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## IUST CELEBRATES EARTH DAY; EDUCATION MINISTER INAUGURATES DYOD BLOCK



Photo: Zahoor Ahmad/IUST

The Islamic University of Science and Technology organised a series of events on April 22 to celebrate Earth Day 2026 under the theme 'Our Power, Our Planet.' The events focussed on importance of sustainability, environmental responsibility and community participation. The celebrations sponsored by Ministry of Earth Sciences were organised by the Department of Geomatics in collaboration with Department of Architecture, IUST.

On the side-lines of the event, Minister for Education, Health and Medical Education, and Social Welfare, Sakina Masood Itoo, laid the foundation stone of the DYOD Classroom Block. She congratulated the university on organising the programme and appreciated the contributions of the faculty and various stakeholders associated with the initiative.

Vice Chancellor, IUST, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, presided over the event, while Prof. Mohammad Mobin, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Kashmir, joined as Guest of Honour.

In his address, Prof. Romshoo emphasised that the theme 'Our Power, Our Planet' strongly resonates with the urgent global need for sustainable development and collective environmental action. He underscored the importance of institutional and community participation in addressing climate challenges and highlighted several initiatives introduced by the university in recent years to strengthen environmental stewardship and sustainable campus development.

Prof. Mobin, appreciated IUST's efforts

in promoting environmental consciousness and sustainability-oriented academic engagement. He further stressed the importance of integrating sustainability into academic curricula and research to address emerging environmental challenges.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. A. H. Moon, Dean Academic Affairs, highlighted key green initiatives of the university and announced that the admission process from the current academic session onwards will be completely paperless and fully online, reinforcing the institution's commitment to sustainability.

Earlier, Ar. Qazi Qamar Iqbal Qari, Dean, School of Architecture, Planning and Geomatics, delivered the welcome address and highlighted the significance of Earth Day celebrations in fostering environmental awareness among youth and society. Dr Tariq Abdullah presented vote of thanks.

The event also featured prize distribution for poster and painting competitions organised as part of the celebrations. Around 200 students from across Jammu and Kashmir, including participants from primary schools, specially-abled institutions, and universities, took part in the competitions, reflecting widespread engagement with environmental themes.

As part of the celebrations, a cleanliness drive and plantation campaign were conducted on campus to promote environmental responsibility and sustainable practices among students and staff. A poster exhibition showcasing student artworks was also inaugurated during the event.

## PROF. ROMSHOO HOLDS EXPERT INTERACTION WITH GEOMATICS STUDENTS AT IUST

The Department of Geomatics, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), organised an interactive programme featuring Vice Chancellor Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo with students, research scholars and faculty members.

In his address, Prof. Romshoo highlighted the growing significance of geospatial technologies in governance, environmental management, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development. He emphasised the need for students to focus on skill development, innovation, and research excellence to remain competitive in a rapidly evolving global landscape. The Vice Chancellor engaged extensively with students, responding to queries on career opportunities in geomatics, emerging domains

such as Geo-AI and data science, and prospects across academia, industry and government sectors. He encouraged students to adopt a multidisciplinary approach, continuously upgrade their technical competencies, and actively participate in research and field-based learning. Prof. Romshoo also appreciated the proactive initiatives of the Department of Geomatics in advancing quality teaching, research and outreach.

Earlier, Dr. Tariq Abdullah, Head of the Department, presented a brief overview of the department, while Ar. Qazi Qamar Iqbal Qari, Dean, School of Architecture, Planning and Geomatics, emphasised the role of interdisciplinary learning in addressing contemporary challenges.

## IUST HOLDS FIRST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF CENTRE FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE AND POLICY ANALYSIS



Photo: Zahoor Ahmad/IUST

The Centre for Good Governance and Policy Analysis (CGG&PA), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), convened its first Advisory Committee Meeting at the University's main campus on April 16.

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, IUST, who emphasized the University's commitment to fostering evidence-based policymaking and institutional excellence. Highlighting the broader vision, he remarked that the University's mission is to integrate academic excellence with practical governance solutions to promote sustainable development and effective public service delivery in Jammu and Kashmir.

Welcoming the members, Prof. G. N. Itoo,

Director, Centre for Good Governance and Policy Analysis, IUST, outlined the objectives of the Centre and stated that it aims to provide a platform that strengthens evidence-based policymaking and enhances governance frameworks through innovative ideas and research.

