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INNOVATION HAT-TRICK: IUST SECURES 4-STAR RATING FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) has once again demonstrated its strong institutional commitment to innovation, entrepreneurship and start-up development by securing a 4-Star Rating in the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) Rankings 2024–25 of the Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India.

The result, announced recently, marks the third consecutive year that IUST has achieved the 4-Star Rating, reaffirming the University's sustained performance in fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship across its academic ecosystem. IUST had secured a 3.5-Star Rating in 2021–22, followed by 4-Star Ratings in 2022–23, 2023–24 and 2024–25.



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Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, IUST, appreciated the collective efforts of faculty members and all stakeholders who contributed to the University's performance during the year. He congratulated CIED Director and his team for their sustained efforts in strengthening the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem. "At IUST, innovation is increasingly becoming an integral part of the academic culture, connecting ideas with incubation and innovations to find solutions for real-world problems" Prof. Romshoo said.

Significantly, 4 Stars is the highest rating awarded in the current cycle, with more than 8,500 institutions participating from across the country. IUST is also among only three institutions in Jammu and Kashmir to receive the 4-Star Rating in the current cycle, placing the University among the leading institutions in the region in the field of innovation and entrepreneurship.

The achievement assumes added significance as the IIC performance framework has evolved and its assessment parameters have been progressively strengthened over the years, making it increasingly challenging for institutions to sustain their rating. IUST has nevertheless maintained its 4-Star status through consistent engagement and performance across the prescribed parameters.

During the IIC calendar year, institutions were required to undertake 58 mandated activities. Against this benchmark, IUST submitted more than 120 activities, including over 60 self-driven initiatives, reflecting the University's proactive approach towards creating opportunities for innovation, ideation, entrepreneurship and experiential learning.

The University's performance was assessed across a range of indicators, including ideas, innovations and start-ups submitted on the YUKTI platform; participation in the Smart India Hackathon; the number and engagement of Innovation Ambassadors; intellectual property rights filed and granted; mentoring and innovation-related activities, among other parameters.

IUST RECORDS HIGHEST ANNUAL ADMISSIONS IN 2026

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) has achieved a significant milestone in its academic journey by recording its highest-ever annual admissions in 2026, with over 2000 students admitted across its 100 academic programmes.This represents an increase of around 10 percent over the admissions recorded in 2025, reflecting the continued growth of the University.

Notably, the university has achieved its highest-ever annual admission tally even as the admission process for the B.Tech. programmes for working professionals remains ongoing. The eventual enrolment for the 2026 academic session may therefore rise further, underscoring the continued expansion of academic opportunities at IUST. The university has recorded an overall seat occupancy of approximately 91.7 percent.

IUST has recorded a great surge in admissions in last five years with addition of new programmes. Since 2022 admissions in the university have doubled with more than 100 percent increase in programme offerings and the same has been achieved under visionary leadership of the honourable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Ramshoo.

"Increase in admissions across programmes is a testimony to the hard work of IUST faculty," said Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Dean Academic Affairs, IUST.

7 IUST SCIENTISTS FEATURE IN WORLD'S TOP 2% SCIENTISTS LIST 2026

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) has achieved another significant milestone in research excellence, with seven of its scientists featuring in the 2026 edition of the World's top two percent scientists' database, compiled by researchers associated with Stanford University and Elsevier. The latest edition of the database, released on October 7, 2026, is based on standardized citation indicators derived from Scopus data and provides a composite measure of research impact based on citations, authorship, co-authorship and other bibliometric parameters.

The IUST scientists featured in the 2026 list are Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice-Chancellor, IUST; Dr. Basharat Nabi Dar, Department of Food Technology; Dr. Shakeel Ahmad Khanday, Department of Physics; Dr. Mohd. Younus Bhat, Department of Mathematical Sciences; Dr. Aamir Hussain Dar, Department of Food Technology; Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad Macha, Watson-Crick Centre for Molecular Medicine; and Dr. Manzoor Ahmad Rather, Department of Chemistry. Their inclusion reflects the growing research impact of IUST faculty across diverse areas of science, technology and interdisciplinary research.

