



INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL STUDIES

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ACTIVITIES

- **INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF SPIRITUALITY:** The International Journal of Spirituality (TIJOS) with ISSN 2347-9566 has been started by the Centre, in order to establish a unique research atmosphere in the university. TIJOS is an inter & trans-disciplinary publication of the ICSS which seeks to create a platform for scholars of the world across disciplines to bring to forefront multi-faceted spiritual heritage of different traditions, to promote critical engagements with modern ideologies and institutions and to illuminate hitherto ignored aspects of traditional heritage as they relate to widespread crisis in moral, intellectual and spiritual domains world over. TIJOS encourages submission of scholarly research articles world over on all facets of Spirituality: religion, philosophy, metaphysics, psychology, Gnosticism, history, comparative literatures, or any relevant branch of knowledge. The maiden issue of TIJOS has been released in 2018, wherein, the world luminaries like Prof. Seyyed Hossein Nasr and Prof. Patrick Laude have contributed. The second issue is in the process of finalization.
- On 16th of April 2013, on the eve of 762nd anniversary of Maulana Jalal-e-Din Mohammad Balkhi Rumi (RA), a Special Lecture was held at Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST). On the occasion noted academician and adjunct professor of International Centre for Spiritual Studies Dr. Bashir Ahmad Nehvi delivered a Comprehensive Lecture on “Rumi’s Contribution to Humanity” in the IUST auditorium. The function was presided over by Registrar IUST Prof. (Dr.) A.G. Rather.
- On 23rd of April 2013, In connection with the 75th anniversary of Hakeem ul Ummat Allama Dr. Sir Mohammad Iqbal (RA), a Special Extension Lecture was held at Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST). On the occasion noted educationist of the state Mr. Sahibzada Muzaffar Amin Alvi delivered a comprehensive lecture entitled: “The development of moral consciousness through Iqbal’s Art & Thought” in the university auditorium. The function was presided over by the Head Department of Arabic Language & Literature Dr. Syed Majeed Andrabi.
- On 26th of April 2013, ICSS organized a Special Lecture on “The Role of Moral Education in Personality Development”. The Lecture was delivered by noted academician of the subcontinent Professor Emeritus of Delhi University and Adjunct Professor International Centre of Spiritual Studies Prof. Abdul Haq. The function was presided over by Registrar IUST Prof. (Dr.) A.G. Rather.
- On 20th of November 2013, ICSS organized a one-day seminar on “Essence of Moharram”. The main aim of the seminar was to memorize the sacrifice of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) for the sacred cause of humanity. The seminar was presided over by Vice Chancellor of IUST Prof. A.R. Trag.



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- On 28th of October 2014, ICSS in collaboration with Medicines organized a Special Lecture with an interactive session on “Mental Health and Effects of Flood on Society”.
- On 7th of July 2018, International Centre for Spiritual Studies (ICSS) organized a Special Lecture on “Ilm- Ul Ehsan” By Showkat Husain Keng, Former Professor, Hanfiyah Arabic College, for University faculty and students. While deliberating on the word Ehsaan, Prof. Keng said Islam is not only a religion to worship but it is the complete code of life.
- On 9th of September 2018, ICSS organized a Special Lecture which was delivered by Dr. Qazi S. Azher Michigan State University, USA and the topic was “The Contribution of Islam to Modern Science and Engineering Investigations”.
- On 12th of June 2019, In order to promote Universal values & understanding and student / teacher exchange programme IUST signed a MoU with University of Islamic Denominations, Tehran, Iran, wherein, galaxy of scholars/ intellectuals led by Prof. Dr. Mohammad Hossein Mokhtari (Rector, Islamic Denominations University. Prof. Mokhtari & other scholars delivered their speeches on various aspects of “Quranic Hermeneutics”. He explained Friedrich Schleiermacher’s theory of Hermeneutics in detail and deliberated on the three modes of Hermeneutics: Classic, Romantic and Philosophical.
- On 1st of August 2019, ICSS organized a Special Lecture on “Immunotherapy: Harnessing the Power of Immune System to Eradicate Cancers” delivered by Mumtaz Y Balkhi (MS, Ph.D) Scientific Director, Immune Therapy Bio Cambridge MA USA.
- On 31st of March 2022, ICSS organized a Special Lecture on “The Vibrant Contributions of the Spiritual Personages to the Society: An Analysis”. The Special Lecture was delivered by Maulana Mufti Mohammad Ishaq Nazki (Qasmi). The function was presided over by Prof. Naseer Iqbal, Registrar, IUST.
- On 12th of April 2022, ICSS organized one-day conference on the theme “The Impact of Fasting on Spiritual and Mental Health”. Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor presided over the conference. Prof. Qayyum Hussain, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Cluster University Srinagar was Guest of Honor. Prof. Mushtaq Margoob and Mufti Nazir Ahmad Qasmi were distinguished speakers. The auditorium was full with the audience.
- On 21st of April 2022, ICSS organized an Extension Lecture entitled “The Concept of Knowledge According to Maulana Rumi and the Sufis in a Comparative Perspective”. The lecture was delivered by the renowned Islamic Scholar Dr. Sameer Shafi Siddiqui.



