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IUST Conducts Autism Awareness Programme Under Community Connect Initiative

Awantipora, April 20: The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), under its Community Connect Initiative, organised an Autism Awareness Programme at SDH Tral, Arupal, and Dadasara. The programme was organised by Syed Mantaqi Memorial College of Nursing and Medical Technology with the aim of spreading awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) among the local community, promoting early identification and intervention for children with developmental difficulties, reducing stigma and misconceptions about autism, and encouraging parents and caregivers to seek professional help when developmental delays are noticed.

Activities included health education sessions on the meaning, causes, and symptoms of autism, distribution of informational pamphlets highlighting early warning signs and available support services, interactive discussions with parents on recognizing developmental milestones, and awareness talks emphasizing the importance of early diagnosis. Organizers highlighted that early identification allows children with autism to access therapies such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, and behavioural support, which significantly improve communication and social skills. The campaign was coordinated by Ms Rohi Jan and Ms. Ulfat Amin.

The event saw active participation from local residents, parents, and healthcare staff of SDH Tral. The initiative sensitized the community and stressed the role of healthcare professionals and community workers in supporting families affected by autism.

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