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IUST SIGNS MOU WITH GERMANY'S PADERBORN UNIVERSITY TO STRENGTHEN INT'L ACADEMIC COLLABORATION



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Expanding its efforts to strengthen international academic collaborations, the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Kashmir, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Paderborn University, Germany, on July 27.

The collaboration has been established between the Department of Philosophy, IUST, and the Centre for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists at Paderborn University. The partnership will be coordinated by Dr. Muzaffar Ali Malla, Head, Department of Philosophy, IUST, and Prof. Ruth Hagengruber, Director of the Centre for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, Paderborn University.

The MoU signing ceremony was presided over by Prof. Shamim Ahmad Shah, Registrar, IUST, who congratulated both institutions on forging this significant academic partnership. Describing the

agreement as a landmark milestone in IUST's journey towards greater internationalisation and global academic engagement, Prof. Shah expressed confidence that the collaboration would promote high-quality research, academic exchange and innovative scholarly initiatives.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Afroz Ahmad Bisati, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, observed that the collaboration demonstrates the Department's commitment to academic excellence and would significantly enhance international academic cooperation, interdisciplinary research, and the University's global engagement.

The signing ceremony was attended by Samir Wazir, Finance Officer; Dr. Aabid Hussain Shalla, Dean Research; Dr. Ruheela Hassan, Dean Outreach; and Dr. Monisa Qadiri, In-charge International Affairs and Dean Students, from the IUST side.

IUST ORGANISES WORKSHOP ON EFFECTIVE RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION



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To enhance institutional capacity in research administration and ensure efficient management of externally funded research projects, the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) organised a day-long workshop on 'Effective Research Administration: Understanding GFR, Procurement Rules and Documentation Requirements' on July 8. The programme was jointly organised by the Office of the Dean Research and the Office of Finance.

The workshop was attended by Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments, Principal Investigators of externally funded research projects, Ramanujan Fellows, and research staff from across the University. The programme aimed to familiarize participants with the provisions of the General Financial Rules (GFR), procurement procedures, Government e-Marketplace (GeM) processes, financial documentation requirements, and best practices for ensuring transparency, compliance, and accountability in research administration.

Welcoming the participants, Dr. Aabid H. Shalla, Dean Research highlighted the

University's rapid transformation into a research-intensive institution with a vibrant and expanding research ecosystem. Finance Officer, IUST, Sameer Wazir, underscored the importance of financial discipline and procedural compliance in maintaining the credibility and sustainability of research institutions.

The technical sessions covered various aspects of research administration, including procurement rules, procedures and best practices, documentation requirements for bill processing, GeM procurement and compliance, and the essentials of the General Financial Rules (GFR) in the context of research management. The sessions were conducted by finance professionals from the University, including Manzoor Ahmad Kuthroo, Assistant Finance Officer; and Suhaila Gulshan, Assistant Finance Officer.

The workshop coordinated by Umar Afzal concluded with an interactive discussion during which participants sought clarifications on various aspects of project administration, procurement procedures, and financial compliance.

DJMC IUST FELICITATED BY UNION MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (DJMC), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), was felicitated by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, on July 18 at Pulwama, in recognition of its contributions to media education and social awareness initiatives. The certificate of appreciation, presented by Dr. Ramdas Bandu Athawale, Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, commends the department's "outstanding efforts and impactful initiatives," particularly its street play 'News or Noise,' which promoted public understanding of journalism and media literacy. It also acknowledges



the department's "creative and meaningful endeavours that reflect the true spirit and social responsibility of journalism."

The recognition highlights DJMC's sustained commitment to awareness, education and community engagement through innovative academic and outreach activities. The certificate was received by DJMC students on behalf of the department. The department described the honour as an encouragement to continue fostering responsible journalism and meaningful public engagement through education and creative expression.

IUST CONDUCTS ACADEMIC OUTREACH PROGRAM AT GDC MAGAM

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) organised an academic outreach programme and Government Degree College, Magam, on July 3, as part of its continued efforts to engage with students and promote awareness about higher education opportunities. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Rabia Noor, Head, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. The visiting team comprised of faculty representatives from various schools, including Mehran Qureshi, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, Dr Mehak Majced, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Dr Suhail Yousuf, Ramanujan Fellow, FRIIS, Mirza Burhan Saleem, Assistant Professor, Medical Radiology and Imaging Technology, Centre for Vocational Studies and Neelofar Jan Assistant Professor, Alamdar Memorial College of Nursing and Medical Technology.