The meeting focused on strengthening educational governance frameworks in the country in general and Jammu and Kashmir in particular. The members expressed their full support to the University's broader mission and to the objectives of the Centre. It was also discussed that pilot projects in priority areas would be undertaken in the first phase. The meeting was attended by distinguished members of the Advisory Committee.

## IUST SIGNS MOU WITH CGG HYDERABAD TO ADVANCE GOVERNANCE, POLICY RESEARCH

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre for Good Governance (CGG), Hyderabad on April 17, marking

a significant step towards strengthening collaboration in the areas of good governance, public policy and institutional capacity building.

The MoU was formally exchanged by

the Registrar, IUST, on behalf of the University, and Shri Ravi Gupta, IPS, Director General, CGG Hyderabad, in the presence of Advisory Committee members of the Centre for Good Governance and Policy

Analysis, IUST, and senior officials of the CGG, Hyderabad.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, IUST Prof. Shakil A Romshoo, .....continue on page....2



## DJMC IUST HOLDS ACADEMIC OUTREACH PROGRAM AT AMAR SINGH COLLEGE



Photo: Amar Singh College

As part of its ongoing Academic Outreach Initiative, the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (DJMC), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), visited Amar Singh College here on April 28. The programme aimed to generate awareness about the scope of media studies and saw enthusiastic participation from the media students of the college.

In her introductory remarks, Dr. Rabia Noor, Head, DJMC IUST, gave an overview of the department and its course curriculum. "The beauty of our Master's programme is the specialisation that is offered in different areas of media. Students are taught basics of all the subjects in first two semesters, and then they are provided with an opportunity to excel in one of them," she said.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal, Amar Singh College, Prof. Aijaz Ahmad Hakak, said, such interactions are a must

for students to shape their career. He also praised IUST for its vibrant academic activities.

Dr. Haifaa Mohammad, Assistant Professor, DJMC, held an interaction session with students and explained as to how pursuing a postgraduate degree can help them get better career opportunities and a competitive edge. The session also included a hands-on training in camera and videography, conducted by Zahoor Ahmad, Junior Technical Assistant, DJMC. The team was also given a tour of the Department of Media Studies.

Earlier, welcoming the IUST team, Pervez Majeed Lone, Head, Department of Media Studies, Amar Singh College, said, there is a need of industry-ready professional, "and by the virtue of media studies, we make them society ready." Faculty members, Benish Ali Bhat and Dr. Saima Riyaz, were also present on the occasion.

## DJMC IUST HOSTS GDC ANANTNAG STUDENTS

NAZAKAT ASLAM

Students from Government Degree College (GDC), Anantnag, visited the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (DJMC), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), on April 13.

During the visit, the students were given a comprehensive tour of the department's I-Mac equipped Media Lab, Community Radio Station (CRS), Multimedia Studio, Smart Classroom and departmental library. The programme aimed at bridging the gap between academic learning and practical exposure.

Welcoming the students, Head of the Department, Dr. Rabia Noor, briefed them about the Master's programme, highlighting its focus on hands-on training and industry-oriented learning. She informed them that the curriculum has been framed in alignment with the National Education Policy, 2020.

Dr. Monisa Qadri, Senior Assistant Professor, interacted with the students and spoke about career prospects in the field of media, encouraging them to explore emerging opportunities in journalism and communication.

On the occasion, a departmental profile video was screened,

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emphasised that the partnership would enable the University to play a more proactive role in evidence-based policymaking and governance innovation, while strengthening its engagement with government institutions. He noted that the collaboration aligns with IUST's vision of contributing to knowledge-driven development and public policy reform. Dr. Shabbeer Sheikh, Director, Governance at CGG Hyderabad, highlighted CGG's extensive experience

and copies of IUST's news magazine Times Echo were distributed among the visiting students.

The visit also featured a series of hands-on technical sessions. Dr. Mujeeb Liyakat, Coordinator CRS and Assistant Professor, DJMC, guided the students through the process of radio programme production, offering insights into recording and broadcasting. The students also participated in a short recording session.

In the Multimedia Studio, Dr. Sayar Ahmad Mir, Assistant Professor, DJMC, familiarised the students with newsroom practices, along with the fundamentals of lighting and video editing. Zahoor Ahmad, Junior Technical Assistant, DJMC, conducted a session in the Media Lab, introducing students to basic camera operations and media career prospects.

