



**June 20, 2023**

***IUST's department of English celebrated 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shakespeare's First Folio***

Awantipora, June 20. A programme was organized by the Department of English, IUST commemorating the publication of Shakespeare's First Folio which was presided over by Prof Manzoor Ahmad Malik, Dean Academic Affairs, while the renowned theatre personality, Mr. Bhawani Bashir Yasir was Guest of Honour.

During the programme, a video feature on, '*Remembering Shakespeare*' highlighting the life and memorials of Shakespeare was relayed, besides lecture series by speakers addressing different facets of his work and his imprint on the literary landscape across cultures and languages. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Bhawani Bashir Yasir said that in-depth characterisation and portrayal of universal values and emotions make Shakespeare one of the timeless playwrights, and his creativity is best appreciated through performances.

Dean Academic Affairs, complimented the Department for organizing the programmes. Dr Munejah Khan, Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities said that publication of First Folio in 1623 was a significant event in the literary History, and commemoration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary is a testament to relevance and importance of Shakespeare to language and literature. A depiction of Characters from Shakespearean Plays was also held besides, a quiz programme on Shakespearean Works.

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