Congratulating the faculty members, Prof. Shakil A Romshoo, said that the recognition was a matter of great pride for the University.

DJMC IUST ORGANISES NATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2026



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The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (DJMC), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), organised the national-level Film Festival 2026 on October 15. The festival brought together aspiring filmmakers and students from diverse educational institutions to celebrate cinema and creative storytelling.

As many as 27 short films and documentaries were screened on the occasion, of which 22 were shortlisted for the competition among school, college and university students participating from various states of India. A film from IUST titled 'Deception' by Afnan Manzoor bagged the best film award, 'Compulsion' from Amar Singh College received second film award, 'Bindiya' from Central University of Haryana received third best film award, while DJMC IUST's 'Lemonade' by Fahad Paray and Ather received the Special Jury Mention award.

Prof. Shahid Rasool, Dean Academic Affairs, Central University of Kashmir, Bollywood actor-director Mir Sarwar and filmmaker and Founder, Renzu Films, Danish Renzu were the jury members for the competition.

In his presidential address, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, IUST, underlined the importance of film making and storytelling through cinema to promote skilful creativity among students and institutions. He stressed that inherent creativity is often stifled by the conventional education system. "However, universities are now building ecosystems for innovation and entrepreneurship while keeping in view the ethical use of technology and media," said Prof. Romshoo, who was the chief guest on the occasion.

Dean Academic Affairs, IUST, Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, and Dean School of Humanities and Social Sciences, IUST, Dr. Afroz Ahmad Bisati joined as the guests of honour.



Photo: Zahoor Ahmad/IUST

Earlier, welcoming the guests and participants, Dr. Rabia Noor, Head, DJMC, stressed that media education must extend beyond the classrooms and textbooks, adding that the Film Festival 2026 is one such initiative, "designed to provide a platform to emerging filmmakers to showcase their talent, and learn from experienced practitioners of the art and craft of filmmaking."

Meanwhile, a special edition of Times Echo, IUST news magazine, titled 'IUST@2047: Special Edition on Institutional Development Plans' was unveiled on the occasion. The edition brings together the IDPs of various departments, centres and offices of IUST, reflecting their roadmap for growth towards a developed India by 2047.

The participating institutions included DJMC IUST, Government College for Women M.A. Road, GDC Anantnag, Amar Singh College, Green Valley Educational Institute, Heritage School Jammu, SRM Welkin School Sopore, Media Education Research Centre, University of Kashmir, Central University of Haryana, Central University of Punjab, and Govt. Medical College and Hospital, Chandigarh and Govt. College for Women, Jammu, among others. Besides, five other films produced by DJMC IUST were screened on the occasion.

IUST SIGNS MOU UNDER MISSION YUVA TO STRENGTHEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP, INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM IN J&K



Photo: Zahoor Ahmad, IUST

The CIED–IUST Foundation of the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the YUVA Innovation Hub, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under Mission YUVA at the IUST Innovation Campus on October 27. The collaboration aims to strengthen entrepreneurship, promote innovation, and support youth-led enterprise development across Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Vivek Aggarwal, IAS, Director of Employment and Managing Director, Mission YUVA, J&K, appreciated IUST's initiatives in promoting entrepreneurship and innovation. He expressed confidence that the collaboration would help advance Mission YUVA's objectives by nurturing entrepreneurial aspirations among young people and supporting the development of sustainable enterprises across the region.

Prof. Parvez Ahmad Mir, CEO, CIED–IUST Foundation, highlighted the University's sustained efforts to foster an entrepreneurial culture through institutional support, capacity building, and startup development. He also noted that IUST has secured a four-star rating under the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) framework for three consecutive years, reflecting its continued commitment to strengthening innovation and entrepreneurship.

The MoU is expected to facilitate knowledge exchange, mentorship, capacity building, and institutional support for aspiring entrepreneurs, while creating opportunities for collaboration between the University's entrepreneurship ecosystem and Mission YUVA's initiatives for youth empowerment and enterprise creation.

The programme also featured a presentation on the objectives and scope of the collaboration, alongside an overview of the achievements of the CIED–IUST Foundation.

