

**CIED–IUST Foundation Organizes Motivational Expert Session for Innovators and  
Entrepreneurs**

21-05-2026: CIED–IUST Foundation organized a motivational expert session featuring innovators and entrepreneurs at the IUST Innovation Campus under the leadership of Prof. Parvez A. Mir, CEO, CIED – IUST Foundation. The event aimed to inspire students towards innovation, entrepreneurship, leadership and personal development through interactive discussions and real-life success stories shared by renowned experts.

The session was inaugurated by Dr. Basharat Nabi Dar in the esteemed presence of Shri Vinay Kumar, Northern Head, Swalambhi Bharat Abhiyan, Dr. Touseef Ahmed Bhat, Industry Consultant, along with other distinguished members of the Foundation and a large group of entrepreneurs as well as students from Government Polytechnic College IUST.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Basharat Nabi Dar highlighted the importance of entrepreneurship, innovation and skill-based learning in today’s rapidly evolving world. He emphasized that institutions must create an ecosystem that motivates youth to think creatively, develop problem-solving abilities and become job creators rather than job seekers. He also encouraged students to actively participate in innovation-driven initiatives and startup activities being promoted at the Foundation.

Speaking on the occasion, Sh. Vinay Kumar stressed the significance of self-reliance, youth empowerment and entrepreneurial thinking among students. He shared valuable insights on how determination, innovation and perseverance can help young minds transform their ideas into successful ventures. He further motivated students to adopt a positive mindset and explore opportunities in emerging sectors.

Dr. Touseef Ahmed Bhat, while interacting with the participants, highlighted the growing importance of industry-academia collaboration and practical exposure for students. He encouraged students to continuously upgrade their skills and remain adaptable to the changing demands of the professional world.

The expert speakers shared inspiring experiences from their entrepreneurial journeys and discussed the challenges, opportunities and lessons they encountered while building successful careers and ventures. The session provided students with practical guidance and motivation to pursue innovation and entrepreneurship with confidence and dedication.