In the Smart Classroom, Dr. Haifa Mohammad engaged the students in interactive activities designed to enhance their communication and news framing skills. As part of the visit, the students were also taken to the departmental library, where they were introduced to academic resources and research facilities. The programme concluded with a visit to the university's synthetic athletic track, giving the students a glimpse of the campus infrastructure.

in governance advisory and digital transformation, and expressed confidence that the partnership with IUST would facilitate context-specific policy solutions and capacity-building initiatives.

Under the MoU, both institutions will collaborate on a wide range of activities, including policy research and advisory services, monitoring and evaluation of government programmes, development of governance indices, and implementation of digital governance solutions.

## DJMC IUST HOLDS WORKSHOP WITH DEUTSCHE WELLE'S ROUF FIDA

NAZAKAT ASLAM

The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (DJMC), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), organised a workshop with Rouf Fida, Video Producer, Deutsche Welle on April 23. The workshop—as part of the department's ongoing Industry Connect initiative—aimed to provide media students with insights into the process of transforming reports into compelling visual stories.

The workshop, titled 'Journey of a Frame: From Report to Story,' began with a formal welcome address by Head of the Department, Dr. Rabia Noor, who highlighted the importance of such interactions in equipping students with practical insights.

During the workshop, Fida shared key principles of visual storytelling, urging students to start a story with a clear idea before filming it. The workshop featured practical exercises and interactive discussions, with students engaging actively on aspects of video production. Meanwhile, a departmental profile video was screened on the occasion.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Haifaa Mohammad, Assistant Professor, DJMC. Assistant Professors, Dr. Mujeeb Liyakat and Dr. Sayar Ahmad Mir, and Technical Assistant, Zahoor Ahmad, were also present on the occasion.

## CIR IUST ORGANISES SESSION ON INTRODUCTORY ECONOMICS FOR COMPETITIVE EXAM

The Centre of International Relations (CIR), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), organised a coaching session on 'Introductory Economics for Competitive Examinations' on April 21 under its ongoing CIR Coaching Programme.

Aimed at strengthening the preparation of aspirants for civil services and other competitive examinations, the session delivered by Dr. Javaid A Bhat from Department of economics focused on building conceptual clarity and analytical understanding of core economic principles in line with examination requirements. The initiative seeks to provide structured academic support and expert guidance to students, enhancing their readiness for national and state-level competitive exams.

## RUMI LIBRARY LAUNCHES EM-RFID SYSTEM

The Rumi Library, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), launched its state-of-the-art Electro-Magnetic Radio Frequency Identification (EM-RFID) system on April 2, marking a significant step towards modernization and enhanced user services. The initiative aims to streamline library operations, improve efficiency and provide a seamless experience for its users.

Dr. Sheikh Mohammad Imran, University Librarian, opined that the adoption of RFID technology aligned with the best global practices in library services and reflects the institution's vision of creating a digitally empowered inclusive learning environment.

The RFID system was formally inaugurated by Prof. Abdul Wahid Makhdoomi, Registrar, IUST, in the presence of Sameer Wazir, Finance Officer, and other University officials. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Makhdoomi appreciated the efforts of Rumi Library in embracing technological advancements, stating that RFID implementation will not only improve operational efficiency, but also enhance the overall accessibility and security of library resources.

## DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY INAUGURATED AT IUST

The CVS Diagnostic Laboratory was inaugurated at the Centre for Vocational Studies (CVS), Islamic University of Science and Technology, on April 9, marking a step toward strengthening skill-based education and community healthcare services.

The ceremony was led by Prof. Abdul Wahid, Registrar, IUST, in the presence of senior administrators, faculty and staff. Dignitaries later toured the facility and were briefed on its equipment and operations.

The laboratory aims to provide hands-on training to students while delivering accessible, reliable diagnostic services to the community. Equipped with modern instruments and standardized infrastructure, it ensures quality, precision and supports research and skill development.

# IUST'S FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

## IUST INTENSIFIES ANTI-DRUG AWARENESS WITH NASHA MukT BHARAT ABHIYAAN RALLY



Photo: Zahoor Ahmad/ IUST

In a strong reaffirmation of its commitment to building a drug-free society, the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) organised a large-scale awareness rally under the Nasha MukT Bharat Abhiyaan on April 30.

The rally was led by the Vice Chancellor, IUST, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, and witnessed active participation from faculty members, administrative officers, non-teaching staff, students, research scholars, and members of the local community. The massive participation reflected a collective resolve to combat substance abuse through awareness, education, and community engagement.