Welcoming the IUST team, Principal, GDC Magam, Prof.



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Syed Shouket Rasool, appreciated the efforts of the University to strengthen its engagement with educational institutions. He also encouraged students to participate in such career counselling programmes to receive guidance on career

planning and higher education options.

The IUST team provided students with an overview of the academic programmes, research opportunities, scholarships and student support services offered by IUST. Faculty members interacted with students, highlighting the University's interdisciplinary learning environment, campus facilities, skill development, internships, admission process and research. Students were encouraged to explore diverse academic pathways in different disciplines.

The outreach programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty of GDC Magam, who appreciated the University's initiative to connect with aspiring learners and provide firsthand information about academic and professional opportunities.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Mehak, who also presented a formal vote of thanks.

IUST CONVENES 13TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) convened the 13th meeting of its Executive Council—the apex executive body of the University—under the chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo on July 31.

The Executive Council approved the recommendations of the Academic Council, Finance Committee, Building Committee, Library Committee and Research Advisory Committee, besides deliberating on key institutional matters.

Among the major decisions, the Council approved the establishment and operationalization of new academic units, including the Centre for Excellence in Semiconductors and Quantum Materials, the Department of Earth Sciences, and the School of Law. It also approved the introduction of new academic programmes, including the Integrated Five-Year Law Programme, Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) in Earth Sciences, Bachelor of Design (B.Des.), and an Undergraduate Programme in Cyber Security, subject to the fulfilment of applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

The Council further approved the adoption of the University's Institutional Development Plan (IDP) as the strategic roadmap for advancing academic excellence, research, innovation, infrastructure development, industry collaboration, and

institutional growth in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. It also approved the establishment of the Museum of History, Art and Culture to promote



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interdisciplinary learning, preservation of cultural heritage, research, and public engagement.

As part of its commitment to equity, inclusion and institutional excellence, the Executive Council approved the Welfare Policy for Persons with Disabilities and the revised Outreach Policy.

IUST'S ICSS ORGANISES RELIGIO-HISTORICAL STUDY VISIT TO KULGAM

The International Centre for Spiritual Studies (ICSS), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), organised a religio-historical study visit to Kulgam on July 6. The visit aimed at providing students with an experiential understanding of Kashmir's rich religious and cultural heritage.

As part of the study visit, students explored several sites of historical and spiritual significance, including the shrine of Mir Sayyid Husayn Simnānī, the historic cave at Gofbal, and the sacred site of Khi Jogipura, traditionally associated with Shaykh Nuruddin Rishi. The visit enabled students to engage directly with the historical context, spiritual traditions, and enduring legacy of these important sites and personalities. It also offered valuable insights into the

interconnected religious and cultural traditions of Kashmir, complementing and enriching classroom learning through first-hand observation.

The study visit was organised by Dr. Showkat Hussain, Director, ICSS, and coordinated by Dr. Aamir Habib and Ghazi Nazir Naqash, both from ICSS. Through on-site discussions and academic interactions, the faculty guided students in relating their field observations to the themes covered in the course.

The initiative reflects ICSS's commitment to promoting interdisciplinary and experiential learning by integrating field-based academic activities into its curriculum, thereby fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of Kashmir's diverse spiritual and cultural heritage.

IUST INTRODUCES 1-YEAR PG PROGRAMS UNDER NEP 2020

The Islamic University of Science and Technology has introduced one-year postgraduate degree programmes in nine disciplines for graduates holding a four-year undergraduate degree (Honours/Research), in accordance with the academic framework prescribed under the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020. The programmes, approved by the Academic Council, are aimed at providing a seamless progression to postgraduate education for eligible graduates while further aligning the University's academic ecosystem with the reforms envisaged under NEP 2020.

The programmes are M.A. Economics, M.Sc. Physics, M.Sc. Chemistry, M.Sc. Statistics, M.A. English, M.A. Journalism and Mass Communication, M.A. Islamic Studies, M.A. Arabic, and M.A. Philosophy.

Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, remarked that IUST has embraced the transformative vision of NEP 2020 through a series of academic reforms aimed at enhancing quality, flexibility and innovation in higher education. "The introduction of one-year postgraduate degree programmes is another important step in this direction," he said. "Designed with a strong emphasis on academic rigour and research preparedness, these programmes provide greater flexibility to learners while ensuring that postgraduate education remains aligned with evolving disciplinary and societal needs," he added.

