

Press Release

**IIM Jammu Signs MoU with Dept. of Skill Development, Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir**

**25th May 2022, Jammu:** Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Skill Development, Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir at the Civil Secretariat, Jammu. The MoU was signed by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon, IAS, Principal Secretary, Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir. IIM Jammu will work closely with the Dept. of Skill Development, Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir (J & K) to improve the skill development ecosystem of J&K by mentoring Polytechnics and ITIs and offering management development training programs to the principals and faculty of these institutes.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. B.S. Sahay said, *“The MoU provides various opportunities to work together in the areas of skill development, mentoring, entrepreneurship, and developing of skill hubs in the U.T. of Jammu and Kashmir. These collaborations will be helpful in fostering the advancement in entrepreneurship and enhancement of skills among the faculty and trainers through various capacity-building programs. I am sure the collaboration will lead to meaningful outcomes in the interest of the youth and people from the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.”*

Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon said, *“The collaboration with IIM Jammu will help the Dept. of Skill Development to develop its competence in many key areas ranging from skill development to entrepreneurship and increase industry interactions. I would like to emphasize that the collaboration would give a leading edge to the Dept. of Skill Development, Govt. of Jammu, and Kashmir in the core areas of skill development, business incubations, entrepreneurship, and development of skill hubs in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.”*

Present on the occasion were Dr. Muqbil Burhan (Virtual Mode), Assistant Professor, IIM Jammu, Cmdr Kesavan Baskaran (R), Chief Administrative Officer, IIM Jammu, Director, Skill Development, J & K, and officers of Dept. of Skill Development, Govt. of J & K. IIM Jammu looks forward to a long-term and fruitful collaboration with the Dept. of Skill Development, Govt. of Jammu, and Kashmir.

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Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Skill Development, Govt. of J&K during the signing of the MoU on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Civil Secretariat, Jammu.