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- On 18th of May 2022, on the eve of auspicious anniversary of Hazrat Sayyid Hassan Al-Mantaqi (RA), ICSS organized a Conference on the theme “Life and Contribution of Hazrat Sayyid Hassan Al-Mantaqi (RA)”. The conference was presided over by Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor.
- On 28th of July 2022, a One-day Conference on “Dr. Iqbal and His World of Spirituality” was organized in collaboration with Iqbal Institute of Cultural & Philosophy University of Kashmir and Meezan Publications Srinagar. Maulana Ahmad Shah Lolabi (a well-known religious scholar of Kashmir) delivered an exhaustive keynote address on the occasion. A Special Lecture was also delivered by the Guest of Honour on the occasion; Prof. Abdul Haq (Professor Emeritus, University of Delhi). A brief book releasing ceremony was held in which five books were released under the auspices of Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor IUST. The inaugural session was followed by a symposium with a concurrent business session. In the symposium twelve students from different Higher Secondary schools of the valley participated. In the business session also took place in which some valuable academic presentations / papers were read on Iqbal’s thought on spirituality.
- On 30th of August 2022, First Advisory Council of the Centre was held in the meeting room of VC Secretariat in a hybrid mode under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo.
- On 28th of September 2022, First Board of Studies meeting of the Centre was held in the Board Room of Academic Block VII in a hybrid mode under the Chairmanship of Dean Research Prof. A. H. Moon.
- On 28th of December 2022, The International Centre for Spiritual Studies, Office of the Dean Outreach and Mantaqi Centre for Science and Society IUST in collaboration with Shamah Foundation is organized a one-day seminar on the theme “Drug Addiction, Spiritual Healing and The Role of Parents Auditorium Academic Block III. Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Aziz (Former Head, Department of Oncology SKIMS Soura) was the Chief Guest and Mufti Zia Ud Din Nizami (Eminent Religious Scholar) as the Guest of Honor on the occasion. Prof. Manzoor Ahmad Malik (Dean Academic Affairs) presided over the event.
- On 3rd April 2023, International Centre for Spiritual Studies conducted a Seminar on the theme “Psychological Disorders, Mental Health and Fasting” in collaboration with Unani and Panchkarma Group of Hospitals. Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Margoob, Prof. Abdul Majid, (HOD Psychiatry, SKIMS Medical College Bemina), Dr. Nisar Ahmad Trali (Senior Consultant Physician), Dr. Hakeem Naseer, Mufti Zia Ul Haq, Maulana Showkat Hussain Keng and Prof. Tayyib Kamili deliberated in the seminar. Prof. Naseer Iqbal (Registrar IUST) was Chief Guest of the event.