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IUST hosts annual architecture festival, Nairang-e-Tameer

Awantipora, September 04: The Department of Architecture, IUST, hosted its annual architecture festival *Nairang-e-Tameer* on the theme “*Rooted Futures: Design for All*” from September 2-4, 2025. The festival aimed to provide a platform for dialogue and innovation in architecture, encouraging sustainable, culturally rooted, and disaster-resilient design practices.

The festival was inaugurated by Prof. Shakil A Romshoo Vice Chancellor in presence of Prof. Abdul Wahid Makhdoomi Registrar, University officers, Deans, heads, students and scholars. In their addresses, the Vice Chancellor and Registrar emphasized the role of architecture in shaping sustainable futures, with Prof. Romshoo underscoring the need to integrate disaster-resilient practices into architectural design, and spoke about such initiatives at IUST.

Distinguished architects and scholars from across the country contributed through technical sessions. Dr. Hakim Sameer Hamdani spoke on heritage preservation in Kashmir, Faizan Khatri on Street Animal Architecture, Areen Attari on sustainable design, Sudipto Ghosh on practice and philosophy, Rohit Nagia on practical comfort, Harbinder Pal Singh on “*Rooted Invisibles*”, and Sheikh Intekhab Alam on systematizing design thinking.

The Entrepreneurial Forum facilitated discussions on design entrepreneurship, ethics, and practice, followed by an exhibition inaugurated by Sudipto Ghosh, showcasing works of IUST students, invited schools of architecture, local architects, and guest speakers. A networking session further connected professionals and students. Running parallel to the academic and professional sessions, a Food Fest was also organized. The festival was sponsored by Jammu and Kashmir Bank, ICICI Bank, CIED IUST, Kashmir Loom, and Hotel Zaryab – for their invaluable support in making the festival a success.

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