The event was also attended by Prof. Aabid H Shalla Registrar, Prof. A.H. Moon Dean Academic Affairs, Dr. G. N. Itoo, Director, Centre for Good Governance and Policy Analysis, Deans, Directors, faculty members, and university officials, who joined in solidarity to strengthen the message against drug abuse. The rally commenced from the Humanities Lawn on the university

campus and proceeded towards NH Awantipora, drawing public attention to the urgent need for collective action against substance abuse. Participants carried placards and raised slogans promoting awareness, prevention, and social responsibility in addressing drug-related challenges.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Romshoo emphasized the importance of sustained awareness initiatives and community participation in tackling the growing menace of substance abuse. He also administered a pledge to the participants, reaffirming their collective commitment to combating drug abuse and working towards a healthier, drug-free society. He highlighted the university's efforts towards prevention, awareness, and rehabilitation, and urged all stakeholders to join the campaign against drug addiction for a healthier and sustainable tomorrow. Multiple sports activities, a painting competition and other creative activities were also organized as part of the program.

## IUST VISITS BARSU SCHOOL UNDER NASHA MukT BHARAT ABHIYAAN

Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) organised an outreach programme for school students on April 28 under the Nasha MukT Bharat Abhiyaan at Government High School, Barsoo, one of the villages adopted under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA). The programme was coordinated by the Community Connect and UBA coordinators to sensitize students about the harmful effects of substance abuse and promote a drug-free lifestyle.

The event witnessed active participation from students and staff. University Medical Officer, Dr. Zahida Rasool, highlighted the serious health consequences of drug abuse, emphasizing early prevention and healthy living.

Dr. Shaiqa Nasreen, Coordinator Outreach, stressed the role of youth in building a drug-free society, while UBA Coordinator, Dr. Romana Yousuf, encouraged students to engage in community awareness efforts.

Tutors from Syed Mantaqi Memorial College of Nursing and Medical Technology, Ms. Ulfat Amin and Ms. Insha Rasool, also spoke about preventive measures against substance abuse. The programme concluded with students taking a pledge to abstain from drugs and work towards realizing the vision of a Nasha MukT Bharat.

## IUST CONDUCTS DRUG DE-ADDICTION DRIVE AT TRAL

As part of the nationwide Nasha MukT Bharat Abhiyan, the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) organised a Community Outreach programme at Government School Dadsara, Tral, on April 23, aimed at promoting a drug-free society and sensitizing youth about the harmful effects of substance abuse.

The programme was conducted by Syed Mantaqi Memorial College of Nursing and Medical Technology in collaboration with PHC Dadsara was coordinated by Mubashir Bashir, Community Connect Coordinator. The awareness drive featured interactive sessions and expert talks highlighting the physical, psychological, and social consequences of drug abuse. The sessions also emphasized preventive measures, healthy lifestyle choices, and the importance of resisting peer pressure among young people.

A pledge-taking ceremony was held during the programme, where participants collectively resolved to contribute towards building a drug-free society. The event concluded with a call for collective social responsibility and reaffirmed IUST's continued commitment to community outreach, youth awareness, and public well-being initiatives.

## IUST'S MEDIA STUDENTS FELICITATED FOR ANTI-DRUG INITIATIVES

Three students from the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) were honoured by Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Ramdas Athawale, for their contributions to social work and anti-drug campaigns.

The felicitation took place on April 20, where Malik Mohammad Usman and Musab Farooq, BA FYUGP students of Journalism and Mass Communication, along with Ahmad Rashid Chadinoov, an English Literature student with Journalism and Mass Communication as minor subject, were recognized for their efforts in spreading awareness against drug abuse.

Their initiatives, focused on youth engagement and community outreach, aim to promote a drug-free society in Jammu and Kashmir. The recognition highlights the role of young individuals in driving social change.

## IUST HOLDS DEBATE COMPETITION ON DRUG ABUSE

A debate competition on the theme "Druggie or Drugs: Whom to Blame?" was organised at the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) under the banner 'Say No to Drugs' on April 23, as part of the Nasha MukT Bharat Abhiyaan.

The programme was organised by the Office of the Dean of Students in collaboration with the Centre for Good Governance and Policy Analysis (CGG&PA) and the Office of the Provosts.

The event witnessed active participation from students across various departments, who articulated diverse perspectives on the pressing issue of drug abuse and its far-reaching societal impact. The competition aimed to raise awareness and encourage youth to play a proactive role in building a drug-free society.