Dean Academic Affairs, IUST, Prof. Sheikh Aijaz Ahmad, said, the one-year postgraduate degree programmes complete an important component of the academic framework envisaged under NEP 2020 for graduates of four-year undergraduate programmes.

IUST CONDUCTS ADMISSION OUTREACH PROGRAM IN GANDERBAL

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), under the aegis of the Office of the Dean Outreach, conducted an admission outreach programme across various educational institutions in District Ganderbal on July 3 as part of the University's Academic Outreach Programme.

The Ganderbal team, functioning as part of the Core Admission Outreach Team (COAT) for the Srinagar Zone under the chairpersonship of Dr. Monisa Qadiri, was led by Dr. Tariq Ahmad Ganaie, Associate Professor, Department of Food Technology. The team comprised Dr. Mehnaz Rasool Malik, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering; Dr. Mehraj Rehman Sofi,

Assistant Professor, Department of Management Studies; Dr. Noor-u-Din Reshi, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry; and Dr. Sajad, Department of Arabic Language and Literature.

During the interactive sessions, the faculty members briefed students about the diverse undergraduate and integrated programmes offered at IUST, the admission process, and the University's student-centric academic environment. They highlighted IUST's NEP 2020-aligned curriculum, multidisciplinary approach, experienced faculty, modern infrastructure, research facilities, and newly introduced programmes in emerging areas, alongside its established academic disciplines.

IUST LAUNCHES UNHEARD VOICES INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE STUDENT WELL-BEING

The Centre for Mental Health and Wellness (CMHW), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), on July 13 launched 'Unheard Voices'—an initiative aimed at providing students and research scholars with a safe, confidential and anonymous platform to share their thoughts, emotions, concerns, and suggestions, thereby promoting openness, inclusion, and emotional well-being on campus.

The initiative was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Mr. Sameer Wazir, in the presence of Prof. G. N. Itoo, Dr. Asifa Mehraj Baba, Director, Centre for Mental Health and Wellness, Dean Outreach, Dean Research, along with faculty members, students, research scholars, and staff.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Asifa Mehraj Baba highlighted the growing importance of mental health in educational institutions and described Unheard Voices as a non-judgmental space that encourages students to express themselves anonymously. She urged students and scholars to actively engage with the initiative.

As part of the programme, the Centre announced that anonymous expression boxes will be permanently installed at designated locations across the campus, supported by regular awareness and outreach activities to encourage participation and strengthen a culture where every voice is heard and valued.

IUST'S FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

IUST Promotes De-Addiction Through Awareness Concert

The Cultural Committee under the aegis of the Dean of Students, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), in collaboration with the Office of the Provosts (Girls and Boys) and the Proctor Office, organised a vibrant Musical Concert under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) on July 2 at the Nundreshi Auditorium.

The programme was presided over by the Registrar, Prof. Shamim Ahmad Shah, as the Chief Guest, who appreciated the Dean of Students, Coordinator, Cultural Affairs and collaborators for undertaking programmes that created awareness through cultural engagement. He urged students to become ambassadors of the positive mindset and this movement and contribute actively towards building a healthy, responsible, and drug-free society.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Dean of



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Students, Dr. Monisa Qadiri, highlighting the objectives of the IUST's Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan and emphasised the importance of engaging youth in positive, creative, and healthy activities as an effective means of preventing substance abuse while preserving our oral traditions.

university officers, faculty members, staff, and a large gathering of students.

The Irfan Bilal Band enthralled the audience with an energetic and soulful musical performance carrying messages of hope, positivity, and social responsibility. The concert served as a powerful platform to promote the ideals of a drug-free society while encouraging students to channel their energy towards creativity, culture, and nation-building. IUST's student performers also presented captivating musical performances to welcome the renowned Irfan Bilal Band, showcasing the rich artistic talent of IUST.

A formal vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Farhana Mehraj Allai during the event, which was attended by senior

NUKKAD NATAK PERFORMED AT CHAHARI SHARIF UNDER NMBA

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), organised a Nukkad Natak (Street Play) at IUST's Constituent College, Alamdar College of Nursing and Medical Technology Charari Sharif on July 17, under the national banner of the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) to spread critical awareness against drug abuse. The event was organised by the Office of the Dean of Students as part of its Cultural Affairs Committee initiatives in collaboration with the Provost Offices (Boys and Girls Hostels), Proctor Office, Department of Journalism and Mass

Communication and Centre for Mental Health and Wellness.

