

Building Trust in Scientific Technology

On 22nd November 2023, Baba Mastnath University organized a one-day event titled *Building Trust in Scientific Technology*, hosted by the Department of Botany under the Faculty of Sciences. This university-level event brought together faculty, students, and distinguished guests to discuss the crucial role of trust in advancing scientific technology. The program was expertly convened by Dr. Kirpa Ram and Dr. Ishu Khangwal, with the esteemed judges Dr. Aruna Anchal from the Department of Education, BMU, and Dr. Sangeeta Saini from the Department of Pharmacy, BMU, gracing the occasion with their presence.



The event began with a warm welcome address by the conveners, setting the tone for an engaging and thought-provoking program. Participants were introduced to the significance of fostering trust in scientific advancements and the ways it impacts society at large. The session included insightful presentations and discussions led by the judges, who emphasized the ethical dimensions, transparency, and communication needed to build public confidence in scientific innovations. The discussions also highlighted the transformative potential of scientific technology in addressing global challenges.

The event underscored the critical need for fostering trust in scientific technology, especially in an era marked by rapid advancements and widespread misinformation. Building public confidence in scientific progress ensures the responsible adoption of innovations, from healthcare to sustainable development. This initiative aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure) and SDG 4 (Quality Education). By encouraging dialogue and education on this subject, the event contributed to global efforts to ensure inclusive and sustainable development, reinforcing the link between technological progress and societal well-being.



The program witnessed active participation from students and faculty members of the Faculty of Sciences. The interactive sessions provided an enriching platform for attendees to understand the ethical considerations and societal impacts of scientific technology. Participants left the event with a renewed appreciation for the importance of scientific integrity and the role of informed communication in bridging the gap between science and society.



The *Building Trust in Scientific Technology* event at Baba Mastnath University was a valuable initiative aimed at fostering dialogue and understanding around a critical contemporary issue. By promoting awareness of the ethical and societal dimensions of scientific advancements, the event reaffirmed the university's commitment to advancing education, fostering innovation, and contributing to the achievement of global sustainability goals.