

**PM Shri Govt. School Shopian Visits CIED–IUST Foundation for Entrepreneurship
Awareness Program (EAP)**

18-02-2026: More than 70 students and faculty members from PM Shri Govt. School Shopian visited the CIED–IUST Foundation at the IUST Innovation Campus for an Entrepreneurship Awareness Program (EAP) aimed at fostering innovation, skill development and entrepreneurial thinking among young learners.

Mr. Syed Abdul Basit Andrabi, CEO, DST i-TBI, CIED–IUST Foundation, warmly welcomed the visiting students and acquainted them with the Foundation’s mission, vision and key objectives. In his address, Mr. Andrabi emphasized the increasing significance of entrepreneurship in today’s dynamic and competitive landscape and encouraged students to pursue skill-oriented courses to enhance their employability and broaden their career prospects. He described innovation-driven entrepreneurship as a powerful driver of sustainable development and self-reliance.

He also informed the participants about the recently launched Mission Yuva Scheme by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, designed to promote entrepreneurship and empower youth across the region. During his interaction with the students, he highlighted the various short-term skill development programs offered by the Foundation to nurture innovation and strengthen entrepreneurial competencies among aspiring young entrepreneurs.

As part of the immersive learning experience, the students toured various state-of-the-art technology and innovation facilities, including the iFactory Lab, Design & Development (D&D) Lab, Training & Development Lab and UltraTech Cement Lab. They actively engaged in hands-on sessions utilizing advanced tools such as 3D printers, 3D scanners, PCB prototyping machines, CNC machines and laser cutting equipment, thereby gaining valuable practical exposure to real-world technological applications and industry-relevant skills.

The visit proved to be highly insightful and inspiring, providing students with meaningful exposure to emerging opportunities in technology and entrepreneurship. It significantly broadened their perspectives on innovation-driven career pathways and strengthened their understanding of the importance of future-ready skills in today’s rapidly evolving professional landscape.