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The global challenges brought forth by the COVID-19 pandemic have permanently reshaped the way the world approaches healthcare and health management research. At the forefront of this transformation in India stands **IIHMR University, Jaipur**, a pioneering institution that has consistently combined academic excellence, research-driven learning, and a strong sense of social responsibility. Recognized as the **No. 1 Health Management University in India**, IIHMR's reputation is powered by the visionary leadership of its President, **Prof. P.R. Sodani**.

With more than two decades of experience as a Health Economist, Prof. Sodani has been instrumental in shaping the culture of IIHMR University. His leadership has inspired faculty, students, and researchers to become changemakers in healthcare sector. An accomplished scholar with a PhD in Health Economics and an MPH from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA, Prof. Sodani founded the **Centre for Health Economics at IIHMR University** and holds an appointment at the **Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA** for teaching MPH program. His expertise spans academic leadership, visioning, policy planning, and strategic implementation, which continue to drive IIHMR's excellence.

Beyond India, Prof. Sodani serves as **Secretary-General of the South-East Asia Public Health Education Institutions Network (SEAPHEN)**, promoting public health education across the region. His leadership reflects IIHMR's global outlook and commitment to advancing health systems worldwide.

A COMPELLING JOURNEY OF EXCELLENCE
The genesis of IIHMR University dates to October 5, 1984, when its sponsoring body, the Indian Institute of Health Management Research, was established. In 2014, IIHMR University was established and incorporated as a postgraduate research university by the Government of Rajasthan vide the IIHMR University, Jaipur Act, 2014 (Act No. 3, of 2014). The University has five Schools: Institute of Health Management Research, School of Pharmaceutical Management, School of Development Studies, SD Gupta School of Public Health, and School of Digital Health offering postgraduate and doctoral programs. IIHMR University has a multi-disciplinary faculty team that is extensively engaged in research, academics, training, consultancy, and networking. IIHMR University has strong collaboration with Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA, for academics and research in public health environment. Today, it blends rigorous academics with real-world applications, fostering innovation and evidence-based solutions to address pressing health challenges.

FUTURE-READY ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES
IIHMR University's programmes are designed to deliver **experiential learning** closely aligned with industry and policy requirement. IIHMR University's education programmes rated high due to its pedagogy and integration of research in the course curriculum. IIHMR University has produced research products in partnership with leading global organizations, strengthening its reputation as a powerhouse of research.

IIHMR University offers the following full-time postgraduate programmes tailored to the dynamic needs of industry:

- MBA (Hospital and Health Management)
- MBA (Pharmaceutical Management)
- MBA (Healthcare Analytics)
- MBA (Development Management)
- Master of Public Health

After COVID 19, Prof. Sodani decided to enter into the area of Executive Education. Prof. Sodani shared that professionals from 40+ countries benefitted from the university's short-duration (1-2 weeks) training programs. Based on its experience in training working professionals, IIHMR University started Executive Education by offering the following degree programs to working professionals:

- Executive Master of Public Health
- Executive Master of Hospital Administration
- Executive MBA (CSR and ESG Management)
- Executive MBA (Sustainable Business Management)
- Executive MBA (Pharmaceutical Management)

In future, more academic programmes will be designed and offered to cater to industry requirements and developing ethical leadership for sustainability.

PROPELLED BY EXCELLENCE AND LEADERSHIP
IIHMR University has a proven track record of outstanding placements, with graduates contributing to healthcare systems across India and abroad. Under Prof. Sodani's leadership, the institution continues to strengthen public health systems, shape health policies, and nurture future leaders who are prepared to respond to global health challenges with integrity and innovation.

By fostering a culture of excellence, collaboration, and social commitment, IIHMR University is not just creating professionals—it is **building leaders who are redefining health management for the future.**

“Prof Sodani has played a pivotal role in shaping the mindset of faculty, students, and research scholars”

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