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

Awantipora, July 10: The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) was represented at the DD-Robocon 2026 National Finals, held at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, by a six-member student team comprising two students each from the Departments of Mechanical Engineering, Robotics and Automation, and Computer Science and Engineering. The team 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 IUST team qualified for the National Finals through the preliminary stages and competed alongside 38 leading technical institutions from across the country, showcasing its robotic system while gaining valuable exposure to emerging technologies and advanced engineering practices.

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 the DD-Robocon 2026 National Finals. This achievement was acknowledged by the organisers during the inaugural and valedictory sessions. Prof. S. K. Saha and Prof. Sunil Jha appreciated the team's efforts in representing the region on a national platform and encouraged greater student participation in national robotics competitions to foster innovation, experiential learning, and technical competence.

The National Finals provided the students with an enriching learning experience through interaction with experts, researchers, industry professionals, and student innovators from premier institutions, while offering first-hand exposure to contemporary developments in robotics, automation, embedded systems, control engineering, and intelligent machines.

Congratulating the team, the Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, reaffirmed the department's commitment to promoting innovation-driven learning and hands-on technical education through mentoring, interdisciplinary collaboration, and enhanced laboratory facilities.

The Department of Mechanical Engineering also expressed its gratitude to the university administration for 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 supporting the team's travel and accommodation during the competition, contributing significantly to IUST's representation at this prestigious national event.

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