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CIED–IUST Foundation Hosts SIDBI Delegation to Strengthen Innovation & Entrepreneurship Ecosystem

Awantipora, Nov. 24: A high-level delegation from the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) visited the Innovation Campus of IUST today for an interactive programme with participants of STEM (Skill to Enterprise Model) and EDP (Executive Development Programme in Transformational Leadership for micro and small enterprises) initiatives under the CIED–IUST Foundation. The delegation was led by Shri Manoj Mittal, Chairman and Managing Director, SIDBI, and included senior officials Shri Sudatta Mandal (DMD), Shri Balbir Singh (CGM), Shri Sunil S. (GM), and Mr. Ketan Gaikwad, Managing Director & CEO, RXIL, among others.

Vice Chancellor IUST, Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo, along with Registrar Prof. Abdul Wahid, Dean Academic Affairs Prof. A. H. Moon, and CEO CIED–IUST Foundation Prof. Parvez A. Mir graced the programme and interacted with the delegation. Prof. Romshoo emphasized the pivotal role of universities in advancing the region's innovation ecosystem and highlighted IUST's commitment through the establishment of the CIED–IUST Foundation as a Section-8 company dedicated to entrepreneurship development.

Shri Mittal highlighted SIDBI's support mechanisms available for emerging entrepreneurs and engaged with the participants to discuss potential opportunities and growth pathways. The delegation also interacted with representatives from the Cricket Bat Manufacturers Association of Kashmir, CII Kashmir, and a delegation of beekeepers. On the occasion, SIDBI launched new initiatives with SPVLG Artisans Foundation and Jammu & Kashmir Association of Social Workers (JKASW), and signed an MoU with Industrial Association Rangreth.

Earlier, welcoming the dignitaries, Prof. Parvez A. Mir shared key achievements of the STEM programme, while Prof. Moon provided an overview of the CIED–IUST Foundation and future collaboration prospects. On this occasion, certificates were also distributed to STEM and EDP participants. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sajaad Ahmed Lone, Coordinator TBIC, and was anchored by Dr. Hajra Manzoor from the Department of Management Studies.

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