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Jaipur : The pandemic has caused major stress on the existing workforce with the second wave causing even a bigger disruption across the globe. The access is incomplete with the lack of public healthcare professionals. COVID-19 has allowed us to introspect on the lack of a healthcare workforce, the need for robust infrastructure. To highlight an understanding and the importance of Public Healthcare soon, IIHMR University hosted a counselling session on 'Career Opportunities in Public Health' to enrol for a Master of Public Health Programme. The MPH program is collaboratively offered by The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and IIHMR University, Jaipur. The session witnessed a participation of over 1000 candidates across the globe.' The counselling session was conducted by the panellists Dr. SD Gupta, Chairman, IIHMR University, Dr. DK Mangal, Professor, Advisor (SDG-SPH) and Dr.SutapaBandyopadhyay, Director, IIHMR Delhi.

“Today India is facing a grim situation where there is a major burden on the frontline workers and we sense this number is not enough to fight the battle in the current situation. Investment in Human Resource especially in the Public Healthcare setup shall only improvise the overall healthcare infrastructure, especially in public healthcare. COVID-19 has certainly increased numerous opportunities in the healthcare sector where diseases can be treated in hospitals but preventive care can only be provided by public healthcare. The density of the health workforce in India is not even half of the 44.5 health workers per 10,000 persons as recommended by the World Health Organization. Master of Public Health is a great career opportunity for those who seek to build a strong career with a major focus in Public Healthcare”, said Dr. SD Gupta, Chairman IIHMR University.

Dr. SD Gupta, Chairman, IIHMR University, said, “The overarching goal of the MPH program is to provide students with a population perspective on Public Health. The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and IIHMR University’s Cooperative MPH Program is designed to prepare students to overcome the current and emerging global public health problems such as the current issues of COVID-19 pandemic flu, AIDS, Obesity, Diabetes, Disparities to healthcare, Bioterrorism, etc. the program is the number 1 globally acclaimed off-shore program which offers an American Degree. Apart from the campus of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, the MPH program is only offered at the IIHMR University campus in Jaipur- India.”