The programme was attended by Mr. Sameer Wazir, Finance Officer, IUST; Mr. Altaf Hussain Shalla, Principal, Government Polytechnic College, IUST; Dr. G. N. Itoo, Director, Centre for Good Governance and Policy Analysis, IUST; Dr. Peer Bilal, Director DIQA, Dr. Ruheela Hassan, Dean Outreach, IUST; and Dr. Monisa Qadiri, Dean Students, IUST, Dr. Basharat N Dar, Coordinator EDC/CPMSB/STEM along with CIED coordinators, representatives of IIM Jammu, faculty members, entrepreneurs, research scholars, and students.

IUST ORGANISES INTEGRITY PLEDGE CEREMONY AS PART OF PREVENTIVE VIGILANCE CAMPAIGN

An Integrity Pledge ceremony was organised at Islamic University of Science and Technology on October 28 as part of its ongoing Preventive Vigilance Campaign aimed at promoting transparency, accountability, probity and ethical conduct in institutional functioning. The Integrity Pledge was administered by Prof. Shamim Ahmad Shah, Registrar and witnessed the participation of Deans of Schools, Directors of Centres, Heads of Departments, University Officers and employees from various administrative sections.

The participants pledged to uphold the highest standards of honesty, integrity and transparency in their professional and personal conduct and reaffirmed their commitment to combating corruption and promoting accountability in public institutions.

As part of the initiative, Integrity Pledge ceremonies were also organized across various Schools of the University, where the respective Deans administered the pledge to faculty members, non-teaching staff, research scholars and students.

The University has also conducted a series of activities under the Preventive Vigilance Campaign, including expert lectures on accountability, ethical leadership, transparency and the role of technology in combating corruption, besides awareness programmes and other outreach initiatives aimed at sensitizing the University community about the importance of integrity in public life.

INDUCTION PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS OF HEALTH SCIENCES, ARCHITECTURE CONDUCTED AT IUST

The Office of the Dean of Students, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), conducted the Induction Programme for the students of the School of Health Sciences (SoHS) and the School of Architecture, Planning and Geomatics (SoAP&G) at the IUST's Nund-Rishi Auditorium on October 29.

The programme aimed to orient newly admitted students to the academic structure and life at IUST. Dean Academic Affairs, IUST, Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, formally welcomed the students and called on them to focus on academic excellence and value-based development. He stressed the importance of youth development for nation-building.

Special Remarks were delivered by Prof. Shamim Ahmad Shah, Registrar, IUST, who emphasised that students from the main campus as well as satellite campuses are integral part of the university, sharing the same academic environment, and urged the students to remain conscious of their responsibility towards the institution and society.

Earlier, in her introductory remarks, Dean of Students, IUST, Dr. Monisa Qadiri, emphasised that being part of IUST goes beyond academics, as students now belong to a larger community where shared values, mutual support and collective growth define the true spirit of university life. She called on them to build their capacity and leadership potential during this time.

The induction featured a series of informative sessions covering IUST's student affairs, examination procedures, academic regulations, students' portal and ERP system, registration of Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) ID, library affairs, sports and hostel facilities, Proctorial system, NSS and NCC activities.

Various other sessions during the induction programme were conducted by Controller of Examinations, IUST, Dr. Peer Bilal, Incharge Rumi Library Dr. Sheikh Shueb, Assistant Director, Directorate of Physical Education and Sports, Dr. Mubashir Malik, ABC Coordinator Dr. Zubair Ahmad Shah, and alumnus and faculty member, Dr. Owais Yousuf. The departmental participation of the new batch is being coordinated by various coordinators and co-coordinators from different schools. An interaction was also held with the new batch of students.

IUST HOLDS LECTURE SERIES ON ACCOUNTABILITY, INTEGRITY AS PART OF PREVENTIVE VIGILANCE CAMPAIGN

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), through the Office of the Dean Outreach, in collaboration with the Departmental Vigilance Officer (DVO), conducted a three-day lecture series as a part of its Preventive Vigilance Campaign on October 21-23.

The campaign aimed to promote transparency, accountability, ethical leadership and integrity among the university community. It will feature several activities during the month to sensitise stakeholders about ethical governance and responsible institutional practices.

