

**ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (IUST),
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**Kalam Academy for Skill and Training (KAST)
PRESS NOTE**

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IUST Conducts PMKVY Certificate Distribution Ceremony

The Kalam Academy for Skill and Training (KAST), Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST), Awantipora conducted a Certificate Distribution Ceremony on 13 August 2026 at the Rumi Library Conference Hall to felicitate trainees who successfully completed the Junior Software Developer and IT Help Desk Attendant courses under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY).

The programme commenced with a Welcome Address by Dr. Liyaqat Nazir, Coordinator, KAST, who welcomed the distinguished guests, faculty members, trainers, and trainees. In his address, he highlighted the importance of skill development initiatives in equipping youth with industry-relevant competencies and enhancing their employability in the rapidly evolving technology sector. The ceremony was graced by Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Dean, Academic Affairs, IUST, as the Chief Guest, and Prof. Shameem Ahmad Shah, Registrar, IUST, as the Guest of Honour. Addressing the gathering, the dignitaries congratulated the trainees on successfully completing their training and encouraged them to continue upgrading their skills to meet the evolving demands of the IT industry. They also reaffirmed the University's commitment to promoting quality skill education and creating meaningful employment opportunities through nationally recognized skill development initiatives.

The Certificate Distribution Ceremony formed the highlight of the programme, during which certificates were presented to the trainees who successfully completed the Junior Software Developer and IT Help Desk Attendant courses under the PMKVY scheme.

The proceedings of the event were conducted by Dr. Yasir Altaf, Co-Coordinator, Kalam Academy of Skill Development and Training (KAST), who served as the Host of the Ceremony.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Syed Zubair Ahmad Shah, who expressed gratitude to the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, university administration, faculty members, trainers, and all participants for contributing to the successful conduct of the event. The ceremony witnessed

enthusiastic participation from university officials, faculty members, programme coordinators, trainers, trainees, and invited guests. The event reaffirmed IUST's commitment to promoting skill development, enhancing employability, and empowering youth through the successful implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY).