



# BABA MASTNATH UNIVERSITY

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## **Minutes of the Meeting on Strategic Deliberation on Institutional Development Plan - Element 9: Sustainability (Green Initiatives)**

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

**Time:** 11:00 AM onwards

**Venue:** Board Room, Admin Block, Baba Mastnath University

**Chairperson:** Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. H. L. Verma

**Organized by:** Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Baba Mastnath University

**Agenda:** Strategic Deliberation on Institutional Development Plan - Element 9: Sustainability (Green Initiatives)

**Members Present:** All the Deans, HODs, and Program coordinators

### **Following points were discussed**

The ninth and final meeting under the Institutional Development Plan (IDP) framework was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025, focusing on "Sustainability and Green Initiatives." Chaired by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. H. L. Verma and attended by Deans, Heads of Departments, and Program Coordinators, the session aimed to articulate a cohesive vision for establishing Baba Mastnath University as an environmentally responsible and ecologically conscious institution.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Verma stressed the increasing significance of sustainability in higher education. He stated that universities must take the lead in addressing the pressing challenges of climate change, resource depletion, and environmental degradation. The Vice Chancellor emphasized that sustainable development should be embedded in both operational

policies and academic curricula to foster responsible citizenship among students.

Short-term priorities identified during the meeting included initiating waste segregation at source, launching awareness drives on water and energy conservation, and undertaking plantation drives across the campus. Prof. Verma directed that all departments participate in the campus-wide Green Audit and Energy Audit. It was resolved that sustainability coordinators be appointed in each department to ensure compliance and documentation.

Members discussed the importance of integrating environmental education into curricula and promoting eco-friendly habits among students and staff. Proposals were approved for installing solar panels on academic blocks, implementing rainwater harvesting systems, and replacing single-use plastics with biodegradable alternatives. A university-level Sustainability Committee was proposed to monitor green practices and coordinate reporting to regulatory agencies.

Mid-term strategies included seeking green certifications for various buildings, establishing an Environmental Resource Centre, and organizing capacity-building programs in collaboration with government and non-governmental organizations. The creation of model green classrooms and zero-waste zones was also discussed. Prof. Verma emphasized that all future infrastructure must comply with green building norms and prioritize energy efficiency.

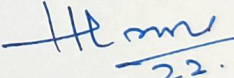
A significant highlight of the meeting was the proposal to introduce interdepartmental courses on Environmental Ethics, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and Green Technologies. It was agreed that these courses could be offered as electives or value-added programs. Students were encouraged to undertake community projects on environmental conservation as part of their academic requirements.

Long-term objectives envisioned Baba Mastnath University as a carbon-neutral and zero-waste campus by 2035. To achieve this, the meeting

proposed forming strategic partnerships with environmental agencies, CSR wings of industries, and international sustainability alliances. A roadmap was discussed for establishing a Centre for Sustainability and Climate Action that would focus on research, policy advocacy, and student-led innovations in the green domain.

The Vice Chancellor concluded the meeting by reiterating that sustainability is both a moral imperative and a strategic opportunity for the university. He called upon all stakeholders to embed environmental consciousness in every institutional process—from procurement to pedagogy. Departments were instructed to submit their Sustainability Action Plans by February 15, 2025, detailing targets, implementation strategies, and budgetary needs.

The session ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair, appreciating his steadfast commitment to environmental stewardship and his vision to transform Baba Mastnath University into a model green campus in India.

  
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**(Prof. H.L. Verma, Vice-Chancellor)**

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