

### Press Release

## Charting the Course for Academic Leadership: IIM Jammu Inaugurates Education Leadership Development Training Program for College Principals of Jammu and Kashmir

**Jammu, 08<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024:** The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, known for its commitment to academic excellence, has initiated a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) titled, “*Education Leadership Development Training Program*” for College Principals of Jammu and Kashmir. The program, organized under the aegis of the Executive Education and Consultancy Division, commenced from January 8<sup>th</sup>, and will go on till January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The inaugural session commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, setting a symbolic tone for the enlightening journey ahead. Dr. V. Raj Kumar, Programme Director at IIM Jammu, extended a warm welcome and provided insights into the program's objectives. Dr. Ateeque Shaikh, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy (EE & C), IIM Jammu offered a brief overview of Executive Education & Consultancy at IIM Jammu.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, in his address emphasized that the programme signifies our commitment to fostering educational leadership, empowering college principals to steer academic excellence in the U.T of Jammu and Kashmir. I would like to urge that educational institutes work together and collaborate for nation-building and global progress.

In his address, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, highlighted that the Education Leadership Development Training Program underscores IIM Jammu's unwavering commitment to educational excellence. The program's focus on aligning with the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) and fostering innovation is crucial for our education system's growth. Empowering college principals and senior faculty is more than a program; it's a transformative journey towards shaping visionary leaders. He emphasized that Jammu is unique with three Institutes of National Importance—IIM, IIT, and AIIMS. Collaborations include programs like B.Tech + MBA with IIT Jammu and MBA in Hospital Administration and Management with IIT and AIIMS, exemplifying NEP 2020. He mentioned that this initiative will play a pivotal role in shaping the region's education future, aligning with national priorities, and ensuring a brighter tomorrow for students in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The participants were given a tour of the Institute including the state-of-the-art Library at IIM Jammu. The program aims to equip Principals and Senior faculty of colleges with essential leadership skills, aligning their vision with contemporary educational trends and the evolving needs of students and the community. Key objectives include the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) in colleges, enhancing instructional leadership, fostering effective communication, promoting cultural competence, encouraging innovation and adaptability, and instilling data-informed decision-making skills. The inaugural event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Anuja Akhouri, Programme Director, followed by the national anthem and a group photo. The entire programme is being coordinated by office of EE & C, IIM Jammu

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**Glimpses from the Inaugural Program- Faculty Development Program (FDP) for College Principals in Jammu and Kashmir**











