



Report of One week Community Outreach Programme on “Spoken Arabic”

For Female Madrasa Students

The Department of Arabic Language and Literature, IUST successfully conducted a week-long community outreach programme on "Spoken Arabic" for female madrasa students. This initiative aimed to promote cultural understanding, linguistic diversity, and empower participants with spoken Arabic skills. The programme took place from the 13th of November 2023 to the 17th of November 2023.

Participating Institutions:

A total of fifteen enthusiastic female students from three women's institutions actively participated in the outreach programme. The institutions represented were:

1. Jamia tul Banat, Lalbazar, Srinagar
2. Jamia tus Sualihat, Marhama, Anantnag
3. Islamic Oriental College, Tral

Programme Highlights:

1. Interactive Sessions:

The programme commenced on 13th of November 2023 with engaging and interactive sessions that introduced the participants to the basics of spoken Arabic. Experienced instructors from the department facilitated these sessions, incorporating multimedia tools, role-playing activities, and group discussions to enhance the learning experience.

2. Practical Conversational Practice:

A significant focus of the programme was on practical conversational practice. Participants were given opportunities to engage in real-life scenarios, enabling them to apply their newly acquired language skills. This approach aimed to build confidence and fluency in spoken Arabic.

3. Guest Speakers:

Distinguished guest speakers including research scholars from our own department and experts from other departments were invited to elucidate on the topics assigned to them. In addition to the topics relevant to the Arabic language, a session was conducted by Dr. Furruk Faizan Mir (Assistant Professor, Department of English) on “Basics of English Language”. These sessions provided a broader perspective on the importance of spoken Arabic in various contexts, including professional and social settings.

4. Valecditory Session:

The outreach programme concluded with a valecditory session Chaired by Prof. Lily Want, Dean Outreach and attended by Coordinator, Community Connect IUST Ms.Shazana Andrabi in addition to the participants and all faculty members of the Department of Arabic Language and



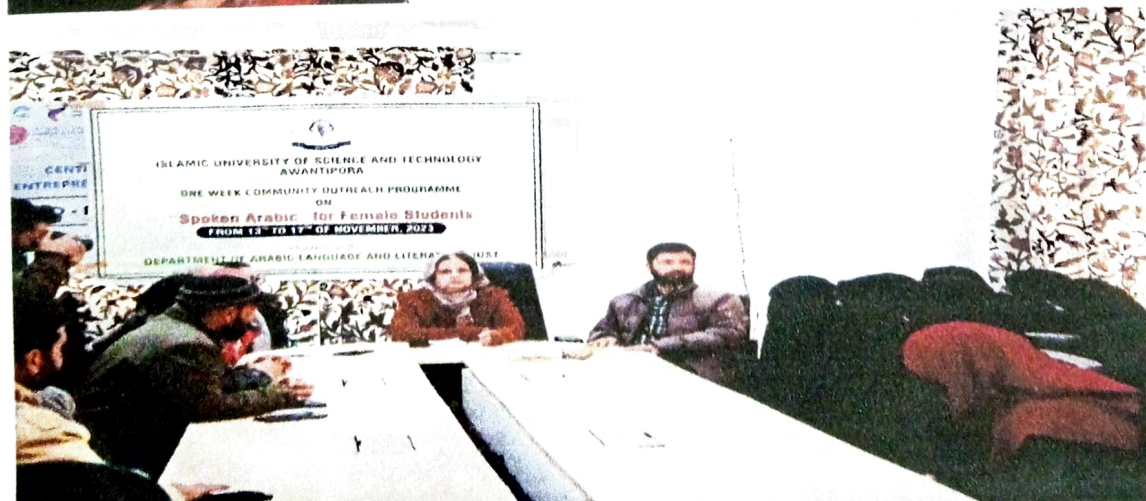
Literature. The event was held on 20-11-2023 in the board room of CIED. The participants were felicitated with certificates of participation.

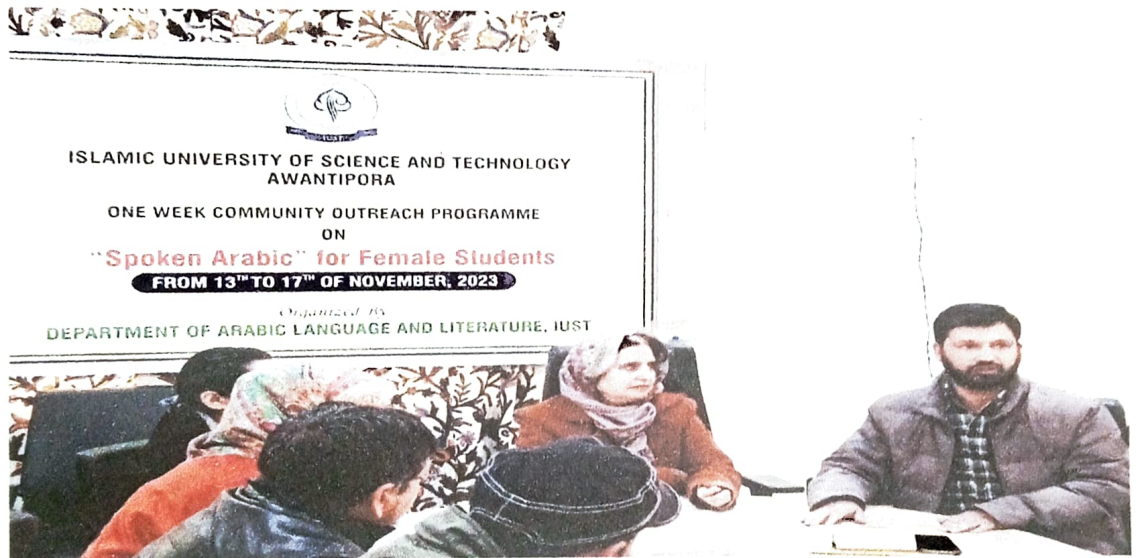
5. **Feedback and Impact:**

Post-programme feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with participants expressing gratitude for the opportunity to learn and immerse themselves in the Arabic language and culture. Many highlighted increased confidence in speaking Arabic and a deeper appreciation for the cultural nuances associated with the language.

Conclusion:

The Department of Arabic Language and Literature's week-long community outreach programme on Spoken Arabic for female students was a resounding success. The initiative not only imparted valuable language skills but also fostered cultural understanding and appreciation. The positive impact on participants' confidence and ability to communicate in spoken Arabic speaks volumes about the effectiveness of the programme. Such initiatives play a crucial role in promoting linguistic diversity and cultural exchange within educational communities.






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