The inaugural session was presided over by Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Dean Academic Affairs, IUST, who delivered the inaugural lecture titled 'Leading with Accountability.' Emphasising the responsibilities of public institutions, Prof. Bashir said, "As members of a public institution, we must remember that we are public servants and we are answerable to the public." He stressed that institutional responsibility must take precedence over personal comfort and urged faculty members to lead by example and embed accountability in the university's everyday functioning.

Welcoming the participants, Dr. Ruheela Hassan, Dean Outreach, IUST, said the campaign seeks to foster a culture of transparency and ethical conduct while reinforcing the collective responsibility to uphold the highest standards of good governance and institutional values.

Javaid Ahmad Khan, Departmental Vigilance Officer, IUST, said the campaign seeks to sensitise the university community to the importance of transparency and integrity in public life. He added that the university is undertaking a series of activities to engage stakeholders and promote ethical conduct and responsible institutional practices.

Dr. Aijaz Ahmad Shah from the Directorate of IT&SS highlighted the role of digital payments, e-procurement and e-governance in strengthening transparency. He emphasised the need for the appropriate use of technological tools to reduce corruption and improve institutional efficiency.

IUST ORGANISES WALKATHON TO SPREAD AWARENESS AGAINST CORRUPTION

As part of the 'Vigilance Awareness Week 2026,' the Directorate of Physical Education and Sports, in collaboration with the Office of the Dean of Students and the Departmental Vigilance Officer, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), organised a walkathon on October 29 aimed at spreading awareness on the eradication of corruption and fostering a culture of integrity, transparency and accountability on the university campus.

The Walkathon was part of the series of University's ongoing Preventive Vigilance Campaign and was flagged off from the Administration Block and witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, officers, staff and students of the University.

Speaking on the occasion, Dean of Students, Dr. Monisa Qadiri, said, the collective participation of faculty, heads, teams and administrative staff sends out a clear message that IUST stands against bribery and dishonesty. She added that the university's commitment is not limited to the vigilance week and that integrity is integrated into its everyday processes, as part of the larger national mission.

Earlier, Officer-in-Charge, Directorate of Physical Education and Sports, Dr. S. Iqbal Quraishi, while introducing the event, said that the objective of the rally was to spread awareness among the students and staff to stand united against corruption. "Today's rally is a step towards reinforcing our commitment to integrity and transparency," he said.

Dean School of Humanities and Social Sciences, IUST, Dr. Afroz Ahmad Bisati, highlighted corruption as an everyday phenomenon "that needs to be eradicated." He observed that even a deliberate delay of one minute beyond the required time for a task amounts to corruption and emphasised the need to address such practices.

IUST's Departmental Vigilance Officer, Javed Ahmad Khan, said, the university is committed to eradicate corruption in all its forms. He informed the gathering that if anyone faces any instances of corruption at IUST, they can report it through the available mechanisms, including the DVO and to the Anti-Corruption Bureau. Head, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Dr. Rabia Noor emphasised coming forward against the practices of corruption. "It's the duty of every individual to fight against corruption at every level," she stressed.

Also present was Head, Department of Education Prof Mahmood Ahmad Khan, who said that corruption eats away at a society and that not only bribery but also dereliction of duty, such as an officer not clearing a file without a reason or a teacher not taking a class properly, amounts to corruption.

CIED-IUST FOUNDATION LAUNCHES CIED IGNITE INCUBATION PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH IIM BANGALORE

The CIED-IUST Foundation, the startup incubator of the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), launched CIED IGNITE, an incubation cohort programme for aspiring entrepreneurs, students and early-stage founders, in collaboration with the Nadathur S. Raghavan Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning (NSRCEL), IIM Bangalore, on October 21. The launch was held at the IUST Innovation Campus under the theme 'Igniting Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Startup Opportunities.'

Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Dean Academic Affairs, IUST, was the Chief Guest and encouraged participants to make the most of the programme. Prof. Parvez A. Mir, CEO of CIED–IUST Foundation, delivered the welcome address, while NSRCEL representatives Mr. Vaikunt and Ms. Neelakshi presented and formally launched the programme.

