



# IUST NEWSLETTER

## IUST HOSTS NABARD DELEGATION; COLLABORATION ON ANVIL IUST INNOVATION CAMPUS



To explore potential collaboration with Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), a high-level delegation from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) visited the CIED-IUST Foundation Innovation Campus on December 2.

The programme, presided over by Prof. A. H. Moon, Dean Academic Affairs,

IUST, was attended by coordinators of various CIED-IUST Foundation verticals, faculty members and entrepreneurs.

General Manager, NABARD J&K, Shri Vikas Mittal, appreciated the initiatives undertaken by IUST to support young innovators and create opportunities for rural communities. He added that NABARD looked forward to meaningful col-

laboration with CIED-IUST Foundation to empower rural entrepreneurs.

The delegation also included Shri Manohar Lal, Deputy General Manager, NABARD Jammu, Shri Surinder Singh, Deputy General Manager, NABARD Srinagar, besides around 20 team members.

## CCCP HOLDS BARC PROGRAM ON CAREERS IN ATOMIC ENERGY

The Centre for Career Counselling and Placements (CCCP), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), under the aegis of Dean Outreach, organised the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) Training School Outreach programme on 'Career Pathways in the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)' on December 1.

The programme coordinated by Basharat Shafi Masoodi, Placement officer CCCP, was held for the students of the School of Engineering and Technology (SOET) and the

School of Sciences.

During the program, Dr. Sourab Sarkar, Scientific Officer-F, BARC, and Dr. Bala Prasad, Scientific Officer-G, BARC, discussed various career opportunities available for students within DAE.

Head CCCP, Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Ganie, said, such programmes can guide young minds toward national research and scientific careers.

## IUST UG STUDENT BAGS INT'L OBADA PRIZE FOR INNOVATIVE RESEARCH

A n undergraduate student pursuing Computer Science Engineering at Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Barkah Hussain, has received the prestigious international Obada Prize for innovative and interdisciplinary research.

Barkah is among four students on global level to receive the award this year and the only undergraduate student selected in the undergraduate and postgraduate category.

Congratulating her, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, IUST, said, the achievement at an early stage of the student's academic journey reflects "the spirit of innovation that IUST strives to nurture."

Dr. Asif Banka, Head, Department of Computer Science Engineering, shared that Barkah's award reflected IUST students' potential to address real-world challenges through innovation.

## IUST, KCF SIGN MOU



To promote climate awareness, Artificial Intelligence assistance and innovation-driven development in Jammu and Kashmir, the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) and Kashmir Care Foundation (KCF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on November 28.

The signing ceremony was held at IUST between Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo, Vice Chancellor IUST, and Dr. Altaf Lal, President, Kashmir Care Foundation.

In his presidential address, Prof. Romshoo said, he was hopeful that the collaboration will set new standards in STEM outreach, AI/ML education, and innovation, and "also nurture future-ready talent in J&K."

The event was attended by Prof. A. H. Moon, Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Abdul Wahid Makhdoomi, Registrar, senior faculty members, University officials, and office bearers of KCF.

# CIR HOLDS DUAL PROGRAMS ON CIVIL SERVICES

## DC KULGAM OFFERS PRACTICAL GUIDANCE TO IUST STUDENTS

In an endeavour to guide students in civil services, the Centre for International Relations (CIR), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), organised two programmes under its Coaching Academy initiative on December 4 and 9.

On December 4, CIR hosted an orientation programme titled 'How to Crack Civil Services: A Practical Roadmap', delivered by Mir Mushtaq Qadir, a noted mentor in civil services.

Prof. Abdul Wahid Makhdoomi, Registrar IUST, stressed the importance of consistent hard work and strategic planning, while Dr. G. N. Itoo, Director of the Centre for Good Governance and Policy Analysis, highlighted



the effective use of resources.

Continuing the momentum, CIR organised another interactive session titled 'Conversations with Civil Servants' with Athar Aamir Khan, IAS and Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, on December 9.

This programme was presided over by Vice Chancellor Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, who emphasised the University's dual responsibility of academic excellence and career preparedness. Khan shared his civil services journey, encouraging students to begin preparing for civil services during their student days only. Both the sessions were attended by faculty members, University officials and students.

## WORLD AIDS DAY OBSERVED BY ALAMDAR MEMORIAL COLLEGE

Alamdar Memorial College of Nursing and Medical Technology (AMCONMT), a constituent college of the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), observed World AIDS Day on December 5. Several activities were held by the college to generate awareness among people regarding HIV and AIDS.

