

**Students from Hope Foundation (NGO) Srinagar Visit CIED–IUST Foundation for
Entrepreneurship Awareness Program (EAP)**

06-08-2026: Students from Hope Foundation (NGO), Srinagar, visited the CIED–IUST Foundation at the IUST Innovation Campus to participate in an Entrepreneurship Awareness Program (EAP) aimed at fostering innovation, entrepreneurship and skill development among young learners.

The visiting students and faculty members were welcomed by Mr. Tahir Showkat Bazaz, Assistant Manager, CIED–IUST Foundation, who introduced them to the Foundation’s mission, vision and initiatives. Addressing the participants, he highlighted the growing importance of entrepreneurship in today’s rapidly evolving economy and encouraged students to adopt skill-oriented learning to enhance their employability and career opportunities.

During an interactive session, Mr. Bazaz familiarized the participants with the fundamentals of entrepreneurship, design thinking and the process of transforming innovative ideas into sustainable business ventures. Through practical examples and discussions, students gained valuable insights into opportunity identification, problem-solving and entrepreneurial thinking.

As part of the experiential learning component, the participants toured the iFactory Lab, Design & Development (D&D) Lab, Training & Development Lab and UltraTech Cement Lab. They also engaged in hands-on demonstrations of advanced technologies, including 3D printing, 3D scanning, PCB prototyping, CNC machining and laser cutting, providing them with firsthand exposure to innovation-driven technologies and industry-relevant skills.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks, with the students and faculty expressing their appreciation to the CIED–IUST Foundation for organizing an informative and inspiring Entrepreneurship Awareness Program.