



IUST celebrated World Environment Day-2024

Awantipora 06 June. The Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST) celebrated the World Environment Day on 05 June, 2024. Environment Day is one of the greatest global events for the environment. This day acts as a platform to bring issues to light about the ecological issues faced



by our planet. The event was organised by Mantaqi Centre for Science & Society (MCSS) in collaboration with J&K Biodiversity Council, J&K Forest Research Institute, Nature Interpretation Centre (NIC), Biodiversity Park, Centre for AYUSH Science and Centre for Renewable Energy & Sustainable Technologies, IUST and supported by the Mantaqi Memorial Higher Secondary School, Awantipora, Office of the DFO, Awantipora, Dean of Students, Technology Innovation in Renewable Energy & Climate Change (TIR&CC), CIED, Alpine Club, and Environment & Hygiene Division, NSS Unit, IUST. The activities of the programme include Interactive Session, Plantation Drive [Theme: Donate, Plant & Own a Tree], Cleanliness Drive and Nature Walk & Talk. The interactive session focused on the WED-24 theme "Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience" chaired by Prof. A. H. Moon, Dean Academic Affairs. Prof. Moon emphasised that technological interventions are need of the hour to tackle innumerable environmental threats and challenges and a collective effort is needed to reverse the environmental degradation. He congratulated the organising team in their efforts in making this event a success. Prof. Javed Hussian Mir, Professor of Practice, MCSS who was the expert on the





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occasion, gave an overview of the world environment day. He mentioned that The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) founded the World Environment Day (WED) in 1972 and on June 5 each year WED, is celebrated. He stressed that environmental



problems have been there since ancient times however these have increased in recent past because of anthropogenic interventions, policy gaps etc. There is need to enhance our capacities and involvement in tackling these global challenges. Those who also speak include Prof. Pirzada Amin, Director, Rinchin Shah Centre for West Himalayan Cultures, students from Mantaqi Memorial Wakaf Higher Secondary, Dr. Tariq Ahmad Ganaie, Coordinator NSS Unit. At the end there was a Question and Answer session. Dr. Arsheed Ahmad Ganaie, Coordinator, Centre for AYUSH Science, IUST presented vote of thanks. After the interaction session, there was a cleanliness drive and plantation drive in the campus, followed by nature walk & talk which was attended by university officers, students, scholars, faculty, staff, The WED-24 was coordinated by Dr. Aijaz Ahmad Qureshi, Research Officer, MCSS/ Coordinator, NIC, Biodiversity Park.



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