

**GDC (W) M. A. Road Srinagar Visits CIED–IUST Foundation for Entrepreneurship
Awareness Program (EAP)**

27-11-2025: Students from Government Degree College for Women, M. A. Road Srinagar, visited CIED–IUST Foundation, Innovation Campus, as part of an Entrepreneurship Awareness Program (EAP) aimed at fostering innovation, career readiness and entrepreneurial thinking among young learners. The visit was conducted under the leadership of Prof. Parvez A. Mir, CEO CIED–IUST Foundation, who interacted with the students and encouraged them to explore opportunities in innovation and entrepreneurship.

Prof. Parvez warmly welcomed the visiting students and introduced them to the Foundation’s vision and objectives. He highlighted the institution’s commitment to expanding educational opportunities and addressing the unique aspirations of students through impactful outreach initiatives. He also encouraged the female participants to explore entrepreneurship and become active contributors to the innovation, startup and economic ecosystem of the region.

Mr. Adnan Ali Khan, Incubation Manager, DST i-TBI CIED–IUST Foundation, delivered an insightful session on the activities of Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (CIED). He emphasized the significance of skill-based and technical courses and highlighted various funding opportunities such as the DST NIDHI Ignition Grant Scheme and SISFS support available through CIED for aspiring entrepreneurs. He also explained about Mission YUVA’s neo-innovative enterprises scheme and encouraged students and aspiring entrepreneurs to avail maximum benefits under the scheme.

As part of the immersive learning experience, the students toured various technology and innovation labs, including the C4i4 Lab, D&D Lab, Training & Development Lab and UltraTech Cement Lab. They also engaged in hands-on demonstrations with advanced tools such as 3D printers, 3D scanners, PCB prototyping machines, CNC machines and laser cutting equipment, gaining practical exposure to real-world technological applications.

The visit proved to be both enlightening and inspiring, offering students valuable exposure, essential resources and a deeper understanding of emerging opportunities in technology and entrepreneurship.