The programme will run for approximately five to six months. Phase I comprises a 10-week, self-paced online course through NSRCEL, IIM Bangalore Academy, during which participants will develop and test their business ideas. In Phase II, selected participants will receive one-on-one mentoring from NSRCEL on business models, market validation and go-to-market strategy. More than 100 aspiring entrepreneurs have registered for the programme.

IUST OBSERVES INT'L DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION 2026



Photo: Zahoor Ahmad/ IUST

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) observed the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR) 2026 by organising a one-day workshop on the theme 'Resilience Starts at Home' on October 13. The programme was organised by the Centre for Disaster Risk Reduction (CDRR) and the Disaster Risk Reduction Club, in collaboration with the Office of the Proctor, to promote disaster preparedness and community-level resilience.

Welcoming the participants, Dr. Irfan Maqbool Bhat, Coordinator, CDRR, highlighted the Centre's ongoing capacity-building initiatives and training programmes for university stakeholders.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Farooq Hussain Bhat, Dean, School of Sciences, emphasised the importance of integrating disaster preparedness into household and institutional practices. He called for risk-informed planning, interdisciplinary research and greater student engagement in disaster risk reduction, stressing that preparedness must become a shared responsibility and a part of everyday life.

In her special remarks, Dr. Ruheela Hassan, Dean Outreach, IUST, highlighted the need for practical safety measures at homes and institutions, including accessible emergency exits and basic safety equipment. She emphasised that while disasters may be unavoidable, their impact can be minimised through preparedness.

Mr. Qazi Qammer Iqbal, Dean, School of Architecture, Planning and Geomatics, underscored the link between sustainable resource management and disaster risk mitigation, noting that the imprudent use of energy and natural resources can increase disaster risks.

A key highlight of the workshop was the presentation of disaster response plans and vulnerability maps of different districts by student groups, showcasing their efforts to identify risks and strengthen preparedness at the community level. The programme also featured a live fire safety and emergency response demonstration conducted in collaboration with Fire and Emergency Services, Awantipora, providing students and faculty with practical exposure to emergency response techniques.

IUST'S NURSING COLLEGE OBSERVES INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

The Syed Mantaqui Memorial College of Nursing & Medical Technology (SMMCON&MT), IUST, observed International Youth Day 2026 on October 6 with an awareness programme focused on HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness among youth. The programme was organised under the Red Ribbon Club in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir AIDS Control Society (JKACS), Department of Health & Medical Education, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, and the J&K Paramedical and Nursing Council.

The programme was conducted as part of the HIV/AIDS Awareness for Youth under the Intensified IEC Campaign, with the theme 'Different Contexts, Common Aspirations.' The event was attended by students and faculty members of SMMCON & MT.

The programme aimed to sensitise the faculty and young learners about HIV/AIDS, its modes of transmission, prevention, early testing, treatment and the importance of reducing stigma and discrimination associated with HIV. Emphasis was laid on the significant role of youth in creating an informed, responsible and supportive society.

IUST CONDUCTS WEEK-LONG WORKSHOP ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE, TRAINS 24 RESEARCHERS

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) organised a week-long hands-on workshop on 'AMR: Integrating Immunology and Infectious Diseases,' supported by the Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The programme attracted 110 applications, from which 24 early-career researchers from institutions across Jammu and Kashmir were selected for intensive laboratory training and scientific interactions.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Aabid Hussain Shalla, Dean Research, IUST, in the presence of university officers, including Finance Officer Mr. Sameer Wazir, who appreciated the initiative for promoting scientific learning and innovation. The workshop highlighted the importance of integrating immunology with infectious disease research to advance understanding of antimicrobial resistance and support the development of improved diagnostics, vaccines and treatment approaches.

Coordinated by Dr. Arsheed A. Ganaie, Organising Secretary, and Dr. Rais Ahmad Ganai, Co-organising Secretary, the workshop combined expert lectures with more than nine practical sessions covering antimicrobial susceptibility testing, molecular detection of resistance genes, biofilm studies, host–pathogen interactions and bioinformatics. Resource persons from leading research institutions, medical colleges and universities across the country contributed to the scientific deliberations.

