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Expert Talk
On
"Literature as a Source of Moral & Ethical Thought in the Age of Artificial Intelligence"

(Professor Anita Singh, Head Department of English BHU Varanasi)

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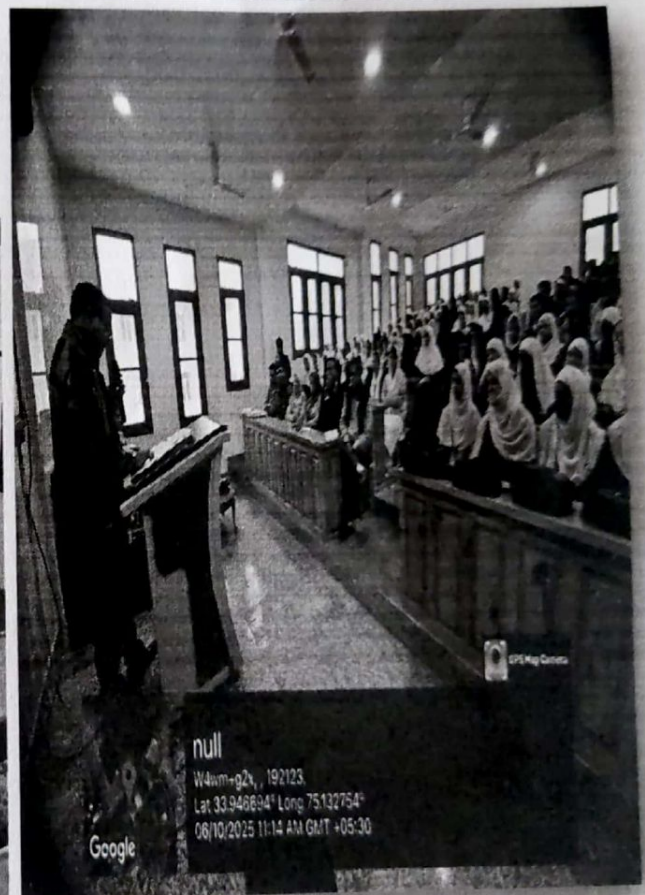
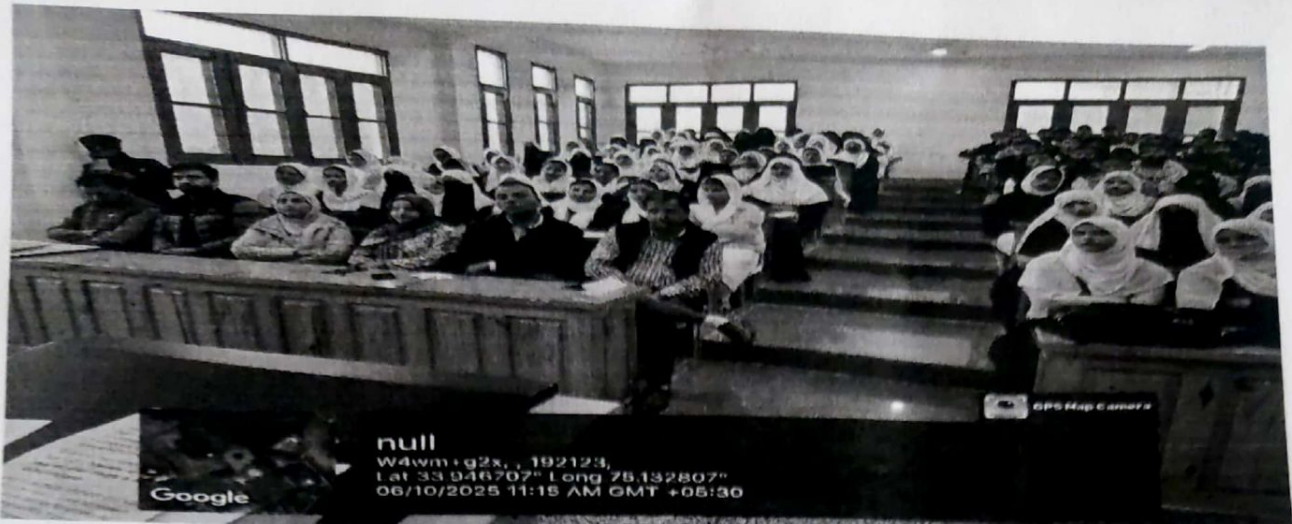
A Report

The Department of English, Govt. Degree College Tral, in association with the Debates & Seminars Committee, organised an expert talk on 6th October 2025 titled



