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**DDC partners with J-PAL South Asia to strengthen the use of data and evidence in policymaking in Delhi**

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**Delhi Government's commitment to applying scientific evidence and data in policymaking makes them our natural partner: Shobhini Mukerji, Executive Director, J-PAL South Asia**

**Job creation, overhauling 'Rozgar Bazaar', promoting SMEs, increasing child immunisation rates and reducing school dropouts are among key priorities for the partnership**

NEW DELHI:

The Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi (DDC) has partnered with the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) South Asia to strengthen evidence-based policy making in order to stimulate Delhi's social and economic development and achieve Kejriwal Government's ambitious vision of Delhi@2047.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Dialogue and Development Commission (DDC) of Delhi and J-PAL South Asia today in the presence of Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, Shri Manish Sisodia and DDC Vice Chairperson Shri Jasmine Shah. The partnership is aimed at systematically leveraging high-quality administrative data to design, test and scale up policy solutions in key economic sectors for maximum impact.

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, Sh. Manish Sisodia said, "Creating jobs in conventional as well as new-age markets is the biggest priority for the Delhi Government so that we can fulfil our vision of matching Singapore's economy by 2047. The partnership with J-PAL South Asia will be geared towards improving employment outcomes as well as increasing the participation of women in the labour force."

Shri Jasmine Shah, Vice-Chairperson, DDC Delhi, said, “Under the leadership of Hon’ble Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi Government has shown the political will to explore and incorporate best policy practices around the world and Delhi has emerged as the hub of innovation. The collaboration with J-PAL South Asia will go a long way in optimising policies to boost Delhi’s social and economic growth by unlocking high-quality administrative data. The overarching framework of the partnership is broad and can be continuously updated in accordance with changing priorities over time.”

As first steps, Delhi Government will explore optimal ways to improve employment outcomes for young workers in Delhi by overhauling the services offered by ‘Rozgar Bazaar’, government’s flagship job portal. The partnership will find better solutions to match job seekers with appropriate jobs and to provide career counselling services on the portal.

The partnership will also contribute data-based insights for Delhi’s economic policy, especially in key sectors such as Small and Medium Enterprises, by drawing upon the findings from the research done by J-PAL’s global network of world’s leading economists.

J-PAL South Asia, under the guidance of DDC Delhi, will work closely with the health and education departments to evaluate ways to increase child immunisation rates, reduce learning deficits and school dropouts in the aftermath of the pandemic.

Moreover, the policy-research organisation will work to strengthen the culture of evidence-based policymaking within Delhi Government by organising courses for officials on data collection and survey design as well as on randomised evaluations.

Ms. Shobhini Mukerji, Executive Director, J-PAL South Asia, said: “The Government of Delhi’s commitment toward applying scientific evidence and data in policymaking makes them our valued partner. This partnership will accelerate our ongoing work in Delhi, and I am confident that the resulting policies will bring meaningful and lasting improvements to the lives of its people.”

Sh. Iqbal Dhaliwal, Global Executive Director, J-PAL, said: “Analysis of the vast amount of administrative data collected by governments can help them better understand in real time their citizens’ preferences and to invest their scarce resources to identify and scale the most impactful innovations that address those needs. Partnerships between policymakers and researchers dedicated to advancing development can greatly accelerate efforts to do so in a creative, ethical and secure manner.”

This partnership is initiated by the IDEA Lab at J-PAL South Asia, part of J-PAL's Innovations in Data and Experiments for Action (IDEA) Initiative.