Presiding over the valedictory session, Vice Chancellor Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo emphasised the need to address Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) through a One Health approach. He observed that tackling AMR and other health challenges is essential to achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat. The session was attended by Registrar Prof. Shamim Ahmad Shah, Dean Academic Affairs Prof. Sheikh Aijaz Bashir and Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Parray, Scientist F, CSIR-IIIM.

Addressing the participants, Dr. Ganaie encouraged them to translate the knowledge and skills acquired during the workshop into future research and collaborations. He also invited them to explore research ideas and partnerships with IUST. The organisers expressed gratitude to the Department of Health Research, university leadership, resource persons, technical staff, student volunteers and the Estates Department for their support in successfully conducting the programme. The workshop concluded with a renewed emphasis on strengthening research capacity and preparing young scientists to contribute to the growing challenge of antimicrobial resistance.

IUST HOSTS NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON SEMICONDUCTORS, QUANTUM MATERIALS, DEEP TECHNOLOGY

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Kashmir, held a two-day National Workshop on 'Semiconductors, Quantum Materials, and Deep Technology' on October 28-29 at its campus. Organised by the Centre of Excellence for Semiconductors and Quantum Materials (CoESQM), the workshop brought together experts, researchers, faculty members and students to deliberate on emerging developments in semiconductor technologies, quantum materials and advanced manufacturing.

The inaugural session was presided over by Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice-Chancellor, IUST, and attended by distinguished academicians and experts, including Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU); Shri Asim Khan, Director, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), Srinagar; and Prof. H. S. Jatana, former Scientist-G and Group Head, Design and Process Group, Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL), Mohali, who attended as Guests of Honour.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Romshoo reaffirmed IUST's commitment to advancing research and innovation in areas of strategic importance for the nation. He highlighted the university's consistent efforts towards strengthening research and academic initiatives in emerging fields that can contribute to technological advancement, sustainability and national development. He emphasised that focused research, interdisciplinary collaboration and the development of specialised human resources are essential to addressing future challenges and building a more sustainable and technologically self-reliant nation.

Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Dean Academic Affairs, IUST, underscored the importance of aligning academic programmes and research priorities with the rapidly evolving technological landscape. He highlighted the role of universities in preparing future-ready graduates and researchers through advanced scientific learning.

Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, highlighted the growing significance of advanced materials and emerging technologies in shaping the future of scientific research and technological innovation.Sharing his experience in semiconductor research and manufacturing, Prof. H. S. Jatana, former Scientist-G and Group Head, Design and Process Group, SCL Mohali, highlighted the challenges and opportunities associated with semiconductor manufacturing in India.

Shri Asim Khan, Director, STPI Srinagar, highlighted the importance of strengthening the technology ecosystem and fostering closer linkages between academic institutions, industry and technology-driven enterprises.

IUST HOLDS LECTURE ON QUANTUM MATERIALS

The Centre of Excellence for Semiconductors and Quantum Materials (CoESQM), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), hosted a distinguished lecture titled 'Quantum Materials: Real Yet Surreal – From Fundamental Quantum Physics to Real-World Possibilities' at the Rumi Library, IUST, on October 15.

The lecture was delivered by Prof. N. S. Vidhyadhiraja, an eminent theoretical physicist and Professor and Chair of the Theoretical Sciences Unit at the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru.

The programme commenced with a formal opening address, followed by an overview of CoESQM by Dr. Romana Yousuf, who highlighted the Centre's vision, objectives, and commitment to advancing research and innovation in semiconductors and quantum materials. Dr. Farooq Hussain Bhat, Dean of the School of Sciences and Director of FRIIS, welcomed and introduced the distinguished speaker. He also highlighted the significance of quantum materials from the perspectives of fundamental research and their potential technological applications.

In his insightful lecture, Prof. Vidhyadhiraja explored the fascinating interplay between fundamental quantum physics and emerging technological possibilities. He explained how quantum materials exhibit extraordinary physical properties arising from strong electronic correlations and collective quantum interactions, highlighting the fundamental roles of quantum superposition and entanglement in shaping their behaviour. The lecture provided deeper insights into how abstract quantum phenomena give rise to complex, often counterintuitive, physical properties.