The programme highlighted the significance of inter-institutional collaboration in combating misinformation and promoting responsible health behaviour. Students contributed with thematic



presentations and discussions on transmission, preventive measures, treatment advancements, and so on.

A poster presentation featured creative

awareness messages advocating safe practices and community solidarity. Later, an awareness rally was held across the campus and surrounding areas.

## IUST HOLDS COMMUNITY DIABETES AWARENESS PROGRAM

As part of its Community Connect initiative, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), held a community-based diabetes awareness and prevention programme at PHC Dadsara, Tral, on December 10. Themed 'Diabetes Across Life Stages', the event was organised by Syed Mantaqi Memorial College of Nursing and Medical Technology (SM-MCN & MT), IUST.

The programme was coordinated by Mubashir Bashir, Community Connect Coordinator. Free blood sugar screenings with glucometers were offered besides vital checks during the programme.

## PROGRAM ON NATURE-ENABLED STRESS REDUCTION HELD



Photo: Zahoor Ahmad/ IUST

The Mantaqi Centre for Science and Society (MCSS), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), in collaboration with the Department of Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change (DESCC), organised an outreach programme.

The programme titled 'Nature Walk: An Initiative under Nature-Enabled Stress Reduction for Enhanced Student Learning'

was held on December 3 at the Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAP) Park, Campus II.

Dr. Dharam Chand from DESC conducted an interactive session with students from Mantaqi Memorial Waqf Higher Secondary School. He explained how engagement with natural environments can improve the overall well-being.

## 2-DAY WORKSHOP HELD BY ENGLISH DEPTT FOR DARUL ULOOM STUDENTS

Under Community Outreach initiative, the Department of English Language and Literature, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) organised a two-day workshop on December 10-11.

The workshop titled 'Bridging Barriers: Connecting Communities through Language and Literature' was held for students from Darul Uloom

Jamiat-ul-Rashad, Awantipora. The students were engaged through a series of skill-oriented sessions designed to promote their communication skills.

Head of the Department, Dr. Munerah Khan, underlined the importance of effective communication and the need to build meaningful connections across diverse communities.

## RUMI LIBRARY ORGANISES ONLINE USER TRAINING SESSION

Rumi Library, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), recently organised the online User Training Session titled 'Academic Integrity in the Age of AI' in collaboration with Turnitin Education South Asia.

The session aimed to empower academic professionals, researchers and students with a deeper understanding of maintaining academic honesty amidst the rapidly evolving landscape of Artificial Intelligence tools. The session was attended by research scholars, faculty members and students of IUST.

University Librarian, Dr. Sheikh Mohammad Imran, reiterated the commitment of library to support academic fraternity in safeguarding academic standards while responsibly integrating AI tools in teaching and learning.

The resource person from Turnitin highlighted how AI-generated content is increasingly influencing academic writing and research practices. The participants were briefed on the importance of ethical use of technology, the consequences of academic misconduct, and the role Turnitin plays in promoting a culture of originality within educational institutions.

# NATIONAL WATER AWARD CELEBRATIONS HELD AT IUST

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), on December 2, celebrated the receipt of the prestigious 6th National Water Award in the category of 'Best Institution (other than school or college).

Vice Chancellor IUST, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, said the award was an outcome of the IUST's dedication and commitment towards environmental sustainability. He lauded the role of IUST fraternity to establish a model of sustainable water management.

The celebratory programme was organised by Prof. Abdul Wahid Makhdoomi, Registrar IUST, and attended by administrative officials, faculty members, and key stakeholders including Er. Iftikhar Ahmed Kakroo and Er. Naseer Ahmed Kakroo.

## IUST LAUNCHES OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER TO FOSTER ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) unveiled its official Newsletter on December 2, marking a significant step towards strengthening communication and fostering academic engagement.

Published by Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (DJMC), IUST, the Newsletter was launched at the celebration ceremony for the 6th National Water



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Award received by IUST from the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor, IUST, Prof Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, emphasised the importance of transparent and timely communication in higher education institutions. He also lauded the initiative of the department, which, he said, shall "ensure seamless knowledge sharing within and beyond the campus."

