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IUST'S MAIDEN SCIENCE CONGRESS MARKS SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) organised the three-day J&K Science Congress 2026 on 'Science, Innovations and Emerging Technologies for Sustainable and Viksit J&K' from September 29 to October 1. The Congress provided a platform for meaningful academic discourse on emerging scientific developments and their relevance to the sustainable development of Jammu and Kashmir.

The inaugural session was held at the Nund Reshi Auditorium of IUST with Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, J&K Higher Education Council as the Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Singh said, technologies like Quantum computing, Artificial Intelligence and nuclear fusion are the future, however, India remains deficient in these areas. "Therefore, there is a need to accelerate the efforts," he stressed.

Vice Chancellor, IUST, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo said, the J&K Science Congress exemplifies the spirit of a true multiversity, bringing together scientists, academics and researchers from universities and institutions across the country. "The future of J&K must increasingly be driven by science, technology and innovation, with our universities functioning not merely as centres of teaching but as interconnected ecosystems of research, innovation and entrepreneurship," he said,



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adding that high-end research infrastructure must be optimally shared and leveraged for advanced research.

Guest of Honour Ms. Babila Rakwal (IAS) Commissioner Secretary, Science and Technology Department, Government of J&K said, there is a dire need to bridge the gap between research and its application. "The J&K Science Congress deliberates on themes that go far beyond academic discourse and are directly linked to societal progress," she said.

The inaugural session was also attended by Prof. Vinod Kumar Gaur, Former Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Prof. Mohammad Mobin Vice Chancellor, Cluster University, Srinagar, and Prof. A Ravinder Nath Vice Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir. Meanwhile, JK Science Congress

proceedings were released on the occasion. The plenary lectures were delivered by Prof. Dinesh Singh, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Prof. Vinod Kumar Gaur, Prof. Sourav Pal from Department of Chemistry, Ashoka University, Sonapat Haryana, and Prof. Srinivas Hotha, FRSC, Professor (HAG), Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune.

The valedictory session saw enthusiastic participation by scientists, researchers, academicians, innovators, students and experts. Chief Guest on the occasion, Ms Sakina Itoo, Minister of School and Higher Education, emphasized that the future of J&K will not be defined merely by infrastructure but by "the knowledge created and the young minds empowered." She underlined the need to prepare youth not only to seek employment

but to become "creators of employment."

Advisor to the Chief Minister, Mr. Nasir Aslam Wani, who attended the session as Guest of Honour, appreciated the efforts of IUST and the Jammu and Kashmir Science, Technology and Innovation Council (JKSTIC) for providing a vibrant platform for scientists, researchers and students.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, IUST, said, the J&K Science Congress has brought the brightest minds to deliberate on critical issues and challenges of climate change, disaster vulnerability, sustainability and emerging technologies. "The enthusiasm of young students, scientists and researchers gives us immense hope for a sustainable and Viksit J&K driven by Science and innovation," he said.

Presenting a detailed report of the J&K Science Congress 2026, Dr. Aabid Hussain Shalla, Dean Research, IUST, said, around 700 researchers and participants took part in 26 technical sessions covering 14 themes, besides five plenary sessions and two panel discussions. Meanwhile, the best oral and poster presenters were felicitated by the dignitaries. Dean Academic Affairs, IUST, Prof. Ajaz Bashir, delivered the formal welcome address, while Dean Outreach, IUST, Dr. Ruheela Hassan, proposed the vote of thanks.

COMMISSIONER SECRETARY INAUGURATES 30 KW SOLAR EV CHARGING STATION AT IUST

Commissioner Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DST), UT of Jammu and Kashmir, Ms. Babila Rakwal (IAS), inaugurated 30 KW Solar Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station installed by the Jammu and Kashmir Energy Development Agency (JAKEDA) at Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) on October 11. She described the initiative as "a step towards promoting sustainable mobility and encouraging the adoption of clean-energy solutions on the campus."



