, to have a firsthand experience of working of Village level institutions Self Help Group/Village Organization / Cluster Level Federation /Producer Group/ Producer Company, to observe and understand various structure, processes and procedure related to Mission activities and service deliveries through Cluster Level Federation .

The selected interns would also be expected to interact with respective Community Resource Persons/ Community Coordinators/ Area Coordinators/ Livelihood Specialists/ Thematic Managers / Block Project Manager / District Project Manager in their day today functions contribute to and suggest ways / means to increase efficiency in respective offices with respect to the area of study or support. To facilitate the intern in the pursuit of his/her assignment, intern would be provided with logistics support like working space etc. in the concerned state / district offices. However, the selected interns are expected to bring / use their own personal laptops / computers for use during the period of the internship.

Indicative Areas of Research/Internship

The areas of research and topics for the internship programme will be closely related to the intervention and programmatic areas within JEEViKA. Some tentative areas of research taken up by interns previously:

1. Assessment cum handholding of vegetable value chain(Backward Linkage)
2. Market Linkage Assessment cum operational handholding in Forward linkage1.Surplus Poultry analysis & value chain build up for brown egg marketing under BTDP
3. Scope of the productivity enhancement in dairy.
4. Neera as an alternative livelihood avenue & mapping of its value chain
5. Mapping value chain of Arts & Crafts
6. School Management (SMC)
7. Impact assessment SBMG & LBSA and scope for improvement
8. "Impact assessment of micro enterprise consultant (MEC) program and its impact on Other New Projects"
9. Potato value chain & Women Empowerment post implementation of MKSP
10. Learning while doing Impact Assessment of
11. AMCU installation & Possibilities to Increase Pouring in DCS
12. Marketing Linkages Analysis of Honey
13. Verification and Analysis of sanitation led by SHGs
14. Study of Rural Sanitary Mart and Sanitation Health and Nutrition fund
15. Impact of cluster facilitation team, MGNREGA on empowerment rural women

- Few interns attached to the SPMU can study the various departments e.g HRD, Training, Finance & Budget, MIS, and Monitoring etc. Analyze flow of data and information study the business process from CLF upwards; suggest ways to utilize data at each level etc.

In case of procurement and logistical processes analyze procedure, find out lacunae and gaps, and study centralized vs. Decentralized procedures and suggests ways to improve outputs.

The above list is only indicative and does not limit the possibilities and areas which interns could work and explore research and gain exposure and experience into. In fact, new ideas and innovation would be welcome.

Financial Assistance

The financial assistance offered to the interns is meant to provide a modest incentive for participating in the internship programme and to meet some of their daily costs. It would not be covering all the expenses to be incurred during the course of internship, and therefore, selected interns are encouraged to search for external assistance/scholarships from different agencies/universities.

All selected foreign Interns from foreign institutes would be paid a consolidated sum of Rs. 30,000 (Indian Rupees Thirty Thousand only) per month as an honorarium. Foreign Interns will be offered assistance, if required, in finding reasonable accommodation at the place of their internship.

However, the cost of renting a house/guest house room/ hotel room/paying guest accommodation/fooding/travel would need

to be borne by the concerned intern. No to and fro travel charges from institute to BRLPS will be paid.

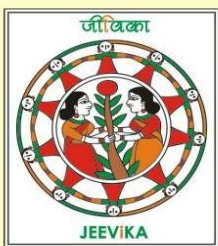
Interns from national institutes will be paid consolidated Stipend Rs.15000 (Indian Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) per month which will include their accommodation, fooding, travel allowances for field visits etc during internship period. Travel cost from respective institute to BRLPS office (to and from) will be paid by BRLPS as (maximum range of AC Three tier) on provision of original tickets and vouchers on actual basis.

Requirement of Interns

1. Summer Internship- International Interns -5 nos.
National Interns - 20 nos.
2. Winter Internship- International interns -5 nos.
National Interns - 20 nos.

Procedure for Application and Selection

1. Interested students are required to send their detailed bio-data by filling the form on the link mentioned here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmWt_yt5BZ-sbgbNdNEyCqeEPZxim32zv6Jg1c7syXod2Qjg/viewform?usp=pp_url latest by 10th April 2023 for Summer Internship.
2. The following information should be included while applying through email
 - a) A photograph
 - b) Nationality
 - c) A letter/email from the Head/Registrar of the Program/Department/ Institution/ University declaring that the applicant is a bonafide student of the concerned institution
 - d) Details of any previous visit to India
 - e) Preferable period of internship in summer between April 2023 to September 2023 and in winter from December 2023 to March 2024.
3. All the selected interns would be intimated of their selection latest by First week of April 2023, for summer internship and first week of December 2023 for winter internship through email.



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