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On joining as President of IIHMR University, Dr PR Sodani said, "It gives me immense pleasure to start the new journey as President (Vice Chancellor) of IIHMR University, which has rich legacy in 36 years in healthcare management, education and research. Dr Sodani has over 30 years of experience in academics as a teacher, leader and institution builder.

At the IIHMR University, Dr Sodani has served as Officiating President (2020-21), Acting President (2017-18), Pro-President (2017-2020) and Dean Training (2010-2020). He has a strong understanding of the higher education system, research and training in the health sector. He obtained his PhD from ML Sukhadia University and MPH from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA. Dr PR Sodani had been focal point for finalizing project implementation plan (PIP) for World Bank assisted Rajasthan Health Systems Development Project of five-year duration for Department of Medical and Health, Government of Rajasthan during 2002-2004.

He has also supported as Health Economist in conducting a Cost-benefit analysis of World Bank assisted cataract blindness control programme in India for the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India during 2004. During 2017-2020, Dr Sodani has been Principal Investigator for PMA Agile/India supported by Johns Hopkins University, USA and funded by BMGF. He has also worked in the area of food fortification and served as Project Director for Technical Support Unit for Food Fortification supported by GAIN. He teaches health Policy and Health Care Delivery System; and Health Economics in MBA and MPH (a cooperative program with Johns Hopkins University). He has supported in designing and conducting large number of leadership training programmes for senior executives from national and international geographies.

Dr Ashok Agarwal, Trustee, IIHMR said, "Dr PR Sodani has done extensive network with various national and international universities and organizations. I am sure, he will nurture the core values of IIHMR, promote the development of faculty, research and other staff and create an enabling work environment and organizational culture."

Dr SD Gupta, Chairman, IIHMR University, stated, "We couldn't have thought of a better leadership for IIHMR University than Dr Sodani. I have immense respect for Dr Sodani who has successfully completed many assignments. I am confident that in his able leadership the University will achieve new heights across spectrum of higher education activities. I wish him the best in this endeavour."