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scientific temperament among the youth of Jammu and Kashmir. She said, there was a need to nurture patience and curiosity among children. She stressed that universities could play a pivotal role in establishing Science parks to spark

Romshoo, reaffirmed the University's commitment to promoting research, innovation and scientific thinking, and highlighted IUST's preparedness to host the JKSC.

PROF. ROMSHOO ELECTED AS NASI FELLOW

Vice Chancellor, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, has been elected as Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI), the country's oldest science academy, established in 1930. The prestigious Fellowship recognises Prof. Romshoo's sustained contributions to Earth and Environmental sciences and adds to the recognition of his scientific work. He will be formally inducted into the Academy during the 96th annual session of NASI at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, in December 2026.

Prof. Romshoo has made significant contributions to glaciology, hydrology, climate change and remote sensing, with particular emphasis on understanding climate-change impacts on Himalayan glaciers and water resources.

To mention, Prof. Romshoo is already an elected Fellow of the prestigious Indian Academy of Sciences, besides being a Fellow of the Indian Society of Remote Sensing and the Indian Society of Geomatics. He is also a recipient of the prestigious J. C. Bose Fellowship and several international, national and state-level awards and honours.

IUST HOLDS ANNUAL ARCHITECTURE FESTIVAL NAIRANG-E-TAMEER

The Department of Architecture, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), held the second edition of its annual architecture festival, Nairang-e-Tameer, on 'Traditions in Practice: Celebrating Craft, Culture and Community' on September 8-10. The three-day festival brought together architects, heritage professionals, craftspeople, academicians, students, entrepreneurs and members of the wider community to engage in dialogue on the relationship between architecture, traditional knowledge systems and contemporary practice.

The festival was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor, IUST, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, in the presence of Dr. Kuldeep, Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, university officers, deans, faculty members, students and invited guests. Addressing the gathering, Prof. Romshoo emphasized the importance of preserving the distinct character of Kashmiri architecture while responding to contemporary challenges through innovation, sustainability and disaster resilience.



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Over the three days, the festival hosted the Architects' Conclave: Perspectives in Practice, featuring presentations and discussions by invited architects Biley Menon, IDEA Design, Kochi; Sridevi Changali, Masons Ink Studio; Akshay Heranjal, The Purple Ink Studio; and Saima Iqbal, INTACH, Kashmir Chapter. The sessions provided students and practitioners an opportunity to engage with diverse approaches to architectural practice, heritage conservation, design innovation and com-

munity-centred development.

Another highlight was the exhibition Works in Practice: Student Work, Professional Practice and Emerging Ideas, showcasing professional projects, student work, heritage documentation and photography entries from IUST, participating institutions and invited architects. The Entrepreneurship Forum: Practice-Academia Dialogue further facilitated discussions on architectural practice, entrepreneurship, industry-academia engagement and emerging trends in the profession.

The festival also featured competitions, cultural programmes and sporting events, including singing, Scrapescape, Stack Attack, Clue Prints, table tennis, badminton, carrom, chess, basketball and human ludo, providing opportunities for creativity, interaction and collaborative learning.

The festival concluded with a valedictory ceremony graced by Prof. Romshoo; Registrar, Prof. Shamim Ahmad Shah; Dean, School of Architecture, Planning and Geomatics, Qazi Qamar Iqbal Qari; university officers; faculty members; representatives of participating institutions; and students.

IUST ORGANISES ORIENTATION-CUM-INDUCTION PROGRAM FOR APPRENTICES

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) organised an Orientation-cum-Induction Programme for apprentices on Wednesday at the Mehjoor Auditorium, Campus I on September 16. Organised by the Office of the Dean Outreach, the programme aimed to familiarise the apprentices with the institutional environment, their roles and responsibilities, and the professional and ethical values expected of them during their apprenticeship.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Shamim Ahmad Shah, Registrar, IUST. Addressing the apprentices, Prof. Shah described apprenticeship as an important transition from formal learning to professional life, providing young people with an opportunity to acquire practical, skill-based experience. He encouraged the apprentices to make full use of the opportunities available



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to them and focus on building skills, professional experience and a strong work ethic. Prof. Shah emphasised that the real value of an apprenticeship extends beyond the stipend to the skills, experience and professional confidence gained during the programme.

