

# IIM-Udaipur to consolidate public policy research with Delhi think tank tie-up

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In an attempt to consolidate research in public policy, the Indian Institute of Management-Udaipur has decided to take up evaluative studies in the development sector in collaboration with a New Delhi-based think tank. The research will cover public welfare schemes and projects sponsored by the government and international agencies.

A memorandum of understanding signed by IIM-Udaipur with "Communeeti" is expected to open new frontiers of policy-oriented research which will help

strengthen the weak link between development research and practice in the country. The institution's Centre for Development Policy and Management will shortly launch the research work.

IIM-Udaipur Director Ashok Banerjee and Communeeti founder Pratyush Prabhakar signed the MoU on Monday. The collaborative research will cater to the policy needs of the governmental sector, bilateral and multilateral development agencies and international and national non-government organisations.

Prof. Banerjee said on Wednesday that the collaboration formed part of IIM-

Udaipur's larger objective of studying the impact of development interventions and their sustainability. "The MoU will enable us to drive focused research and policy making and assist the industries, society and the nation towards a better future," he said.

Communeeti is expected to bring expertise in working with several Union Ministries and international development organisations, while combining academic research with the field action.

CDPM will pitch in with its specialisation in the research on rural development, education, gender and other fields.