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IIM Jammu Spearheads Global Dialogue on Academic Research

<u>Jammu, 24th Jan 2024:</u> The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu conducted an insightful workshop on Research in the Academic Sector, which brought together a distinguished delegation led by renowned academicians ranging from Prof. Amrik Sohal, Monash University, Australia, Professor Julie Davies, University College London, UK, and Prof. Chris Hicks, Newcastle University, UK. The workshop was presided by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu who facilitated discussions that identified crucial global challenges and emphasized collaborative research solutions. The event commenced with a warm welcome and introduction of the delegates by Dr. Nitin Upadhyay, Chairperson, IT, IIM Jammu.

The global challenges identified during the workshop spanned a spectrum of issues, including Sustainability of Resources, Inequality, Unemployment, Lack of Responsible Leadership, Circular Economy, Poverty, Food Security and Food Supply Chain, Affordance, Accessibility, Migration and Mobility, Making Education Accessible and Affordable, Negative Externalities, and Mental Health.

The workshop extensively deliberated on the profound impacts of identified challenges, with a focused commitment to addressing them swiftly. Emphasizing the urgency of solutions, the discussions highlighted the imperative of publishing research outcomes in prestigious journals to amplify their influence and contribute significantly to the global academic dialogue. The event also delved into the realm of Academic research, recognizing its pivotal role in addressing contemporary challenges and fostering innovative solutions.

Prof. Amrik Sohal, Monash University, Australia, reiterated the imperative of fortifying collaborations between Monash University and IIM Jammu across various domains, including research programs, seminars, and teaching initiatives. During his address, he drew insightful parallels with global crises such as COVID-19 and Climate Change, highlighting the transformative impact that collaborative efforts can have in addressing pressing challenges and finding sustainable solutions. He emphasized the shared responsibility of academic institutions in contributing to societal well-being through impactful research and collaborative educational initiatives.

Professor Julie Davies, University College London, UK, delivered an insightful address underscoring the critical need for closer collaboration in alignment with the India-UK 2030 roadmap. Drawing parallels from successful collaborations, she shared notable advancements in the field of Medical Sciences witnessed in Saudi Arabia. Prof. Davies elaborated on the potential avenues for joint research initiatives and academic partnerships, emphasizing the reciprocal benefits such collaborations can bring to both nations. Her presentation provided a nuanced understanding of the opportunities for transformative contributions to medical research and Academic practices through international cooperation.

Prof. Chris Hicks, Newcastle University, UK, offered a comprehensive overview of his pivotal role, shedding light on his dedication to enhancing quality, efficiency, and resource optimization. He emphasized the transformative power of collaboration across diverse industry domains, illustrating the continuous efforts made in the public interest. Prof. Hicks delved into specific strategies and approaches employed in his professional journey, showcasing a commitment to driving positive change and fostering impactful outcomes. His insights provided valuable perspectives on the intersection of academia and industry, contributing to a broader understanding of the challenges and opportunities within the Academic sector.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu underscored the limitless scope of research and emphasized the value of collaborative endeavours. Encouraging active participation, he urged attendees to glean insights from faculty members and forge meaningful connections to enrich their educational voyage. He highlighted the unparalleled advantages of oncampus learning, surpassing the limitations of remote settings. He rallied participants to collectively explore avenues for advancing this partnership in the best interests of the academic community.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, enthusiastically shared insights on the interdisciplinary discussions and research during the workshop. He expressed the anticipation of fruitful connections with peers, emphasizing the potential for enhancing the learning journey. He highlighted the collaborative nature of the workshop, providing a platform for diverse perspectives and valuable interactions among participants. He underscored the importance of such initiatives in promoting a vibrant academic environment and fostering a culture of continual learning.

The event saw active participation from faculty members, research scholars, fostering an environment of shared learning and collaboration. The identified global challenges will serve as focal points for future research endeavours at IIM Jammu, contributing to the institute's commitment to addressing societal issues through impactful research. Participants engaged in group activities, guided by senior faculty mentors, providing a hands-on experience in tackling Academic research issues. This was followed by Q & A session.

The workshop at IIM Jammu proved to be a significant milestone in fostering collaboration between IIM Jammu and global institutions, laying the foundation for impactful research in the Academic sector.

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