Earlier, Dr Ruheela Hassan, Dean Outreach, described the apprenticeship programme as a successful initiative that

continues to evolve with each successive batch. She noted that IUST is among the few institutions in the North offering such an apprenticeship programme.

Addressing the apprentices in a session on Mission Karmayogi, Dr Monisa Qadiri, Dean of Students, highlighted the importance of developing a professional, responsible and citizen-centric approach to work.

Dr G. N. Itoo, Director, CCG&PA, spoke on the importance of strong

interpersonal relationships in creating a healthy and productive organisational environment. He urged the apprentices to recognise this journey as a legacy and underscored their responsibility to uphold it through professionalism, sensitivity and responsible conduct.

IUST HOLDS VIGILANCE AWARENESS PROGRAM

As part of the Preventive Vigilance Campaign, the Department Vigilance Officer (DVO), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Mr Javaid Ahmad Khan in collaboration with the Dean Outreach, Dr. Ruheela Hassan, organised a Vigilance Awareness Programme at IUST Main Campus on September 16.

The programme focused on promoting awareness about the importance of integrity, transparency and accountability in institutional and public life.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Khan emphasised that a corruption-free system can be strengthened by fostering a culture of openness, transparency and accountability. He stressed the need for robust institutional practices that encourage ethical conduct, responsible decision-making and adherence to established procedures.

Highlighting the role of youth in combating corruption, he said, young people have an important role in shaping a society founded on honesty, integrity and responsibility. He underscored the role of Higher Educational Institutions in nurturing these values, observing that universities, besides imparting knowledge, have a responsibility to cultivate ethical and socially responsible citizens.

IUST HOSTS CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAM FOR CULTURAL COMMITTEE UNDER KARMAYOGI BHARAT

The Office of Dean of Students, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), organised a capacity-building programme for Cultural Committee and student cultural club under the Karmayogi Bharat Initiative at the Nund Rishi Auditorium on September 15.

The programme was organised in line with the government's recent emphasis on integrating the Karmayogi initiative into capacity-building programmes, with the objective of fostering continuous learning, strengthening competencies, and enhancing the effectiveness of institutional activities.

The programme commenced with the playing of the Karmayogi Gaan, setting the tone for the proceedings and highlighting the core spirit of the Karmayogi initiative.

The programme was held in the presence of the Dean of Students, faculty members and other stakeholders. The session provided a platform for members of the Cultural Committee to enhance their understanding of their roles and responsibilities and to develop skills required for effectively planning and conducting cultural activities.

3CP IUST ORGANISES CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR MBA STUDENTS

The Centre for Career Counselling and Placements (3CP@IUST), in collaboration with the Department of Management Studies, organised a Capacity Building Workshop for students of MBA 1st Semester on September 8 at the Business Lab of the Department of Management Studies.

The workshop featured Mr. Suhail Arif Bhat, Brand Consultant, Deloitte, as the expert speaker. The session provided students with valuable insights into career pathways in consulting and beyond, focusing on industry expectations, essential professional skills, career planning, and emerging opportunities in the corporate sector.

The interactive session enabled students to gain a better understanding of the competencies required to navigate competitive career landscapes and make informed career choices. The programme was attended by Prof. Parvez Ahmad Mir, Dean, School of Business Studies; Dr. Amir Dar, Head, Centre for Career Counselling and Placements (3CP@IUST), and Dr. Asif Naqshbandi, Head, Department of Management Studies, along with faculty members and MBA students.

The workshop underscores the University's commitment to enhancing student employability and strengthening academia-industry linkages by facilitating meaningful interaction with industry professionals and exposing students to contemporary career opportunities.