The competition was adjudicated by a jury and the best speakers were awarded prizes, while a special Runner-up trophy was presented under the specially-abled category. The winners were felicitated by Dr. Aabid Hussain Shalla, Registrar, IUST, and Dr. G. N. Itoo, Director, CGG&PA.

## IUST ORGANISES AWARENESS PROGRAM ON DRUG ABUSE

The Islamic University of Science and Technology organised a one-day sensitization-cum-awareness programme on drug addiction under the Nasha MukT Bharat Abhiyaan on April 13. The programme was hosted by the Centre for Mental Health and Wellness and witnessed participation from faculty members, university officers, Heads of Departments, coordinators, proctorial staff, and wardens.

The program featured expert insights from multiple speakers addressing psychological, legal, and institutional dimensions of substance abuse. Mr. Muzaffar Ahmad Ganai, Clinical Psychologist, spoke on behavioural patterns, early warning signs, and the importance of timely counselling interventions. Ms. Asifa Rashid Mir, Prosecuting Officer, JKPS, highlighted the legal framework and enforcement mechanisms related to drug abuse prevention. Prof. Ayaz Hassan Moon, Dean Academic Affairs and Chief Guest, spoke on the broader context of the issue and highlighted institutional efforts, under the guidance of Vice Chancellor Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, aimed at supporting students and addressing the growing challenge of substance abuse.

Earlier, welcoming the participants Prof. Yasmeen Ashai, Coordinator of the Centre for Mental Health and Wellness, stressed that initial signs of substance abuse often emerge within institutional spaces and require coordinated administrative, counselling, and legal approaches.

## IUST CONDUCTS YOGA SESSION AS PART OF DRUG DE-ADDICTION CAMPAIGN

The Directorate of Physical Education and Sports, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), organised a Yoga Session as part of its ongoing initiative promoting health, wellness and a drug-free lifestyle under the theme 'Sports In, Drugs Out.'

The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from staff and students, reflecting a growing awareness about the importance

of physical and mental well-being. Various yoga asanas were trained and demonstrated by Dr. Hilal Ahmad Rather, Assistant Director, Physical Education and Sports, IUST, who highlighted the role of yoga in achieving balance, reducing stress, and enhancing overall fitness.

The session was assisted by Majid Nazir Mukhdoomi, Senior Sports Assistant, who supported the coordination and practical

demonstrations during the programme.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, IUST, stated that Yoga is not merely a physical exercise but a pathway to a balanced and disciplined life. "Initiatives like these play a crucial role in shaping a healthy, aware and drug-free society," he said.

## KFUPM ACADEMIC AMBASSADORS VISIT IUST TO EXPLORE COLLABORATIONS

As part of its internationalisation efforts, the Office of International Affairs, Islamic University of Science and Technology Awantipora hosted student ambassadors from the Saudi Arabia's King Fahd University (KFUPM) on April 2. The KFUPM delegates interacted with the graduating students and discussed about the fully-funded scholarships and the procedures to apply at the university.

The session was presided over by Dean Academic Affairs, IUST, Prof. Ayaz Hassan Moon, who underlined the emphasis on internationalisation of higher education under the National Educational Policy (NEP).

On this occasion, Aaqib Ali student ambassador from KFUPM spoke at length about the facilities and opportunities that could be availed of by the students.



The primary objective of the event was to apprise students

about the fully-funded scholarships that KFUPM offers, the application procedures, and explore scope for fostering collaborative initiatives.

Pertinently, KFUPM is a top global engineering university and is ranked as the top university in the Middle East and Africa.

Earlier Dean Students Dr Asifa Baba, presented the introductory remarks, while Dean Outreach Dr Ruheela Hassan proposed the vote of thanks. The session was coordinated by the Incharge International Affairs Dr Monisa Qadiri, who also delivered the welcome address.

## IUST ORGANISES BLOOD DONATION CAMP

A voluntary blood donation camp was organised on April 27 at the University Health Centre of the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) in collaboration with Government Lalla Ded Hospital, Srinagar. The camp inaugurated by Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, was coordinated by Dr. Zahida Rasool, Medical Officer, University Health Centre.

The initiative aimed to raise awareness about the importance of voluntary blood donation and to encourage active participation among students and staff members of the University.

A total of 104 units of blood were donated during the camp. The drive witnessed enthusiastic participation from both male and female students, as well as teaching and non-teaching staff, with a notably higher turnout from non-teaching employees. Vice Chancellor, IUST, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo lauded the initiative and appreciated the donors for their noble contribution. He stated that such humanitarian efforts is part of the University's commitment to social responsibility and urged more people to come forward and donate blood regularly to help save lives.