The concluding remarks were delivered by Prof. Sheikh Ajaz, Dean Academic Affairs, IUST, who expressed his appreciation for the speaker's engaging presentation and the valuable insights shared with the audience. He felicitated Prof. Vidhyadhiraja with a memento as a token of appreciation and respect. The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Rabia Hassan, Ramanujan Fellow, FRIIS.

IUST ORGANISES SWACHHATA RALLY UNDER SWACHHATA HI SEVA 2026

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) organised a Swachhata Rally on the campus on October 16 as part of the 'Swachhata Hi Seva 2026' campaign, running from 17th September to 17th October 2026. The campaign was organised by the Dean of Students, Environment and Hygiene Wing of the University and NSS IUST as part of the nationwide Swachh Bharat Mission.

Leading the campaign were Dean of Students, Dr. Monisa Qadiri, Programme Coordinator Dr. Tariq Ganaie and Deputy Registrar and In-Charge Estates (E&H) Dr. Iqbal Quraishi, who highlighted the significance of strengthening public participation, raising awareness about sanitation, and highlighted the importance of sustained and collective efforts towards building a clean India. Senior Proctor Dr. Mir Hashim and the proctorial wing was also present on this occasion.

IUST HOLDS BORS MEETING FOR SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) convened seventh Board of Research Studies (BORS) meeting for the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) on October 5 to deliberate upon various matters related to doctoral programmes and research activities of the school.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, IUST, and was convened by Dr. Aabid Hussain Shalla, Dean Research, IUST. The meeting was attended by Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Dean of Academic Affairs (DAA), Prof. Shamim Ahmad Shah, Registrar, IUST, Dr. Afroz Ahmad Bisati, Dean SHSS, Dr. Peerzada Bilal, Controller Examinations, Heads of various departments and centres from the school, Associate Professors, and scholar representatives.



Photo: Zahoor Ahmad/IUST

The meeting featured detailed deliberations on the agenda items and appropriate decisions and recommendations for further action. It provided a platform for comprehensive academic deliberations aimed at strengthening the quality and relevance of research being undertaken across the school. Various research-related matters, including the progress of scholars, research proposals and other academic requirements, were discussed in detail.

The Board further deliberated on a range of issues concerning research scholars and the research framework of the school. The members emphasised the need to promote interdisciplinary research, encourage innovative approaches, and further align research activities with emerging societal and academic needs.

Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo underscored the importance of fostering a vibrant research ecosystem at the University and encouraged the faculty and research scholars to pursue impactful and socially relevant research. He stressed the need for maintaining high academic standards while promoting collaboration across disciplines. The meeting concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Bisati.

IUST FELICITATES SANITATION STAFF UNDER SWACHHATA HI SEVA 2026

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) felicitated around 75 sanitation and hygiene staff members for their dedicated and invaluable service in maintaining a clean and sustainable campus.

The felicitation ceremony was held as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign, which was observed from September 17 to October 17.

The month-long cleanliness campaign was organised by the Dean of Students, National Service Scheme (NSS IUST), Environment and Hygiene Wing (Estates Department), IUST, as part of the nationwide Swachh Bharat Mission.

Addressing the staff, Dr. Monisa Qadiri, Dean of Students, IUST, expressed deep appreciation for their relentless service and said, the university sincerely acknowledges their contribution and commends their families for their constant support and understanding the work requirements of our hygiene staff

Dr. Tariq Ahmad Ganaie, Coordinator NSS commended the staff for their relentless efforts and unwavering commitment in maintaining a clean and sustainable campus and highlighted the significance of this nation-wide campaign.

Dr. S. Iqbal Quraishi, Deputy Registrar, Estates Department highlighted that maintaining the university campus requires consistent effort and commitment from our sanitation and hygiene personnel. He called their dedicated service as central to ensuring a clean and hygienic environment, and we sincerely appreciate their contribution. Senior Proctor Dr. Mir Hashim was also present on this occasion.

IUST SHINES AT NATIONAL LEVEL, WINS GOLD AT ALL INDIA UNIVERSITY THANG-TA CHAMPIONSHIP



IUST Photo

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) takes pride in the remarkable achievement of its student, Tabish Mushtaq, who clinched the Gold Medal at the AIU All India Inter-University Thang-Ta Championship 2026–27, held at Imphal, Manipur, on October 29.