IUST INSTALLS ROTARY PEACE POLE TO PROMOTE HARMONY

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) installed a Rotary Peace Pole on its campus on September 21, reaffirming its commitment to promoting peace, harmony, mutual understanding and a culture of dialogue among the university community.

The Peace Pole was unveiled by Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, IUST, in the presence of Prof. Shamim Ahmad Shah, Registrar; Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Dean Academic Affairs; Prof. Parvez Ahmad Mir, Dean, School of Business Studies and Director, CIED; Mr. Sameer Wazir, Finance Officer; Dr. Ruheela Hassan, Dean Outreach; Dr. Touseef, President, Rotary Club of Kashmir; Dr. Amit Wanchoo, Dr. Basharat Ahmed and other members of the Rotary Club, besides faculty members and university officials.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Romshoo appreciated the Rotary Club of Kashmir for its efforts in promoting the message of peace and for taking up the initiative at IUST. He observed that educational institutions have an important role in nurturing values of peace, tolerance, empathy and mutual respect among young people. He said



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that the installation of the Peace Pole at IUST carries a meaningful message for the university community and reflects the shared responsibility of institutions and society to foster an environment based on understanding, cooperation and peaceful coexistence.

The programme was coordinated by Sameer Wazir, Finance Officer, IUST, who also highlighted the rationale behind having a Rotaract Club at IUST, a student-led initiative providing young minds with a platform to develop leadership, teamwork, and a spirit of community service.

IUST HOSTS 3-DAY BREAKTHROUGH WORKSHOP FOR FACULTY MEMBERS



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The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) held the three-day 'Breakthrough Workshop 2026' for faculty members at the Innovation Campus, IUST on September 1-3. Organised by the Centre for Mental Health and Wellness (CMHW), IUST, in collaboration with HELP Foundation, J&K, the workshop aimed to strengthen leadership, resilience, self-confidence and personal effectiveness among faculty members.

Founder, MANFORD, Anand David, conducted sessions on transformational leadership and achievement motivation through interactive exercises, group discussions and motivational activities. The workshop was a part of IUST's broader outreach and stakeholder engagement initiatives aimed at promoting well-being, leadership and capacity building.

RUMI LIBRARY HOLDS WORKSHOP ON FUTURE OF LIBRARIES IN AI ERA

The Rumi Library of the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) organised a workshop titled 'Re-imagining Libraries: From Shelves to Screens in an AI-driven World' on September 1, bringing together library professionals and academicians to deliberate on the evolving role of libraries in the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Vice Chancellor, IUST, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, underscored the importance of AI-literacy among students and faculty and called for greater efforts to equip academic communities with an understanding of emerging digital technologies.

Dean Academic Affairs, IUST, Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, emphasised the need for academic libraries to evolve in response to changing patterns of information access and to provide students and researchers with relevant digital resources and services.

Registrar IUST, Prof. Shameem Ahmad Shah, highlighted the growing shift towards digital resources and stressed the importance of embracing emerging technologies to make libraries more accessible, responsive and effective centres of academic learning and research.

The workshop was attended by prominent library professionals,

faculty members, researchers, scholars and students, including Prof. Sangita Gupta, Head, DLIS and Dean, Planning and Development, University of Jammu, Dr. Rajesh Singh, University Librarian, University of Delhi; Dr. Nabi Hassan, University Librarian, IIT Delhi; Prof. Sameer Gull and Dr. Fayaz Ahmad Lone, University of Kashmir; Dr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat, Central University of Kashmir and Dr. Sheikh Shueb, Incharge Librarian Rumi Library. A series of technical sessions were also conducted. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Saleeq Ahmad Dar.

IUST STRENGTHENS SCHOOL-UNIVERSITY CONNECT THROUGH EDUCATIONAL EXPOSURE VISITS

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) has intensified its school outreach initiatives under the aegis of the Dean Outreach, providing students from schools across three districts of Kashmir with meaningful exposure to higher education, scientific learning, innovation, emerging technologies and entrepreneurship.

