

DJMC, IUST hosts photography workshop



Awantipora, Sep 7: A two-day photography workshop began at Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), here, on Thursday. The photo talk-cum-workshop is being organised by Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (DJMC), IUST, in collaboration with Sony India Private Ltd.

Noted photographer and Sony alpha specialist, Sameer Ashraf, is resource person for the workshop.

Deliberating at length on photography, Ashraf said it is an art that cannot be taught in classrooms. "If you want to be a photographer, first you need to have passion for photography and then learn the technicalities of camera," he told students, adding that experience is what differentiates a professional photographer from a budding one.

Ashraf suggested to students to share their work through different platforms. "If you will participate in Sony World Photography Awards, we will be having next winner from IUST," he said.

He shared his work with students in the form of portraits, landscape, fashion and so on. He also talked about his project, 'Hues of Rajasthan', 2016, based on the lives of local people, and shared his experiences about Palestinian conflict, post-Afghanistan war and *Kumbh mela* that he covered in 2015.

Head, DJMC, Dr Ruheela Hassan said the department has always tried to compliment the theoretical knowledge with the practical training. "This workshop was one such effort. Mr. Ashraf has been a wonderful mentor in training the art of photography to the students," she said.