

**PM Shri Govt. High School TK Bala Singhpora Pattan Baramulla Visits CIED–IUST  
Foundation for Entrepreneurship Awareness Program (EAP)**

31-03-2026: More than 150 students and faculty members from PM Shri Govt. High School TK Bala Singhpora Pattan, Baramulla, 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. Showkat Ahmad Dar, Project Assistant (STEM), CIED–IUST Foundation, warmly welcomed the visiting students and faculty. He introduced them to the Foundation’s mission, vision and key objectives, highlighting the growing importance of entrepreneurship in today’s dynamic and competitive landscape. He also briefed participants about the Mission Yuva Scheme by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, which focuses on promoting entrepreneurship and empowering youth across the region.

Mr. Adnan Ali Khan, Incubation Manager, DST i-TBI CIED–IUST Foundation, delivered an insightful session on the Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (CIED) and its initiatives. He emphasized the significance of skill-based and technical education, while also discussing various funding opportunities and financial assistance schemes such as the DST NIDHI Ignition Grant Scheme and Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS) available through CIED to support aspiring entrepreneurs.

As part of the experiential learning component, the students toured several state-of-the-art facilities, including the iFactory Lab, Design & Development (D&D) Lab, Training & Development Lab and UltraTech Cement Lab. They actively participated in hands-on sessions involving advanced technologies such as 3D printers, 3D scanners, PCB prototyping machines, CNC machines and laser cutting equipment, gaining valuable exposure to real-world 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.