

## Voting Awareness

On 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Baba Mastnath University organized a Guest Lecture on Voting Awareness, aimed at educating students about the importance of exercising their democratic rights and responsibilities. The lecture, conducted under the auspices of the NSS (National Service Scheme) unit of the Faculty of Humanities, attracted an audience of 28 participants. The event featured Prof. Dr. Brahm Prakash, a respected expert on political science and civic rights, who provided valuable insights into the significance of voting in a democracy.

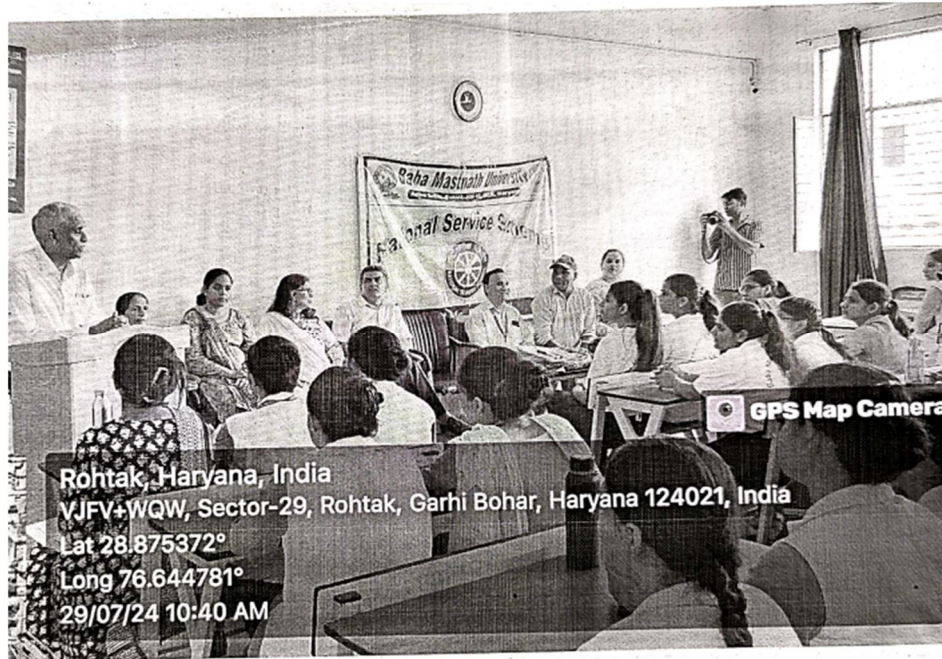


The lecture emphasized the role of every citizen in shaping the future of the nation through active participation in elections. It aimed to enhance understanding of the voting process, eligibility criteria, and the broader impact of informed voting decisions on society. The event served as an important platform for raising awareness about the essential right to vote, which forms the foundation of democratic governance.

The session began with an introductory speech by Dr. Manjeet Kumar, who outlined the purpose of the event and the need to foster democratic engagement among the youth. Prof. Dr. Brahm Prakash then delivered an insightful lecture covering various aspects of voting, including its historical significance, the process of voter registration, and the steps involved in casting a vote. He also discussed the ethical implications of voting and how informed voting decisions can lead to the selection of responsible leaders who represent the interests of the people.

Dr. Prakash engaged the participants with thought-provoking discussions about the current state of democracy in India, the challenges of voter apathy, and the importance of addressing misinformation in electoral campaigns. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A, allowing students to clarify their doubts and discuss the impact of voting in their local communities and at the national level.

The Voting Awareness Guest Lecture was a significant step in empowering the students to take an active role in the democratic processes of India. Educating the youth about the importance of voting not only fosters a sense of civic responsibility but also contributes to the strengthening of democracy. By emphasizing the power of every individual vote, the lecture underscored how each citizen can influence political decisions and contribute to the welfare of society.



This event is closely aligned with several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, which advocates for inclusive and transparent decision-making processes. By educating young citizens about their role in electing leaders, the event reinforced the importance of promoting good governance, accountability, and participation in democratic processes. Furthermore, the initiative supports SDG 10: Reduced Inequality, by encouraging equal participation across all sections of society, ensuring that every eligible voter's voice is heard and valued.

Additionally, the event promoted SDG 4: Quality Education, by raising awareness among students on the significance of education in the political sphere and empowering them to make informed decisions for the betterment of the nation. By facilitating access to this kind of educational discourse, the university is contributing to the creation of an informed and active citizenry, which is essential for the future of democracy.

The event witnessed the active participation of 28 students from the Faculty of Humanities, who expressed their eagerness to engage with the democratic process. The discussions during the Q&A session highlighted the participants' desire to learn more about the intricacies of voting and its impact on governance. Many attendees were motivated to share their newfound knowledge with their peers and encourage others to register as voters and actively participate in elections.

The awareness raised through this event is expected to inspire more students to not only vote but to encourage others within their communities to value the democratic process. The impact of the lecture was evident in the increased enthusiasm and understanding among participants about their critical role in shaping India's political future.



The Voting Awareness Guest Lecture at Baba Mastnath University was a meaningful initiative that reinforced the importance of democratic participation and voting rights. By fostering a deeper understanding of the voting process and encouraging active involvement in elections, the event served as a vital reminder of the power that each individual holds in shaping the nation's governance.