# DJMC HOSTS STUDENTS OF BIRLA SCHOOL



Photo: Arsalan Mansoor/IUST

The higher secondary students of Birla Open Minds International School, Pampore, visited the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (DJMC), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), on December 9.

The students were given a tour of DJMC's Media Lab, Community Radio Station (CRS) and Multimedia Studio. The programme was a part of the Community Connect initiative

of the department.

Welcoming the students, Head DJMC, Dr. Rabia Noor, informed the students about the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP), the objective of which, she said, was to provide "a more flexible and multidisciplinary education system to the students.

Later, technical sessions were held by Dr. Mujeeb Liyakat,

Coordinator CRS, Dr. Sayar Ahmad Mir, Assistant Professor, Zahoor Ahmad, Junior Technical Assistant, and RJ Irfan Amin Malik.

The students, who were accompanied by RJ Umar Nisar and faculty members, Zaffar Hussain Khan and Shazia Altaf, expressed their satisfaction over the visit and thanked the department for the initiative.

## DJMC IUST HOLDS PODCASTING WORKSHOP WITH RJ UMAR NISAR

The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (DJMC), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), organised an insightful session, 'PodCraft: Workshop on Podcasting Practices,' with RJ Umar Nisar, renowned podcaster and founder of Mashq Records on December 3.

The workshop, held at DJMC's Media Lab, aimed to introduce students to real-world podcasting, offering practical knowledge beyond classroom learning.



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journey from the Pesh Kadam radio studio of IUST.

During the workshop, RJ Umar introduced students to the core elements of podcast production, covering ideation, scriptwriting, audio aesthetics, branding and publishing strategies.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Haifa Mohammad, Assistant Professor, DJMC. Other faculty members who were present on the occasion included Dr. Mujeeb Liyakat and Dr. Sayar Ahmad Mir.

## ME DEPTT HOSTS ANNUAL FEST

The annual fest titled 'DynaMecX 4.0' was organised by Department of Mechanical Engineering, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) on December 7-8.

The two-day fest featured activities like CAD design competition CAD Mania, Scrap to Spark model-making from recycled materials, Fun with Physics, Treasure Hunt and a series of recreational and competitive activities.

Head of the department, Dr. Majid H. Koul, emphasized the role of such events in promoting innovation, teamwork and holistic student development.



# VC'S ROLLING TROPHY CRICKET TOURNEY HELD



Photo: Owais Yousuf Rah / IUST

Vice Chancellor, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo, inaugurated the 6th Vice Chancellor's Rolling Trophy Cricket Tournament (Employees) on December 6.

Organised by the Directorate of Physical Education & Sports,

the tournament saw enthusiastic participation from university employees. Prof. A. H. Moon, Dean Academic Affairs, and Prof. Abdul Wahid Makhdoomi Registrar, graced the inaugural ceremony as Guests of Honour.

In his inaugural address, Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo observed

that sporting events foster teamwork, discipline and a healthy work environment. He added that sports contribute not only to physical fitness, "but also to institutional harmony and emotional well-being, which are key elements for academic excellence."

## IUST HOLDS 5TH BORS MEETING FOR SCHOOL OF SCIENCES

Fifth meeting of the Board of Research Studies (BoRS) of School of Sciences, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), was held on December 2. Presided over by Vice Chancellor Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo, the meeting brought together senior faculty members and prominent academic experts from reputed institutions.

The session was coordinated by Dr. Aabid Hussain Shalla, Dean Research, who opened the discussion by highlighting major research initiatives and achievements of IUST, with particular focus



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on advancements within the School of Sciences.

The meeting was attended by several academicians, including Prof. A. H. Moon, Dean Academic Affairs, IUST, Prof. Kowsar Majid, Department of Chemistry, NIT Srinagar, Prof. Neyaz Ahmad, Department of Mathematics, NIT Srinagar, Prof. Anwar Hassan, Department of Statistics, University of Kashmir, Prof. Shazia Manzoor, Department of Social Work, University of Kashmir, and Prof. Seemin Rubab, Department of Physics, NIT Srinagar.

## ARCHITECTURE DEPTT HOSTS COLONIAL HERITAGE WALK

The Department of Architecture, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) organised a Colonial Heritage Walk along the Lal

Chowk Bund in Srinagar on December 10.

Students of Architecture and Planning participated in this experiential learning activity aimed at deepening

their understanding of architectural history, urban morphology, and the cultural heritage of Srinagar.

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