

Three-Day English Language Learning Workshop for School students concluded at IUST

Awantipora, December 10. The Department of English Language and Literature, IUST organized a Three-day English Language and Learning Workshop for upper primary and secondary school students at IUST. The workshop aimed to provide four basic skills of English language to students and expose them to Language learning software was attended by about forty students from Govt. Girls High School Noorpora and Govt. High School Awantipora.

The workshop was organized under the University Community Outreach programme. Besides having theoretical and practical sessions on English Language writing, the students visited the university library and were provided hands-on training on the language learning software at the University Language Lab.

The program was lauded by the school administration, as this contribute to enhancing the communication skills of the students. Speaking about the effectiveness of the workshop, Dr. Munejah Khan I/C Dean School of Humanities and Social Sciences IUST said that more such programs will be held in the future also.

Prof. Lily Want, Dean Outreach IUST congratulated the department for conducting the workshop and emphasised that universities have to redefine their role in the contemporary times. She deliberated upon how educational institutions, in particular the universities, must acquire transformative competencies so that students are able to apply their knowledge and learning in changing circumstances and practical situations. Talking about the role of universities in producing knowledge workers and not just graduates, Prof. Want urged upon all higher educational institutions to replace rote learning with a broad range of skills such as linguistic competencies, critical thinking, creative thing, and learning to use communicative technological devices.

Ms. Shazana Andrabi, Coordinator Community Connect IUST underlined the importance of conducting such workshops and laid stress on having more such programmes in future to build a strong and healthy relationship between IUST and the community. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. Misba, Deapartment Outreach Coordinator.

Prof. Want and Dr. Khan distributed certificates among all the participants. The session ended with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Fayaz Sultan, Sr. Assistant Professor.