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IUST hosts national seminar on Indian Knowledge System and Digital Learning

Awantipora, March 26: The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (DJMC), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), inaugurated a two-day National Seminar on 'Role of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in Promoting Digital Learning and Education' on Wednesday. Sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), the seminar aims to explore the integration of India's intellectual heritage with modern digital education practices.

The keynote addresses were delivered by Prof. Rakesh Vaid, Director Poonch Campus, University of Jammu, and renowned Kashmiri poet, Mr. Zareef Ahmad Zareef. Prof. Vaid emphasized the vast scope of research in IKS, stating that a deeper academic exploration would uncover a wealth of knowledge within India's intellectual traditions. Meanwhile, Mr. Zareef traced evolution of Kashmir's mother tongue and cultural values, stressing the importance of preserving the region's heritage. He referenced various Kashmiri literary works, reinforcing how knowledge has always been an integral part of the region's identity.

Prof. Ayaz Hassan Moon, Dean Academic Affairs, IUST, reaffirmed the University's commitment to integrating IKS into its academic framework. "The National Education Policy (NEP) promotes a holistic and multidisciplinary approach, which seamlessly complements the inclusion of IKS," he stated. Prof. Abdul Wahid Makhdoomi, Registrar, IUST, highlighted the significance of recognizing traditional knowledge systems and their deep-rooted connection with technology throughout history. Dr. Afroz Ahmad Bisati, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, stressed the need for practical approaches to incorporate the IKS into modern education.

Welcoming the participants, Dr. Rabia Noor, Head, DJMC, discussed the relevance of traditional knowledge systems in the digital age. The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Ruheela Hassan, Dean Outreach, IUST. Later, two technical sessions were held, where researchers from various institutions presented their papers. The sessions were chaired by Dr. Munejah Khan, Head, Department of English Language and Literature, IUST, and Dr. Muzaffar Ali Malla, Coordinator, Department of Philosophy, IUST, respectively.

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