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***IUST to Host Inaugural Edition of Annual Architecture Festival Nairang-e-Tameer***

*Awantipora, September 1:* The Department of Architecture, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), is proud to host the inaugural edition of its annual architecture festival, Nairang-e-Tameer, from September 2 - 4, 2025. This year's theme, "*Rooted Futures: Design for All*," emphasizes inclusive and sustainable approaches to design while celebrating cultural and architectural richness.

The three-day festival will begin with an Architecture Conclave, where distinguished experts from across India will share insights through lectures and discussions. Day two will open with an Entrepreneurial Forum featuring a panel discussion on architectural practice, followed by an exhibition of works by local architects, invited professionals, and students from IUST and other participating schools of architecture and design. The day will close with a networking event designed to connect students, educators, and practitioners.

The final day will focus on student workshops and competitions, offering hands-on learning opportunities, and will conclude with a vibrant cultural program and closing ceremony, marking the culmination of this landmark initiative. With "*Rooted Futures: Design for All*," Nairang-e-Tameer aspires to spark meaningful dialogue, showcase creative talent, and build bridges between academia, practice, and community.

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***IUST hosts annual architecture festival, Nairang-e-Tameer***

Awantipora, September 04: The Department of Architecture, IUST, hosted its annual architecture festival *Nairang-e-Tameer* on the theme “*Rooted Futures: Design for All*” from September 2-4, 2025. The festival aimed to provide a platform for dialogue and innovation in architecture, encouraging sustainable, culturally rooted, and disaster-resilient design practices.

The festival was inaugurated by Prof. Shakil A Romshoo Vice Chancellor in presence of Prof. Abdul Wahid Makhdoomi Registrar, University officers, Deans, heads, students and scholars. In their addresses, the Vice Chancellor and Registrar emphasized the role of architecture in shaping sustainable futures, with Prof. Romshoo underscoring the need to integrate disaster-resilient practices into architectural design, and spoke about such initiatives at IUST.

Distinguished architects and scholars from across the country contributed through technical sessions. Dr. Hakim Sameer Hamdani spoke on heritage preservation in Kashmir, Faizan Khatri on Street Animal Architecture, Areen Attari on sustainable design, Sudipto Ghosh on practice and philosophy, Rohit Nagia on practical comfort, Harbinder Pal Singh on “*Rooted Invisibles*”, and Sheikh Intekhab Alam on systematizing design thinking.

The Entrepreneurial Forum facilitated discussions on design entrepreneurship, ethics, and practice, followed by an exhibition inaugurated by Sudipto Ghosh, showcasing works of IUST students, invited schools of architecture, local architects, and guest speakers. A networking session further connected professionals and students. Running parallel to the academic and professional sessions, a Food Fest was also organized. The festival was sponsored by Jammu and Kashmir Bank, ICICI Bank, CIED IUST, Kashmir Loom, and Hotel Zaryab – for their invaluable support in making the festival a success.

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