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IUST Holds 12th IQAC Meeting to Review Academic Quality

Awantipora, February 02: The Islamic University of Science and Technology today held its 12th meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) at the main campus. The meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. The meeting was attended by the Dean Academic Affairs, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Dean Outreach, Deans of Schools, faculty members, University officers, external members, and a student representative. Welcoming the members, the Chairperson emphasized the critical role of IQAC in strengthening academic quality, governance, transparency, sustainability, and student-centric services in the university. The quarterly meeting of the 12th IQAC highlights the leadership's commitment to periodic quality review of various issues in the University.

Director, DIQA, Dr. Peer Bilal, apprised the Committee of key institutional achievements during 2025. IUST secured first time entry in three categories of NIRF-2025. The University was also conferred the 6th National Water Award in the Best Institution category for its initiatives in water conservation. The Director also presented major academic and institutional milestones, including the introduction of new undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in emerging and interdisciplinary areas, a nearly 70% increase in student admissions over the past two years, and placements reaching 75%.

Significant progress in research and innovation has been achieved this academic year with faculty publishing 376 Scopus-indexed research papers, attracting 9,975 citations, and the University's Scopus h-index rising to 75. During 2025, 35 patents were published and/or granted, and IUST retained its 4-Star rating under the Ministry of Education's Institutions Innovation Council framework.

The IQAC reviewed the Action Taken Report of the 11th IQAC meeting and deliberated on agenda items including a Gender Audit, strengthening of the Plagiarism Policy with AI-related provisions, adoption of a University-wide Waste Management Policy, review of the Student Satisfaction Survey, and implementation of a uniform examination pattern.

The Chair emphasized the need for sustained collective efforts, regulatory compliance, and evidence-based planning to further strengthen IUST's quality assurance framework and national standing. The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Athar Ud Din (Deputy Director, DIQA)

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