



## Plantation Drive at IUST

**Awantipora, March 09:** Initiating a plantation marathon in an endeavor to develop a Green Campus at Islamic University of Science and Technology, the Landscaping section of IUST today organized a plantation drive in collaboration with the Department of Social Forestry J&K Government, during which pine saplings were planted within the premises.



On this occasion, saplings were planted by the Vice Chancellor IUST Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo and other dignitaries including Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Manzoor Ahmad Malik, Registrar IUST Prof. Naseer Iqbal, Controller Examinations Prof. Peerzada M. Amin, DFO Pulwama Mr. Manzoor Ahmad Bhat, Regional Director Department of Social Forestry J&K Government, Mr. Mehraj-ud-in Malik.

On this occasion, Prof. Romshoo said, “We are kickstarting a massive plantation drive in the campus and it will continue for another few months.”



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"We have 1300 kanals of land at Wasturwan and are establishing a biodiversity park spread over 5-6 hundred kanals and this land will be afforested with atleast 14 different species" he added.

Prof. Naseer Iqbal also spoke at the event and said, "We are planning this initiative at a large scale and it is part of multiple plantation activities being undertaken by the university in and around the campus for creating eco-friendly and green space."

While thanking the Vice Chancellor IUST for organizing this drive, DFO Pulwama said, "Institutional forestation is one of the most important components of our department and the purpose of today's drive was to create green assets within the IUST campus."

Saplings were also planted by Controller Examinations Prof. Peerzada M. Amin, Dean Research Prof. A. H Moon, Chairperson Averros Centre of Philosophy Prof. Lily Want, Dean of Students Dr. Anisa Jan and this drive was coordinated by Incharge Landscaping Dr. Ajaz Qureshi.