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Plantation Drive themed “Donate, Plant & Own a Tree” held at IUST

Awantipora, April 3: As part of the Green India Mission, the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) Awantipora conducted a plantation drive this week, to continue its ongoing initiatives for enhancing campus green cover and valuing the environmental protection, conservation and sustainable management of biodiversity. The plantation drive, themed as Donate, Plant & Own a Tree (DPOT) was organized by IUST's Landscaping Section and Biodiversity Park Project in association with the Department of Sericulture, Jammu & Kashmir.



During the drive saplings of Mulberry species supplied by the Department of Sericulture were planted in the campus. The event was carried out under the overall supervision of Registrar IUST Prof. Naseer Iqbal, who shared a brief overview about the objectives behind organizing such drives and said, "IUST is establishing Biodiversity Park in the campus so as to enhance the environment management and increase the ecosystem services in the area." He also congratulated the staff associated with Landscaping Section and Biodiversity Park in organising the event and also thanked the Department of Sericulture for their support in making the event success.

Various officers, Faculty members, Staff and students from various Schools/departments of IUST participated in the drive and planted trees. Those present included Prof. Manzoor Ahmad Malik, Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Shabir Ahmad Bhat, Dean Outreach, Prof. Hamidullah Marazi, I/C Director, International Centre for Spiritual Studies, Prof. Lily Want, I/C Director, Averroes Centre for Philosophical Studies, Prof. Ab. Rashid Malik I/C Director Habba Khatoon Centre for Kashmiri Language and Literature, Mr. Sameer Wazir, Finance Officer, Dr. S. Iqbal Quraishi, Deputy Registrar, Estates, Mr. Sheikh Asif, Deputy Registrar, Establishment, Dr. Afroz Bisati, I/C Librarian, Dr. Anisa Jan Dean of Students, Dr. Asif Fazili, Head, Department of Management Studies, Mr. Mudasir A. Mir, Assistant Registrar Finance, Mr. Mubashir Nazir, Assistant Registrar Procurement & Stores, Dr. Muzafar A Macha, I/C Watson-Crick Centre for Molecular Medicine, Dr. Rais A. Ganie, I/C Centre for Vocational



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Studies, Dr. Asheed A Ganie, Ramalingaswami Fellow, Watson-Crick Centre for Molecular Medicine.

The Department of Sericulture was represented by Mr. Feroz Ahmad Mattoo, District Sericulture Officer, Pulwama, Mr. Gh Mohammad Hafiz Sericulture Assistant Tral Zone, Dr. Adil Abdullah Wani, Field Assistant Tral Zone, Mr. Mohd Amin Bhat, Nursery Man Tral and Ashiq Hussain Malik. The event was coordinated by Incharge Landscaping and Nodal Officer Biodiversity Park IUST, Dr. Aijaz A. Qureshi.