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IUST Community Outreach Programs: Organized Nukkad Natak & Scientific Outreach program.

Awantipora, Sept. 12, 2022. The Student Business Club, Department of Business Studies organized a Nukkad Natak (Street Play) today under IUST Community Initiative. The program aimed to sensitize students and staff of the university about different social issues. The performances of the student volunteers were attended by students, staff, and faculty members.

Emphasizing the importance of such events, Prof. Shakil A Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, IUST called such events a true representation of the role he had envisioned under the banner of Dean Outreach and appreciated the department for highlighting issues of such social importance through such performances.

Speaking about the program Dr. Asif Fazili, Head, Department of Management Studies said, "We aim to enhance students' engagement with the community through such programs. These Nukkad Natak will be performed at the community level to promote awareness about various social issues". Besides Kashmiri Rouf and multiple skits and stage performances, there were special performances by Magician Raja Aadam and a Rap performance by Ghalib. "The event was aimed to promote artistic skills and teamwork among the students", said Majid, one of the student organizers.

Professor Manzoor Malik (Dean, Academic Affairs), Dr. Naseer Iqbal (Registrar, IUST), and Dr. Anisa Jan (Dean students, IUST) were among the university officials who attended and appreciated the student initiatives for community outreach. As per Dr. Irfan Bashir, Club Patron, Student Business Club, the performances were focused on themes like domestic violence, drug addiction, Community engagement, and students' social responsibilities.

The scientific outreach and training program on infrared and fluorescence spectroscopy was conducted by the Department of Chemistry for the students of Govt. Degree College, Sopore as a part of the social and scientific responsibility component of the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) project.

The program was aimed to expose the graduating students to the advanced technological advancements in Chemistry and update their skills regarding modern instrumentation, to make them relevant for the competitive scientific world. The main speakers of the event were Dr. Sheikh Abdul Majid, Dr. Nisar A. Malik, Dr. Sajad A. Bhat, Dr. Aabid H. Shalla, Head, Department of Chemistry, and Prof. M. A. Khurru, Dean, School of Sciences, IUST who imparted theoretical and practical knowledge regarding infrared and fluorescence spectroscopy to the students. The students were also provided hands-on training on the instruments.