

**PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Khanpora, Budgam Visits CIED–IUST Foundation
for Entrepreneurship Awareness Program (EAP)**

10-03-2026: More than 140 students and faculty members from PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Khanpora Budgam visited the CIED–IUST Foundation at the IUST Innovation Campus for an Entrepreneurship Awareness Program (EAP) aimed at fostering innovation, skill development and entrepreneurial thinking among young learners.

Dr. Basharat Nabi Dar, Coordinator EDC/CPMSB, CIED–IUST Foundation, warmly welcomed the visiting students and acquainted them with the Foundation’s mission, vision and key objectives. In his address, Dr. Basharat emphasized the increasing significance of entrepreneurship in today’s dynamic and competitive landscape and encouraged students to pursue skill-oriented courses to enhance their employability and broaden their career prospects. He described innovation-driven entrepreneurship as a powerful driver of sustainable development and self-reliance.

He also informed the participants about the recently launched Mission Yuva Scheme by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, which aims to promote entrepreneurship and empower youth across the region.

As part of the immersive learning experience, the students toured several state-of-the-art technology and innovation facilities, including the iFactory Lab, Design & Development (D&D) Lab, Training & Development Lab and UltraTech Cement Lab. They actively engaged in hands-on sessions utilizing advanced tools such as 3D printers, 3D scanners, PCB prototyping machines, CNC machines and laser cutting equipment, gaining valuable practical exposure to real-world technological applications and industry-relevant skills.

The visit proved to be highly insightful and inspiring, providing students with meaningful exposure to emerging opportunities in technology and entrepreneurship.

The programme is being coordinated by Dr. Basharat Nabi Dar, Coordinator, EDC/CPMSB, who also highlighted various government initiatives promoting youth entrepreneurship, including the YUVA Scheme. He encouraged participants to explore entrepreneurial opportunities in the food processing sector. The programme aims to provide hands-on exposure and expert guidance on innovative fruit preservation techniques and value addition, thereby fostering entrepreneurship and sustainable ventures in the agri-food sector.