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IUST Undergraduate Honoured with International Obada Prize for Innovative Research

Awantipora, December 5: Ms. Barkah Hussain, a first-semester Computer Science Engineering student at the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), has been awarded the prestigious international Obada Prize.

The award, established in recognition of Prof. Abdel-Shafy Obada, encourages and recognises innovative and interdisciplinary research. Ms. Hussain is one of only four recipients globally this year and notably the sole undergraduate student selected in the undergraduate and postgraduate category, standing alongside postgraduate scholars.

Congratulating the young researcher, Prof. Shakil A Romshoo, Vice Chancellor IUST said that Ms. Barkah's achievement at an early stage of her academic journey reflects the spirit of innovation and excellence that IUST strives to nurture. Her success reaffirms our commitment to empowering young researchers to contribute meaningfully at national and global platforms. Dr. Asif Banka Head Department of Computer Science Engineering said that her award reflects the tremendous potential of IUST students to address real-world challenges through innovation.

Ms. Hussain recently won the first prize in a Poster Presentation at IUST on the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction. She has also presented her research at the ISPRS conference at IUST and the 6th Asian Conference on Geography at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. She is also a member of the International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS) and has had an abstract accepted for presentation at the upcoming GISSuRF 2026 conference at VIT-AP, Vijayawada in January 2026

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