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First climate change learning lab in Patna

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PATNA: The Climate Change Learning Lab (CCLL) was inaugurated by environment, forest and climate change department minister Neeraj Kumar Singh 'Bablu' at Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park on Sunday. The lab is funded by the European Union and co-founded by the German Federal Ministry and implemented by GIZ to provide all the climate change related information to the relevant stakeholders, including students, youth, government officials and NGOs in an interactive manner in collaboration with the 'Strategic partnership for the implementation of the Paris Agreement' project.

"It is a great honour to have the first climate change lab of India in Bihar. I think climate change is not only an issue for India or Bihar, rather it is an universal issue for the entire world. India is working very hard to combat

the issues related to climate change. The 'Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali' mission of the Bihar Government is a very important initiative in this field. Though Bihar is poor, it is one of the most attentive states, which makes it unique and different," the minister said.

Jai Kumar Gaurav, senior advisor, Climate Change GIZ, said the lab has been started as a GIZ initiative not only for information but to take action as well. "This is just the beginning. We are looking forward to carry on many such projects across the country, including Bihar," he said.

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"This lab will prove to be a great initiative because the contents are specific to Bihar," said Dr Arvind Kumar Chaudhary, principal secretary of the state environment, forest and climate change department.

"Bihar is one of the most impacted states due to climate change. To prevent this, the gap between the government and common masses should be filled to protect the mother earth. This lab will be a great initiative for the same," said Prof Ashok Kumar Ghosh, chairman of Bihar State Pollution Control Board.