

**National Innovations Public School Zainapora Shopian Visits CIED–IUST Foundation for
Entrepreneurship Awareness Program**

16-06-2026: As part of its ongoing efforts to nurture entrepreneurial thinking among young learners, CIED–IUST Foundation hosted an Entrepreneurship Awareness Program (EAP) for over 55 students from National Innovations Public School (Senior Secondary), Zainapora Shopian, at the IUST Innovation Campus.

The program was designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of entrepreneurship, innovation and emerging technologies, while providing them with an opportunity to explore the practical dimensions of creativity and enterprise development.

During the inaugural session, Mr. Shameem Iqbal, Manager, CIED–IUST Foundation, welcomed the participants and provided an overview of the Foundation’s initiatives aimed at fostering innovation and entrepreneurship among youth. He emphasized the importance of cultivating an entrepreneurial mindset from an early stage and encouraged students to develop problem-solving abilities, creativity and leadership skills that are essential in today’s rapidly evolving world. He further highlighted the role of innovation-driven enterprises in generating employment opportunities and contributing to socio-economic progress.

As part of the program, students were taken on a guided tour of the Innovation Campus, where they explored several advanced facilities, including the iFactory Lab, Design & Development (D&D) Lab, Training & Development Lab and UltraTech Cement Lab. The participants also witnessed live demonstrations of modern manufacturing and prototyping technologies such as 3D printing, 3D scanning, CNC machining, PCB fabrication and laser cutting, gaining valuable insights into their real-world applications.

The Entrepreneurship Awareness Program concluded with an engaging interactive session, where students enthusiastically raised questions about entrepreneurship, technological innovation and startup development. The participants expressed their appreciation to the CIED–IUST Foundation for providing a meaningful learning experience and an opportunity to explore the world of innovation and enterprise.