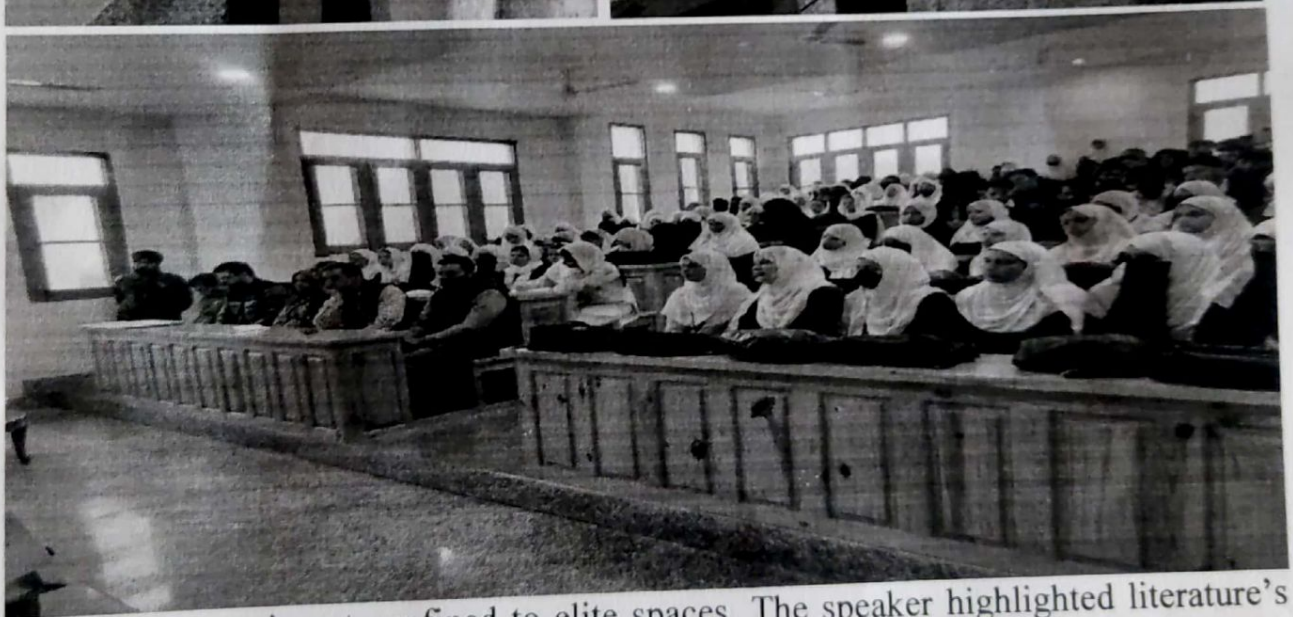
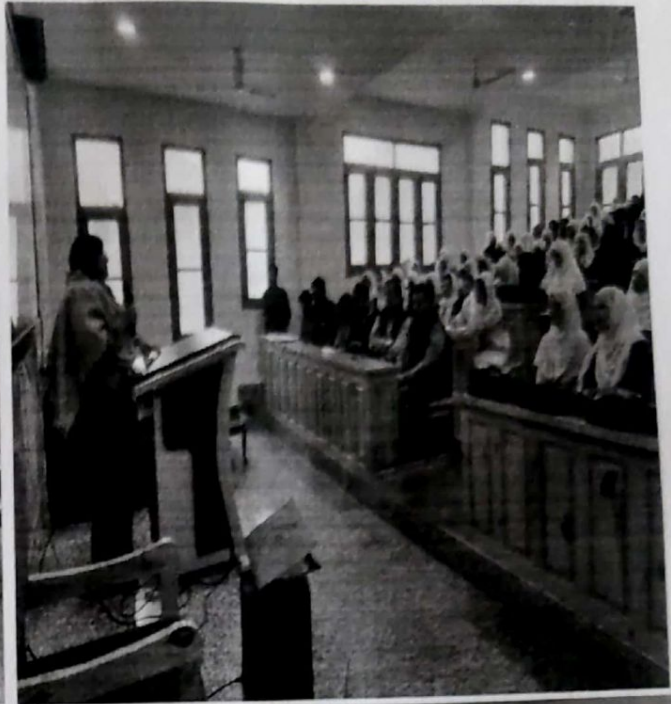
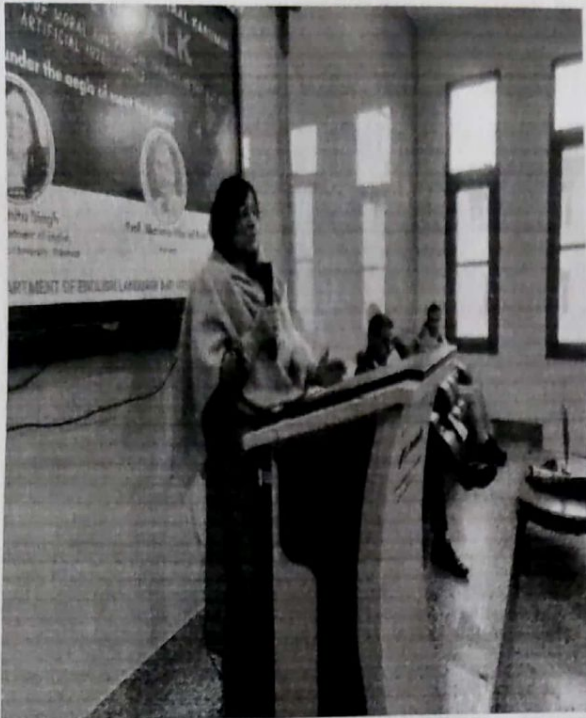
"Literature as a Source of Moral & Ethical Thought in the Age of Artificial Intelligence". The distinguished speaker for the event was **Professor Anita Singh**, an eminent academic and Head of the Department of English at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. Faculty members, students from various streams, and invited guests attended the session with keen interest. The programme began with words of welcome from the Convener Debates & Seminars **Dr. Aashaq Hussain Zargar**, who introduced the theme of the talk and highlighted the growing significance of moral and ethical considerations in an AI-driven age. Professor Anita Singh was then formally introduced, with emphasis on her scholarly work that spans literature, cultural theory, and ethics. The Principal College Professor Muzaffar Ahmad Bhat of GDC Tral