The achievement reflects the dedication, discipline and sporting excellence of IUST students, bringing laurels to the University, and Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr. Hilal Ahmad Rather, Assistant Director, Physical Education and Sports, IUST, attended the championship as an Observer appointed by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU). His appointment to this prestigious national-level responsibility reflects IUST's growing presence and engagement in the field of university sports.

IUST'S MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPTT CONVENES 4TH BOS MEETING

The Department of Mechanical Engineering, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), convened its 4th Board of Studies (BoS) meeting on October 7. The meeting was held to review and deliberate upon the academic curricula of the undergraduate programmes in Mechanical Engineering and Robotics and Automation.

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Faroze Ahmad, Dean, School of Engineering and Technology, IUST. The Board comprised distinguished external experts from academia and industry, including Prof. Mohammad Zaheer Khan Yusufzai, IIT (BHU), Varanasi; Prof. Arun Dayal Udai, IIT (ISM), Dhanbad; Dr. Sheikh Shahid Saleem, NIT Srinagar; Dr. Mir Irfan Ul Haq, SMVDU, Katra; and Mr. Mohammad Farooq Tass, ONGC, Agartala.

The deliberations focused on three major areas. The first was the review of the curricula of the four-year B.Tech. programmes in Mechanical Engineering and Robotics and Automation. The external experts offered valuable academic and industry-oriented suggestions to strengthen the programmes in line with emerging technologies and professional requirements.

The second agenda concerned Open Elective courses for students across the University. The Board appreciated the proposed interdisciplinary courses 'Introduction to Aerospace, Drones and Space Technology' and 'Emerging Trends in Sustainable Engineering Design and Technologies.'

The Board also deliberated upon Skill Enhancement/Skill-Based courses and recommended the introduction of 'Fundamentals of CAD and 3D Printing,' aimed at providing students with practical exposure to computer-aided design and contemporary additive manufacturing technologies.

VICE CHANCELLOR'S EMPLOYEES CRICKET TOURNEY 2026 HELD AT IUST

The Vice Chancellor's Employees Cricket Tournament (Men) 2026 was held at the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST). Organised by the Department of Physical Education and Sports, the tournament aimed to promote physical fitness, sportsmanship, teamwork and camaraderie among university employees.

The tournament was inaugurated by Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Dean Academic Affairs, IUST, who highlighted the role of sports in promoting a healthy lifestyle, discipline and team spirit. He encouraged participants to compete enthusiastically while upholding the values of fair play and mutual respect.

The tournament provided a platform for university employees to showcase their sporting talent and strengthen professional relationships beyond their routine academic and administrative responsibilities. It reflects IUST's commitment to integrating sports and recreational activities into campus life and encouraging healthy engagement among employees.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by the Director, Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (CIED); the Finance Officer; the Special Secretary to the Vice Chancellor; the Senior Proctor; and other university officials and participants. Dr. S. Iqbal Quraishi, In-charge Officer, Directorate of Physical Education and Sports, IUST, and his team coordinated and conducted the event.

IUST INAUGURATES INTER-DEPARTMENTAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY

The Directorate of Physical Education and Sports, Islamic University of Science and Technology Kashmir (IUST), held the Inter-Departmental Volleyball Tournament in the Main Campus of IUST, reaffirming the university's commitment to promoting sports, physical fitness and a vibrant sporting culture amongst the students.

The tournament aimed to encourage greater student participation in sporting activities while fostering teamwork, discipline, healthy competition and sportsmanship within the university community.

Prof. Faroze Ahmad Mir, Dean, School of Engineering and Technology, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Dr. Mir Hashim, Senior Proctor and Dr. Shahid Baba, Head Centre for Vocational Studies attended the function as Guests of Honour.

In the first Match of the Volleyball tournament, Centre for Vocational Studies team defeated Centre for Artificial Intelligence team. Dr. S. Iqbal Quraishi, In-Charge Officer, Directorate of Physical Education and Sports along with Assistant Directors hosted the inaugural function. Huge number of students along with faculty members, students, sports staff and non-teaching staff of the university attended the function.

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