## IUST CONDUCTS AUTISM AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), under its Community Connect Initiative, organised an Autism Awareness Programme at SDH Tral, Aripal, and Dadasara on April 20. The programme was organised by Syed Mantaqi Memorial College of Nursing and Medical Technology.

The programme aimed at generating awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) among the local community, promoting early identification and intervention for children with developmental difficulties, reducing stigma and

misconceptions about autism, and encouraging parents and caregivers to seek professional help when developmental delays are noticed.

Activities included health education sessions on the meaning, causes, and symptoms of autism, distribution of informational pamphlets highlighting early warning signs and available support services, interactive discussions with parents on recognising developmental milestones, and awareness talks emphasising the importance of early diagnosis. The campaign was coordinated by Ms Rohi Jan and Ms. Ulfat Amin.

## IUST ORGANISES ORAL HYGIENE AWARENESS OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), under its University Outreach Programme, organised an Oral Hygiene Awareness Programme at Aripal, Tral, on April 21. The programme was conducted by Syed Mantaqi Memorial College of Nursing and Medical Technology, IUST, in collaboration with NTPHC Aripal, to educate school students on the importance of oral hygiene and prevention of common dental issues.

The sessions included live demonstrations on proper tooth-brushing techniques, guidance on flossing, and awareness about the role of a balanced diet in maintaining oral health. Students were also sensitised to the importance of regular dental check-ups. Interactive discussions enabled students to clarify their doubts, and educational materials were distributed to reinforce key messages. The programme was coordinated by I/C Principal, Mubashir Bashir.

## IUST HOLDS LECTURE SERIES ON ADVANCES IN SCIENCES

To promote academic dialogue and contemporary research, the School of Sciences, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), held its School-level lecture series on 'Advances in Science.' The inaugural lecture was held on April 9 on 'Chemotherapy Response in the Context of Intra-Tumour Heterogeneity: A Single Cell Perspective.'

The session was delivered by Dr. Suhail Yousuf, Coordinator, Frontier Research Institute for Interdisciplinary Sciences, wherein he highlighted recent insights into tumour heterogeneity and its implications for chemotherapy, with a focus on single-cell analysis for advancing cancer research and treatment strategies.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Mohd Ayub Qadri, Dean, School of Health Sciences, emphasized the importance of integrating research with patient care, while Prof. Mohammad Farooq Mir, Head, Department of Zoology, highlighted recent advancements in cancer research in India.

## IUST HOLDS CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS PROGRAM WITH ISEA, MEITY

The Office of the Dean Outreach, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), organised a Cybersecurity Awareness Program for students and apprentices of the University on April 3. The programme was sponsored under the Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA) Project of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

The programme was conducted by experts from the CDAC-Mohali as part of a national initiative to promote cybersecurity awareness and responsible digital practices. More than a hundred participants, including students and apprentices, attended the program. In view of the growing dependence on digital technologies and the rising risks of cyber threats such as phishing, identity theft, financial fraud, and social engineering, the programme focused on building awareness and practical understanding among participants. Key areas covered included password security, safe authentication practices, digital payment safety, social media risks, emerging threats such as deepfakes and the best practices for securing devices and data.

## ALAMDAR MEMORIAL COLLEGE, SYED MANTAQUI MEMORIAL COLLEGE OBSERVE WORLD HEALTH DAY

Alamdar Memorial College of Nursing & Medical Technology, Charar-i-Sharief, and Syed Mantaqui Memorial College of Nursing and Medical Technology (SMMCN&MT) celebrated World Health Day on April 9 with active participation from students and faculty, organising a series of public health awareness programmes.

The events were held under the global theme 'Together for Health: Stand with Science,' emphasising the importance of evidence-based healthcare and collective responsibility in promoting community well-being.

At Alamdar Memorial College, activities included a poster presentation competition and a road rally, where students highlighted key health issues and advocated scientific approaches to healthcare. The programme was organised by Principal Dr. Zamrooda Akhter, who stressed the importance of scientific integrity and public health awareness.

At Syed Mantaqui Memorial College, the celebration was organised in collaboration with the Health and Wellness Club. Activities such as debates and poster presentations encouraged students to engage with contemporary health challenges. The event was organised by Ulfat Amin and Salma Amin and coordinated by Insha Rasool and Mubashir Bashir.

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