

## **Role of Women in Conservation of Biodiversity**

On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022, Baba Mastnath University organized a two-day social awareness program titled “Role of Women in Conservation of Biodiversity”, under the Department of Botany, Faculty of Sciences. This initiative celebrated the vital role women play in preserving biodiversity while advocating for sustainable practices. The event, convened by Dr. Chanchal Malhotra with co-convenor Dr. Kirpa Ram, featured an insightful lecture by Mrs. Renu Bala, IFS, DCF. A total of 80 participants engaged in this impactful program, which aimed to raise awareness and foster proactive contributions toward biodiversity conservation.

The event commenced with an inspiring address by Mrs. Renu Bala, IFS, who highlighted the indispensable contribution of women in biodiversity conservation at the grassroots and policy-making levels. She elaborated on the role of women as custodians of traditional ecological knowledge and their potential to inspire sustainable practices in communities.



The sessions spanned discussions on the critical role biodiversity plays in sustaining life on Earth, challenges posed by deforestation, habitat loss, and climate change, and strategies for conservation. Participants engaged in interactive discussions, where they shared insights on how gender equality can drive conservation efforts. The event emphasized the interconnectedness of women empowerment and biodiversity conservation, fostering active participation and collaboration.



The program underscored the pivotal role women play in nurturing biodiversity through sustainable farming, resource management, and leadership in environmental initiatives. As stewards of nature, women have the capacity to drive meaningful change in conservation practices. This event directly aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 13 (Climate Action), and SDG 15 (Life on Land). By emphasizing the need for inclusive conservation approaches, the event reinforced the importance of integrating gender perspectives into environmental policies to achieve a sustainable future.



The program witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 80 attendees, including students and faculty members, who actively contributed to discussions and pledged to implement biodiversity-friendly practices in their daily lives. The event not only highlighted the intersection of gender and conservation but also inspired participants to advocate for sustainable development within their communities.



The “Role of Women in Conservation of Biodiversity” event at Baba Mastnath University was a significant step in bridging the gap between gender empowerment and biodiversity preservation. By fostering awareness and encouraging proactive participation, the program reaffirmed the university’s commitment to sustainable development and its role in achieving global environmental goals.