commended the collaborative initiative and encouraged students to engage deeply with the emerging intersections between technology and the humanities.



Professor Anita Singh structured her lecture around the pivotal role literature plays in nurturing moral imagination and critical values, particularly in a time when Artificial Intelligence is reshaping human experience and decision-making processes. She stressed that literature has historically been a repository of human moral struggles, ethical dilemmas, and diverse perspectives, making it an enduring source for reflection in technologically advanced societies. Professor Singh emphasised the importance of

literary diversity, noting that engagement with texts from different cultures, regions, and genres broadens moral viewpoints and provides nuanced understandings of ethical challenges. She underlined that literature must remain accessible to all sections of society, including marginalised and technologically disadvantaged groups, so that

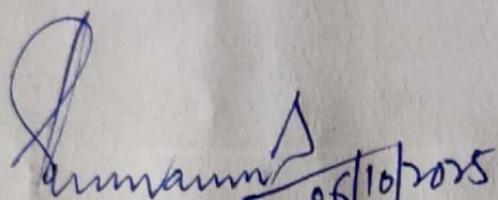


moral discourse is not confined to elite spaces. The speaker highlighted literature's inclusive nature in embracing multiple voices—gendered, racial, linguistic, and experiential—and encouraged the audience to consider how AI systems could be programmed to respect and reflect such inclusivity. Linking literature to AI ethics, she observed that literary narratives could help guide the development of AI policies, ensuring that algorithms are grounded in empathy, cultural sensitivity, and respect for human dignity. Professor Singh advocated for literature-based education as a means to strengthen critical thinking and moral agency in the age of automated decisions.

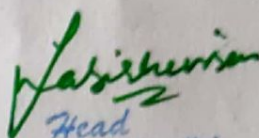
The talk concluded with an interactive session, during which students asked thought-provoking questions about the potential risks of AI overshadowing humanistic

traditions, and how literature can act as a guiding compass for socially responsible technology. Professor Singh encouraged interdisciplinary approaches, suggesting collaborations between literature scholars and AI developers to embed moral narratives into technological frameworks.

The event was a significant academic engagement that successfully bridged the disciplines of literature, moral philosophy, and technology ethics. It reinforced the Department's commitment to fostering critical awareness and responsible citizenship among students. The Principal expressed gratitude to Professor Anita Singh for her illuminating talk and to the organising committees for their efforts. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks presented by **Dr. Rafiq Ahmad Wani**, Head Department of Botany GDC Tral wherein he thanked the worthy principal for his constant support and mentorship, various committees such as discipline, protocol, debates and seminars etc., in making this event a grand success.



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