As part of the Community Connect initiative, IUST recently hosted educational exposure visits by students from Government Higher Secondary School, Mahind, Anantnag; Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Akkad, Anantnag; Ayesha Ali Academy, Kanipora, Kulgam; Shah-I-Hamadan Memorial Institute, Batapora, Shopian; Govt. Boys HSS, Humhama Budgam, Delhi Modern Public School, Pampore, and Bilaliya Educational Institute, Lal Bazar, Srinagar. The visits brought about 450 students and more than 50 faculty/staff members to the University for interactive sessions, campus tours, practical demonstrations and engagement with faculty and university officials.

During the visits, the students were introduced to various components of IUST's academic and innovation ecosystem, including the CIED-IUST Foundation, Department of Food Technology, Department of Computer Science, Department of Physics, Department of Chemistry, Polytechnic College and Rumi Library, Language Lab, Rumi Library, besides the Athletic Track and specialised innovation and technology facilities.

DJMC IUST STUDENTS ATTEND MASTER CLASSES AT INT'L FILM FESTIVAL



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The students of Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (DJMC), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), attended the Master Classes at the first International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir at the SKICC, Srinagar, on September 8 and 9.

The students were given hands-on training in Camera Tech, OTT Writing, Animation, Editing, Cinematography, Sound Design and Screenplay Writing. The students, who were accompanied by Dr. Sayar Ahmid Mir, Assistant Professor,

DJMC, expressed their satisfaction over the conduct of the festival and learning opportunities they received.

To mention, the four-day International Film Festival was inaugurated on September 7 with 135 films including 60 foreign entries being screened in an attempt to revive J&K's long- association with cinema. The festival was organised by J&K Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) in collaboration with the National Film Development Corporation.

IUST ORGANISES SPECIAL LECTURE ON PALAEOSEISMOLOGY, HIMALAYAN EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS

The Centre for Disaster Risk Reduction (CDRR), School of Sciences, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), organised a special lecture on 'Quaternary Seismic Deposits in Indian and Nepal Himalaya and their Importance for Palaeoseismology' at the Conference Room, Rumi Library, IUST, on September 15. The lecture was delivered by eminent geoscientist, Prof. Michał Krobicki, Department of General Geology and Geotourism, AGH University of Science and Technology, Kraków, Poland. Prof. Talat Ahmad, Honorary Adjunct Faculty, CDRR, IUST and former Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir, and Dr. Hireya Chauhan, Scientist-C, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun, attended the programme as Special Guests. Prof. Shamim Ahmad Shah, Registrar, IUST, also attended the lecture.

The programme was attended by faculty members, research scholars and students from Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change, Architecture, Geomatics, Civil



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Engineering, Physics, and the Mantaqi Centre for Science and Society, besides CDRR.

Welcoming the gathering, Dr. Irfan Maqbool Bhat, Coordinator, CDRR, highlighted the importance of palaeoseismology in reconstructing the history of past

earthquakes and strengthening long-term seismic hazard assessment in the Himalaya.

Dr. Farooq Hussain Bhat, Dean, School of Sciences, emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary research, while Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, IUST, stressed the need for strengthening scientific research and academic collaborations in Himalayan earthquake studies.

Prof. Krobicki highlighted how Quaternary seismic deposits provide valuable evidence for reconstructing prehistoric earthquakes and understanding their recurrence and associated hazards. The lecture was followed by an interactive question-and-answer session with faculty, research scholars and students.

The programme concluded with remarks by Prof. Talat Ahmad, who appreciated the initiative and emphasized the importance of scientific collaboration in Himalayan Earth sciences and disaster risk reduction.

