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**International Conference on Sustainable Landscapes Concludes at IUST**

Awantipora, Oct. 9: The two-day International Conference on “Mapping the Future of Sustainable Landscapes: Geospatial Innovations for People, Places, and Practices” concluded at the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) with a valedictory session. Organized by the Department of Land and Geomatics Engineering, IUST, in collaboration with ICWG V/IV of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS), the event brought together scientists, academicians, policymakers, and professionals from India and abroad to explore the role of geospatial technologies in achieving sustainable development goals.

Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, commended the department for organizing an event aligned with IUST’s vision of promoting innovations in science and technology. He emphasized the role of geospatial tools in understanding climate impacts and managing resources in sensitive ecosystems like the Himalayas, advocating for their integration into policy and planning. In her address Prof. Anjana Vyas, Chair, ICWG V/IV, ISPRS, highlighted the integration of geospatial data, remote sensing, and participatory mapping for resilient and inclusive landscape planning.

Dr. Salvatore Amaduzzi from the University of Udine, Italy, delivered a special address on recent advancements in geospatial technologies and their applications in landscape management, environmental monitoring, and precision agriculture. He stressed the value of global cooperation in research and capacity building.

In this opening remarks, Prof. Abdul Wahid, Registrar, IUST, appreciated the organizing committee and emphasizing the importance of such platforms for interdisciplinary collaboration and regional scientific advancement. Distinguished guests were felicitated for their contributions to the conference’s success.

An award ceremony to recognised the outstanding research papers and technical presentations was also held. Dr. Tariq Abdullah, Head, Department of Geomatics, IUST, proposed the vote of thanks, acknowledging the contributions of all participants, partners and sponsors.

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