



DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

IUST Students Represent University at DD-Robocon 2026 National Finals at IIT Delhi

A six-member student team from the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) represented the university at the DD-Robocon 2026 National Finals, held at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi. The team comprised two students each from the Departments of Mechanical Engineering, Robotics and Automation, and Computer Science and Engineering, and was accompanied by Dr. Mohd Junaid Mir, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, who served as the faculty coordinator.

Organised by IIT Delhi in association with Prasar Bharati and the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), DD-Robocon is India's premier robotics competition and the national qualifying event for the prestigious ABU Robocon. The competition provides a unique platform for engineering institutions across the country to demonstrate excellence in robotics, automation, innovation, and interdisciplinary engineering.

The IUST team earned its place in the National Finals after successfully qualifying through the preliminary stages of the competition. At IIT Delhi, the students competed alongside 38 leading technical institutions from across India, presenting their robotic system while gaining valuable exposure to emerging technologies, advanced engineering practices, and innovative robotic solutions showcased during the event.

A notable highlight of IUST's participation was that it was the only university from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to qualify for and participate in the DD-Robocon 2026 National Finals. This achievement was acknowledged by the organisers during both the inaugural and valedictory sessions of the competition. Prof. S. K. Saha and Prof. Sunil Jha appreciated IUST's participation and commended the team's efforts in representing the region on a national platform. Addressing the participants, they encouraged students from engineering institutions across the country to actively participate in national robotics competitions, highlighting their importance in promoting experiential learning, fostering innovation and creativity, strengthening technical competence, and preparing students to address real-world engineering challenges.

Participation in the National Finals provided the students with an enriching learning experience through interaction with experts, researchers, industry professionals, and student innovators from premier institutions. The event enabled the team to benchmark its technical capabilities, exchange ideas with peers, and gain first-hand exposure to contemporary developments in robotics, automation, embedded systems, control engineering, and intelligent machines.

Congratulating the team on its achievement, the Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, reaffirmed the department's commitment to promoting innovation-driven learning and hands-on



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technical education. He stated that the department would continue to support student participation in national-level competitions by strengthening mentoring, interdisciplinary collaboration, and access to advanced laboratory facilities.

The Department of Mechanical Engineering also expressed its sincere gratitude to the university administration for its encouragement and support in facilitating the team's participation. Special appreciation was extended to M/S Noor Mohammad Bhat (NM) Online Dry Fruit Store and M/S Shams Polymers for their generous support towards the team's travel and accommodation during the competition at IIT Delhi, which significantly contributed to the successful representation of IUST at this prestigious national event.





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