IUST STUDENTS EXPLORE ENTREPRENEURSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Economics, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), under the Industrial Connect Vertical of Dean Outreach, in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), organised an Entrepreneurship Orientation Programme for Economics students at JKEDI, Pampore on September 7. The programme familiarised students with the entrepreneurship ecosystem, startup landscape, institutional support mechanisms and emerging opportunities, encouraging them to explore entrepreneurship as a viable career pathway and gain practical insights into developing innovative ideas into sustainable ventures. The session was followed by a Business Simulation Exercise, providing hands-on exposure to business



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decision-making, resource allocation, problem-solving, innovation and the practical dynamics of running an enterprise in a simulated environment.

The programme was organised under the guidance of Dr. Irfan Sofi, Head Department of Economics and coordinated by faculty members of the department including Dr. Shumila Chesti, Department Industry Connect Coordinator.

IUST ORGANISES BLOOD DONATION CAMP

A blood donation camp was organised at the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), in a collaborative effort by the University Health Centre, Rotary Club of Kashmir, Centre for Mental Health and Wellness and District Hospital Pulwama, on September 15.

The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, teaching and non-teaching staff, and other members of the university community, with nearly 85 units of blood collected during the camp.

The camp was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor IUST, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, in the presence of Registrar IUST, Prof. Shamim Ahmad Shah; Dr. Ab Hamid Dar, Medical Superintendent, District Hospital Pulwama; Dr. Zahida Rasool, Medical Officer, IUST; Dr. Touseef A. Bhat, President, Rotary Club of Kashmir; Sameer Wazir, Finance Officer and Secretary, Rotary Club of Kashmir; Dr. Ruheela Hassan, Dean Outreach; and Dr. Asifa Baba, Director, Centre for Mental Health and Wellness, along with other members of RCK, doctors, staff members, students and blood donors.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo appreciated the collaborative effort behind the camp and the enthusiastic participation of the university community. He said, blood donation is a simple yet significant act of community service that can help save lives.

IUST'S AYUSH CENTRE ORGANISES FREE HEALTH CAMP

The Centre for AYUSH Sciences, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), organised a free medical screening camp on campus on September 22, bringing preventive healthcare and Unani medical services closer to the university fraternity and surrounding community.

The camp witnessed the participation of 176 individuals, including 110 males and 66 females, comprising students, faculty, staff and members of the local community. Participants were screened for various non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and provided medical consultation, health guidance and counselling on healthy lifestyle practices.

As part of the camp, Mizaj (temperament) assessment, an important component of Unani healthcare, was conducted to provide a more individualized



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understanding of participants' health. The camp also provided 100 free laboratory investigations, including Liver Function Tests (LFT), Kidney Function Tests (KFT), lipid profile and urine examination. In addition, 15 urine examinations and 39 random blood sugar tests were conducted, along with free medical consultation and medicines.

The initiative aimed not only to facilitate the early identification of potential health risks but also to create awareness about preventive healthcare, healthy living, and the role of Unani medicine in promoting overall well-being. Free services offered included health check-ups, medical consultation, laboratory investigations, Mizaj assessment, medicines, and health and lifestyle counselling.

IUST'S HABBA KHATOON CENTRE VISITS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

To foster a deeper understanding of Kashmir's rich historical, cultural and archaeological heritage, the Habba Khatoon Centre for Kashmiri Language and Literature, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) organised an academic outreach programme for students to the ancient archaeological site of Burzahama on September 17.

The initiative was designed to provide students with an opportunity to engage with the historical and cultural dimensions of Kashmir through experiential learning and direct exposure to a significant archaeological site. The programme sought to enhance students' awareness of the region's civilisational legacy, community history and cultural heritage, while encouraging a greater appreciation of the significance of preserving and studying its historical resources.

The outreach programme was coordinated by Dr. Afshana, Head, Habba Khatoon Centre for Kashmiri Language and Literature, IUST. The participation of students, academic faculty and research scholars underscored the importance of integrating field-based learning with classroom instruction and scholarly engagement.

The visit to Burzahama provided an academic platform for students to explore the historical significance of one of Kashmir's prominent archaeological sites and reflect on the interconnectedness of history, culture, heritage, and community identity.