

## I Owe My Department

On 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024, the Mathematics Department of Baba Mastnath University organized a unique social awareness event titled "I Owe My Department". The event was designed to inspire students and faculty members to acknowledge the significance of their department in shaping their academic journey and fostering their intellectual growth. The aim was to encourage a sense of belonging, gratitude, and appreciation towards the department, while also highlighting the contributions of the Mathematics faculty in nurturing students' skills and knowledge.

The event began with an introductory address by Dr. Manoj Kumar, the convener of the event, who spoke about the importance of academic departments in shaping not only the careers but also the characters of students. Dr. Pooja Bhatia, the co-convener, discussed how the department provides a foundation for personal and professional growth, guiding students through their academic challenges and inspiring them to reach their full potential.



The participants, which included 31 students and faculty members, engaged in open discussions and shared their personal stories of how the Mathematics Department played a vital role in their educational journey. The event fostered an atmosphere of camaraderie and gratitude as participants reflected on the value of the resources, mentorship, and support provided by their department.

The "I Owe My Department" initiative is a reminder of the essential role that academic institutions play in shaping the future of individuals and communities. Departments are not just academic units; they are the pillars that nurture curiosity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. By acknowledging the department's contribution to their academic growth,

participants were reminded of the importance of academic collaboration and mutual respect among students and faculty.



In relation to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this event aligns with SDG 4 (Quality Education), which emphasizes the importance of providing quality education and fostering inclusive learning environments. The event also reflects SDG 10 (Reduced Inequality), as it encourages every student, irrespective of their background, to recognize the value of education and the role of academic departments in bridging educational gaps and providing equal opportunities for all.



The event witnessed active participation from 31 students and faculty members who shared their reflections on how the department contributed to their academic and personal development. The event not only reinforced the participants' appreciation for their department but also instilled a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to their academic work.

The "I Owe My Department" event was a meaningful and reflective initiative that highlighted the profound impact of academic departments on students' academic and personal growth. By fostering gratitude and a sense of belonging, the event contributed to building a more supportive and cohesive academic community. The initiative reinforced the importance of quality education and inspired the participants to continue their academic journey with a deeper sense of purpose, while also contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 4 and SDG 10.