

**CIED–IUST Foundation Inaugurates One-Week MSME Management Development
Program on AI & IoT Integrated Manufacturing Strategy**

11-02-2026: - CIED–IUST Foundation inaugurated a one-week Management Development Program (MDP) on AI & IoT Integrated Manufacturing Strategy, sponsored by the Ministry of MSME, at the IUST Innovation Campus.

The program was inaugurated by Prof. Parvez A. Mir, CEO CIED–IUST Foundation, in the presence of faculty members of the Foundation and participants from Kashmir Government Polytechnic College, Srinagar. The initiative aims to enhance manufacturing efficiency and strengthen AI and IoT integration which is essential for effective business operations and entrepreneurial growth in today's technology-driven environment.

Addressing the participants, Prof. Parvez A. Mir emphasized the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the modern world and its increasing integration into everyday life and industrial systems. He interacted with the participants on the concept of IoT-integrated manufacturing strategies and highlighted the importance of the Internet of Things (IoT) in improving productivity, automation and smart decision-making in manufacturing processes.

The inaugural day featured introductory sessions on the fundamentals of the iFactory Lab, including its working mechanisms and significance in promoting advanced manufacturing practices.

The week-long program will comprehensively cover hands-on training on the use of the iFactory lab, 3D printing technology, laser cutting machines and other modern equipment available at the IUST Innovation Campus. The program is designed to provide practical exposure and technical insights into smart manufacturing systems aligned with Industry 4.0 standards.