

Press Note

IIM Jammu and DAIC sign MoU for Social Justice

Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu and Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GoI signed a memorandum of understanding on 30th December 2019 in the presence of Shri Rattan Lal Kataria, Honorable Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment; Dr. Milind Kamble, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIM Jammu, Shri Ram Prasad Meena, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and other dignitaries. The MoU was signed by Dr. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu and Dr. Devendra Singh, Director, DAIC.

On this occasion, Hon'ble Minister congratulated both the institutions for signing the MoU and emphasized the need for upliftment of the deprived section of the society. He emphasized the need for research in the field of social transformation and great work done by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. Dr. Kamble, Chairman, BoG, IIM Jammu stressed the need to promote collaboration, cooperation and interaction between IIMJ and DAIC on research, training, capacity building and organizing joint conferences and seminars.

Explaining the focus of DAIC, Mr. Meena, Joint Secretary said that the main focus of DAIC is to reduce Socio-political and Economic inequalities through socio-economic fields by the scholars from select universities both in India and abroad.

Dr. Singh said that this collaboration will focus on research works on Dr. Ambedkar and his Vision of Developed India, Policy Feed, Policy Advocacy, Sustainable Development and Livelihood through various activities in its schools with an aim to improve the quality of life.

Dr. Sahay said that IIM Jammu strongly believes in the philosophy of nurturing and developing the best of managerial talent. With this belief, the Institute strives to promote excellence in academics, research, executive education, international relations, and strong industry interface. Our vision is to work with DAIC to help and develop the marginalized community to achieve the academic and corporate leadership and entrepreneurs.

As part of MoU, DAIC will provide support to PhD. and Post-Doctoral Scholars of the marginalized community under OBC, EWS, SC, ST and DAP categories. IIM Jammu will conduct Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs) for academicians. The FDPs will focus on curriculum development and review, up gradation of teaching skills, exposure to new pedagogies, and on research skills. The MoU also envisions organizing leadership programs for Indian Academics, Officers and Professionals under OBC, EWS, SC, ST and DAP categories. The programs will be targeted at participants from the Corporate Sector, Government Employees, and professional working in the domains of Social Justice, and Social and Financial Inclusion. Unique feature of the MoU is to mentor and guide students of the marginalised community to prepare for the CAT.

IIM Jammu will establish a Centre of Excellence on Social Systems, Entrepreneurship and Empowerment. This centre will research on empowerment through entrepreneurship. The centre will also incubate and hand hold entrepreneurs as part of the mandate.

Given the focus of DAIC and IIM Jammu, Dr. Sahay said that this MoU creates perfect synergy between the two institutions.