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DJMC IUST hosts invited lecture on Higher Education

Awantipora, August 31: The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (DJMC), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), hosted an invited lecture on 'Higher Education: The Higher You Go, the Cooler It Is' at Rumi Library Conference Hall on Monday.

Senior Producer, Educational Multimedia Research Centre (EMRC), University of Kashmir, Mr. Ajaz-ul-Haque, was the resource-person for the lecture. The session began with the formal welcome address by Head, DJMC, Dr. Rabia Noor, who introduced the invited speaker and the theme of the lecture.

The session focused on the various aspects of higher education, its meaning and purpose. "The journey of education moves from data to information to knowledge to wisdom and finally to wonder, which are the five milestones in this journey," said Mr. Ajaz-ul-Haque, adding that one must derive depth, maturity and grace from education.

He encouraged students to look beyond conventional academic choices. Deliberating on modern-day technology, he said, "Machines do not think like humans; it is humans who are turning into machines rather than thinking critically. So, higher education must ensure that technology strengthens critical thinking instead of replacing it."

Speaking on the occasion, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, IUST, Prof. Afroz Ahmad Bisati, said, "Higher education is about curiosity and the desire to keep learning, and these values are deeply rooted in our religion as well."

The session concluded with an interactive exchange, where the students raised questions and shared their perspectives with the resource-person. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Dr. Haifaa Mohammad Ahsan, Assistant Professor, DJMC. Dr. Mujeeb Liyakat, Assistant Professor, DJMC, was also present on the occasion.

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