The skit performed by IUST students was witnessed by Mr. Zamroda Principal ACNMT, faculty members, officials, students, community members and other staff members of the college.

The students were accompanied by Coordinator Cultural Committee and Provost Girls, Dr. Farhana Allaie, Provost- Boys, Dr. Zahid Khaki, and Senior Proctor, Dr. Mir Hashim.

IUST Promotes Sustainable Environment, Healthy Living Under NMBA

Reinforcing its commitment to environmental sustainability and the vision of a drug-free society, the NSS Unit of the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), in collaboration with the Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, organised an environmental conservation programme at Shikargah under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) on July 6.

The programme was led by Dr. Tariq Ahmad Ganaie, Programme Coordinator, NSS, IUST, along with Dr. G. N. Itoo, Nodal Officer, NMBA, IUST. Students, NSS volunteers and departmental officials participated enthusiastically. The initiative highlighted the close relationship between environmental conservation, healthy living and the vision of a drug-free society. Participants undertook cleanliness and waste collection activities, spreading awareness on protecting natural ecosystems and adopting healthy, substance-free lifestyles. The programme concluded with a pledge to protect the environment and promote the ideals of the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan.

IUST HOSTS NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGIES

A two-day National Conference on 'Innovative Pedagogies for Future-Ready Higher Education' was organised by Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) on July 30-31 to strengthen the implementation of the Design your own Degree (DYoD) framework aligned with NEP 2020. The conference brings together educators, academic leaders, researchers and policymakers to deliberate on innovative pedagogical approaches aligned with NEP 2020.

The participants included Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, J&K Higher Education Council, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice-Chancellor, IUST, Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice-Chancellor, University of Kashmir, Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. Jawaaid Iqbal, Vice-Chancellor, BGSBU, Prof. Mohammad Mobin, Vice-Chancellor, Cluster University Srinagar, Prof. Shobha Bagai, University of Delhi, Dean



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Academic Affairs IUST Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Registrar IUST Prof. Shamim Ahmad Shah and principals of various colleges from J&K.

Prof. Dinesh Singh, who was the chief guest, acknowledged

the progressive nature of J&K's educational landscape. "I believe India can discover a new path for higher education through Jammu and Kashmir. The spirit of innovation and academic experimentation I have witnessed here is rarely seen elsewhere in the country," he said.

Earlier, while delivering the welcome address, Prof. Romshoo underlined the significance of this conference that brought together universities and colleges under one umbrella to discuss taking forward NEP 2020.

"The real challenge before us is how we build the capacity of our teachers and transform teaching in the spirit of NEP 2020. As we move into the second phase

of its implementation, the colleges and universities of Jammu and Kashmir have the opportunity to demonstrate a model that can guide the rest of the country," Prof. Romshoo said.

IUST HOSTS PROJECT CONCLAVE TO STRENGTHEN STUDENT INNOVATION

Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), through its Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (CIED) and the Centre for Good Governance and Policy Analysis (CGG&PA), in collaboration with Pi Jam Foundation and the Department of School Education, Jammu and Kashmir, organised Project Conclave 'Raah: Strengthening Pathways for Student Innovators' at its Innovation Campus, Awantipora on July 16.

The conclave brought together student innovators, educators, government officials, innovation ecosystem partners, and academic leaders to promote innovation, collaboration, and entrepreneurship among school students by connecting them with experts, institutions, and ecosystem stakeholders.

Prof. Shamim Ahmad Shah, Registrar, IUST, who was the Chief Guest, appreciated the efforts of the organizers to

create meaningful opportunities for young innovators and

Prof. Parvez Ahmad Mir, CEO, CIED-IUST, highlighted the role of universities and incubation centres in supporting young innovators by providing mentorship, technical guidance, and entrepreneurial opportunities.

The programme featured presentations by 10 selected student innovation teams from schools across Kashmir. The students showcased innovative solutions addressing real-life challenges and received valuable feedback from experts and mentors during the interactive pitch sessions.

Speaking on the occasion, Shoaib Hafiz Dar, CEO, Pi Jam Foundation, said that Raah has been envisioned as a collaborative platform to connect student innovators with educational institutions, incubation centres, industry,

and government stakeholders, thereby creating sustained pathways for innovation and entrepreneurship.



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emphasized the need to nurture innovation and problem-solving skills from an early age.

IUST HOLDS 3-DAY BREAKTHROUGH WORKSHOP

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) conducted three-day Breakthrough Workshop for the students on June 30-July 2.

