

Report of Exposure Visit to IUST

On 24/08/2023, an enlightening educational journey was undertaken by the Computer Applications students of GDC Kulgam to IUST Awantipura. A clear day, filled with the promise of discovery, saw them boarding the college bus for this special expedition. The wheels started rolling from the GDC Kulgam campus at precisely 10:00 am. The journey, filled with excitement and anticipation, lasted for a span of 90 minutes, bringing them to the welcoming gates of IUST at around 11:30 am.

Upon setting foot on IUST's esteemed grounds, they were cordially met by representatives from IUST's Department of Computer Sciences. The genuine warmth of this reception made the visiting students and their accompanying personnel feel truly valued and welcomed.

The day's agenda was rich in content. The initial segment of their visit was a session in the Computer Lab, a hub of technology and innovation. This wasn't just a mere visit; it was an immersive experience. The event was graced by esteemed figures from the academic world. Among them were Dr. Lily Want, who holds the important position of Dean of Outreach Activities at IUST, Dr Shahzana Indrabi who is the Nodal Officer University Connect IUST and Dr. Ruman Bashir, the guiding force behind the Computer Sciences Department at IUST. Also present were luminaries like Dr. Kaiser Giri, Dr. Javed Iqbal, and Dr. Muzaffer Rasool. A special moment during the event was the presentation of mementoes to Dr. Lily Want and Prof. Sajad Ahmad Shah, an appreciation of their invaluable contributions to their respective institutions. During the event, Dr. Lily Want took to the podium to express her admiration for IUST's Computer Sciences Department. She spoke with an enthusiasm that was palpable, reflecting her keen interest in fostering collaborative events like this in the future. Dr. Javed Iqbal, with his charismatic presence, ensured every guest felt welcomed. On the other hand, Dr. Kaiser Giri delved deeper into the impactful role IUST, and especially its Computer Sciences Department, plays in steering students toward successful paths. He showcased the impressive milestones achieved by the department over the years.

A voice representing GDC Kulgam, Prof. Sajad Ahmad Shah, highlighted the profound purpose behind such exposure visits. He candidly shared feedback from their alumni, who consistently speak highly of IUST's stellar reputation and contributions to their educational journey.

As the clock moved forward and appetites grew, a brief period of refreshment ensued. Re-energized, the students were then led on a comprehensive tour of IUST's state-ofthe-art labs. This was an eye-opening experience, allowing them to witness first-hand the advanced infrastructure and top-notch facilities that IUST proudly houses.

As all good things come to an end, at 3:00 pm, the GDC Kulgam contingent bid their goodbyes to IUST, carrying with them a wealth of knowledge and experiences. The return journey concluded at 4:30 pm when they safely reached their college premises. The atmosphere was charged with a mix of exhaustion and exhilaration. The students were unanimous in their appreciation of the trip, overflowing with gratitude toward both their home institution and the gracious hosts at IUST for crafting such an invaluable learning odyssey for them.

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