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Department of Food Technology Organizes Expert Session on Career Opportunities in the Food Industry

The Department of Food Technology, in collaboration with Alumni Connect, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Awantipora, organized an Expert Session on *Career Opportunities in the Food Science Industries* on 29th May 2024. The session aimed to provide comprehensive insights into internships, eligibility criteria, interview preparation, and the benefits of pursuing careers in the food industry.

Designed specifically for B.Tech. and M.Tech. students, the session served as a platform to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry expectations. It featured valuable contributions from alumni currently working in various food industry roles, offering firsthand experiences and practical guidance. The session was moderated by Dr. Nisar Ahmad Mir, Alumni Coordinator, Department of Food Technology, and included a keynote address by Er. Touseef Ahmed, an esteemed alumnus of IUST. Er. Ahmed currently serves as R&D Process Manager at Danone Nutrition, Nijmegen, Netherlands, and is the first graduate from the Department of Food Technology at IUST to work with this globally recognized organization.

During his talk, Er. Ahmed shared his professional journey from IUST to Danone, shedding light on the key skills and competencies required to succeed in the food industry. He offered students practical advice on securing internships, preparing for interviews, and understanding the role of R&D in global food companies.

Dr. Tariq Ahmad Ganaie, Head of the Department of Food Technology, emphasized the importance of organizing such sessions to enhance students' industry readiness and broaden their career perspectives. A vibrant question-and-answer session followed, allowing students to interact directly with the guest speaker and seek personalized guidance.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks presented by Dr. Basharat Yousuf, Assistant Professor, Department of Food Technology.

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