The workshop featured experiential learning activities, interactive discussions, reflective exercises, team-building tasks and personality development sessions aimed at strengthening students' self-awareness, communication skills, emotional resilience, confidence and leadership abilities.

In the concluding session, Dr. Asifa Mehraj Baba, Director, Centre for Mental Health and Wellness, IUST, encouraged the students to apply the values, insights and skills gained during the workshop in their academic, personal and professional lives.

DELIBERATIONS ON QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY HELD AT IUST

In a significant milestone for higher education and deep-tech innovation in Jammu and Kashmir, Vice Chancellor of Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, held a high-level meeting with Dr. Rukhsan Ul Haq, CEO and Chief Scientist of Chinara Quantum AI (CQAI), and Dr. L. Venkata Subramanian, CEO of Qbit Force, on July 10.

The meeting was also attended by Prof. Farooq Hussain Bhat, Dean, School of Sciences, IUST, and Dr. Mohsin Ilahi, Operations Lead and Senior Quantum Scientist at CQAI.

The discussions focused on establishing a long-term strategic partnership to position IUST as a leading centre for quantum technologies and other frontier areas of deep technology. The deliberations explored collaborative initiatives aligned with the Government of India's National Quantum Mission, IndiaAI Mission, and National Semiconductor Mission, with a shared vision of fostering advanced research, innovation, talent development, and industry-academia collaboration.

As part of this vision, IUST plans to develop a world-class ecosystem for quantum science and emerging technologies, where leading deep-tech companies, including Chinara Quantum AI (CQAI) and Qbit Force, will partner with the University to establish Quantum Innovation Hubs, facilitate cutting-edge research, build advanced infrastructure, and create opportunities for students, researchers, startups, and industry.

IUST, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS JOINTLY ORGANISE AUTHOR WORKSHOP



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The Rumi Library, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), organised a one-day workshop titled 'From Search to Impact: Unravelling the Workflow of Academic Publishing' in collaboration with Cambridge University Press. The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation of around 130 delegates from various universities across Kashmir, including Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments, coordinators, faculty members, librarians, non-teaching staff, research scholars and students.

Welcoming the delegates, Dr. Sheikh Shueb, Incharge, Rumi Library, stated that the workshop was designed to address the challenges faced by scholars, and provide practical guidance on

navigating the academic publishing landscape while enhancing the quality and impact of research.

The workshop was inaugurated by the Registrar, Prof. Shamim Ahmad Shah, who attended as the Chief Guest. In his address, he underscored the societal relevance of research and emphasised its transformative role in addressing societal challenges. Dean Research, Dr. Aabid Shalla, and the Director, Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA), also addressed the gathering.

The workshop featured three technical sessions led by distinguished experts. Customer Success Manager (Academic), Cambridge University Press, Chanchal Gilorta, discussed the academic publishing workflow, predatory publishing, open access models, and Article Processing Charges (APCs). Prof. Sumeer Gul, Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kashmir, delivered a session on scholarly communication, research visibility, and emerging trends in academic publishing. Prof. Farzana Gulzar, Professor Department of Management Studies, University of Kashmir deliberated on academic writing, research quality, and role of soft skills in scholarly success.

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.

IUST STUDENTS REPRESENT UNIVERSITY AT DD-ROBOCON NATIONAL FINALS AT IIT DELHI

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) was represented at the DD-Robocon 2026 National Finals, held at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi on July 10, by a six-member student team comprising two students each from the Departments of Mechanical Engineering, Robotics and Automation, and Computer Science and Engineering. The team was accompanied by Dr. Mohd Junaid Mir, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, who served as the faculty coordinator.

Organised by IIT Delhi in association with Prasar Bharati and the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), DD-Robocon is India's premier robotics competition and the national qualifying event for the prestigious ABU Robocon. The IUST team qualified for the National Finals through the preliminary

stages and competed alongside 38 leading technical institutions from across the country, showcasing its robotic system while gaining valuable exposure to emerging technologies and advanced engineering practices.

A notable highlight of IUST's participation was that it was the only university from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to qualify for the DD-Robocon 2026 National Finals. This achievement was acknowledged by the organisers during the inaugural and valedictory sessions. Prof. S. K. Saha and Prof. Sunil Jha appreciated the team's efforts in representing the region on a national platform and encouraged greater student participation in national robotics competitions to foster innovation, experiential learning, and technical competence.

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