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IUST Holds Board of Studies Meetings Across Departments

Awantipora, August 14: The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) convened Board of Studies (BoS) meetings for its Nursing Colleges, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (DJMC), and Department of Philosophy to review and strengthen academic programmes, curricula and related academic matters in line with emerging educational and professional requirements.

The 5th BoS meeting for Nursing Colleges, held on July 28 under the chairmanship of the Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Dean, Academic Affairs, deliberated on curriculum development, academic quality assurance, examination reforms, implementation of regulatory guidelines, and incorporation of emerging technologies and innovative teaching-learning practices. The meeting was attended Ms. Mubashir Bashir, Principal, Syed Mantaqui Memorial College of Nursing and Medical Technology (SMMCN&MT) and Convener, BoS; Prof. (Dr.) Zamrooda Mushtaq, Principal, AMCN&MT; Principals of Government Colleges of Nursing at SKIMS and Anantnag; the Vice-Chancellor's Nominee; and members from affiliated nursing colleges.

The DJMC BoS meeting, held on August 12 under the chairmanship of Prof. Afroz Ahmad Bisati, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, considered major academic proposals, including a two-year postgraduate programme in Mass Communication with AI and a one-year M.A. programme in Journalism and Mass Communication. The Board discussed their programme structures, curricular framework and other academic components, with emphasis on aligning media education with digital transformation, technological advancements and the growing integration of Artificial Intelligence in media practices. The meeting included internal and external experts, including Prof. Aaliya Ahmad, Head, Media Education Research Centre, University of Kashmir; Dr. Suhail Ahmad, Head, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Government College for Women, Cluster University Srinagar; and Dr. Imran Muzaffar Parray, Head, Department of Media Studies, Government Boys Degree College, Anantnag. The meeting was convened by Dr. Rabia Noor, Head, DJMC.

The BoS meeting of the Department of Philosophy, chaired by Prof. Afroz Ahmad Bisati, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, also brought together internal faculty and external experts including Prof. Pradeep Gokhale, University of Pune, Dr. Lallan S. Baghel, Panjab University Chandigarh, Prof. A Raghurama Raju, IIT Tirupati, Dr. Ibrahim Wani, University of Kashmir to deliberate on the department's academic programmes, curriculum and related matters. The Board reviewed academic requirements and made recommendations aimed at strengthening the programmes in accordance with prescribed academic and statutory processes. The meeting was convened by Dr. Muzaffar Ali, Head, Department of Philosophy. The Assistant Registrars from Academics and Examinations were also part of the meetings.

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