

## **CIED–IUST Foundation Organizes Session under Transformational Leadership for Micro and Small Enterprises Program**

20-06-2025: CIED-IUST Foundation conducted an insightful session under the Executive Development Program (EDP) in Transformational Leadership for Micro and Small Enterprises, sponsored by SIDBI. The event was held under the leadership of Prof. Parvez A. Mir, CEO CIED-IUST Foundation.

The session was inaugurated by Dr. Basharat Nabi Dar, Coordinator CPMSB / EDC, in the esteemed presence of Mr. Suhail Nazir Bhat, Innovation, Quality & Supply Chain Generalist Leader at Olayan Food Division Saudi Arabia, along with other distinguished members of the CIED-IUST Foundation and an enthusiastic gathering of entrepreneurs and Food Technology students.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Basharat Nabi Dar highlighted the vital role of leadership in the sustainable growth of micro and small enterprises. He stressed the importance of a strong foundation in industrial operations, adding that transformational leadership is essential in adapting to evolving business landscapes and driving innovation.

Mr. Suhail Nazir Bhat shared his expertise through a compelling interaction focused on real-time challenges in the food industry. He engaged directly with entrepreneurs and students, offering valuable insights into industrial careers for food technologists, internship opportunities and support mechanisms for food businesses. Several entrepreneurs also discussed their business challenges, receiving practical suggestions from Mr. Bhat.

The session concluded with an interactive discussion, allowing participants to share their entrepreneurial journeys, challenges and aspirations. The exchange fostered a spirit of collaboration and peer learning, laying a promising foundation for the upcoming modules of the program.