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NEW DELHI:

The Delhi Government's policy think tank, Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi (DDC Delhi), has partnered with O. P. Jindal Global University (JGU) to strengthen evidence-based policy research on critical challenges facing Delhi. Through the strategic partnership, DDC Delhi aims to mentor and support budding public policy scholars and practitioners in conducting robust research that generates new ideas, bridges the gap between ideas and policy design, and leads to strong, inclusive, and thorough policy implementation.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi (DDC Delhi) and Jindal Global University (JGU), Sonapat, today in the presence of DDC Delhi Vice Chairperson Shri Jasmine Shah. The partnership is aimed at promoting mutual understanding, academic exchange, and collaboration on policy research studies. DDC Delhi will support the university in carrying out time-bound policy research studies by promoting exchanges of students, faculty, and staff members.

Shri Jasmine Shah, Vice-Chairperson, DDC Delhi, said, "It has been a constant endeavour of DDC to tap into knowledge and expertise outside the government so

as to find lasting solutions to the challenges being faced by the people of Delhi. Governments and academia often work on development challenges within their silos. The engagement of OP Jindal Global University is an excellent opportunity for DDC to engage in professional and academic exchange. It would inform our policy decisions with time-bound, quality research and allow meaningful participation of scholars in designing people-centric governance processes.”

Prof. R. Sudarshan, Dean, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, said, “The MOU with DDC Delhi is a pioneering step towards promoting university-government partnership. This is a recognition that the complex challenges of public policymaking require resources outside the domain of government. We hope the other governments will take a leaf from the DDC Delhi’s book and engage with academia in a more meaningful manner. ”

The 3-year-long partnership enables JGU final year students to conduct their capstone project under the guidance of DDC Delhi on the Delhi Government’s initiatives for a duration of 4-5 months, between January and May every year. DDC Delhi will also enable the university’s students to gain direct practical experience by sharing details about other fellowships, internships, and capstone opportunities.

JGU faculty will also be invited to share their subject matter expertise during the orientation of the Delhi Government’s Chief Minister’s Urban Leaders Fellowship (CMULF) programme hosted by DDC Delhi.

Shri Rituraaj Juneja, CIEO and Senior Director of O.P. Jindal Global University said, “We are excited to enter into a promising MoU with DDC Delhi with a range of collaborations from joint policy research to internship and capstone projects for our students. With exposure to various identified and mutually agreed upon forums of the Delhi Government, our students will have intensive and immense learning opportunities. Exciting times lie ahead.”

DDC Delhi, the Delhi Government’s policy think tank founded in 2015, works towards promoting a culture of research and innovation to address the most critical development challenges facing Delhi. DDC Delhi has been nurturing a policy ecosystem based on direct evidence-based inputs and advisory support from a host of collaborations – from universities, think tanks, and NGOs to grassroots organizations and government bodies. The recent restructuring of DDC Delhi further strengthened its capacity to stimulate and facilitate internal and external learning by functioning as a dynamic knowledge hub on policy innovations and impact.