

Assistant Director MSME Srinagar Visits CIED-IUST Foundation, Campus III

February 24: Mr. Saheel Alaqband, Assistant Director MSME Srinagar, visited the Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (CIED) at its newly established offices at Campus III, IUST.

During the visit, Prof. Parvez A. Mir, CEO CIED-IUST Foundation, provided an insightful overview of the operations of CIED-IUST Foundation as well as the various funding schemes, ongoing projects and entrepreneurial initiatives facilitated by CIED. These initiatives are designed to foster innovation, empower startups, and promote business growth across the region. The meeting was attended by Dr. Faroze Ahmad, HoD Dept. of Electronics & Communication Engineering, Dr. Sajaad A. Lone, HoD Dept. of Computer Science Engineering, Dr. Tahmeed Aijaz, HoD Dept. of Food Technology, Dr. Darakshan Majid, Coordinator SCDC and Dr. Junaid Mir, Coordinator C4i4.

Mr. Alaqband commended the centre's dedicated efforts in nurturing entrepreneurship and supporting emerging ventures. He emphasized the importance of collaborative initiatives to further strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the region.

Mr. Alaqband also visited the C4i4 and Ultratech Lab, where he explored the state-of-the-art facilities designed to support research, innovation and product development. These labs play a crucial role in equipping startups and innovators with advanced technological resources to transform their ideas into impactful solutions.

The visit concluded with productive discussions on potential collaboration between MSME and CIED, aiming to expand opportunities for startups and innovators in the area.