

## Department of English

### Report on the session 2025-26

Litworms, the English Departmental Society of Shyam Lal College initiates its session with an individual and a collaborative movie screening in seminar hall on works inclined to university syllabus.

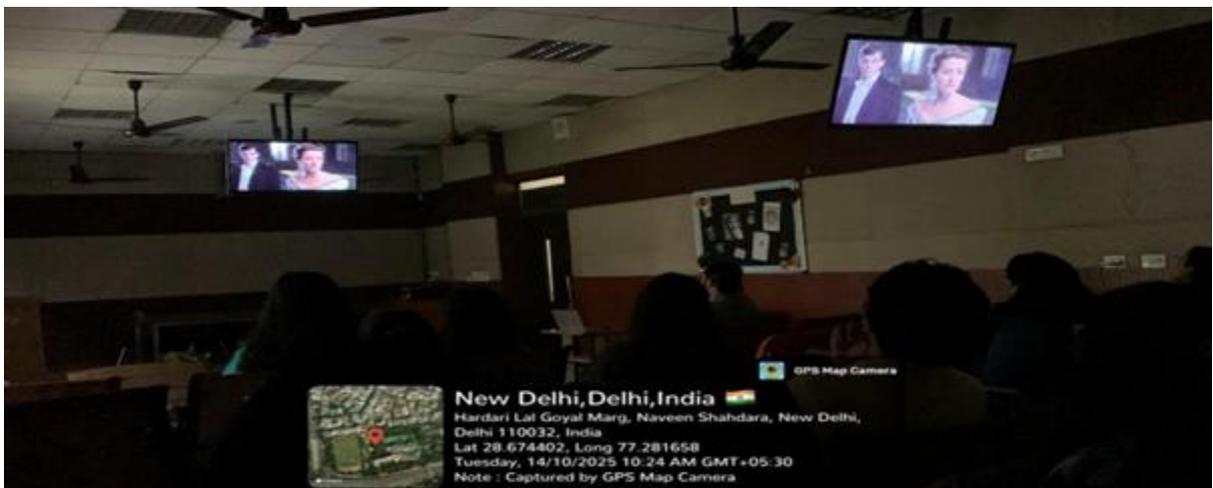
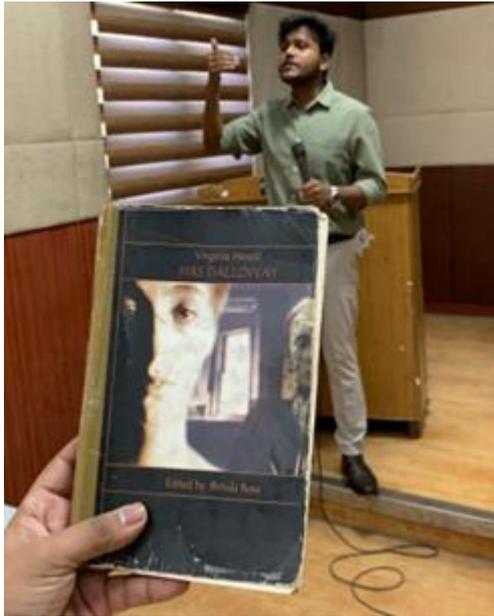
20 August, 2025

The first being Shonali Bose's *Margarita with a Straw* (2014), in collaboration with Cinephoria – the Film Appreciation Society of Shyam Lal College. The screening formed part of the Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) course on Literature and Cinema.



14 October, 2025

Marleen Gorris' adaptation of Virginia Woolf's infamous novel of the same title, *Mrs. Dalloway* (1997) was followed by talk by Mr. Shashi Shekhar, Assistant Professor at Satyawati College, who shared his thoughts on Woolf's work and its continued relevance in contemporary times. The session also served as an induction session for the first-year students.





The Department in collaboration with the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Ministry of Education, Government of India organized a two-day International Conference on the theme “From Heritage to Horizon: Indian Languages and Folklores” on, 02 - 03 February, 2026.



## Day 01

The first day of the conference commenced with the Inaugural Session at 10:00 a.m. on 02 February 2026, The theme was introduced early in the introductory lecture by Prof. Kusha Tiwari, Teacher in Charge, Department of English, further, Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar, Principal of college, in his welcome address spoke about the multicultural nature of our society.

Dr. Kaushiki Shukla invited the Keynote Speaker, Prof. Nandini Sahu, Vice-Chancellor of Hindi University, West Bengal, to deliver the keynote address, who focuses on the folklore as the present need of the hour and emphasized the importance of its scientific and academic study. Thereafter, Dr. Shukla invited the Chief Guest, Prof. K. G. Suresh, Director, India Habitat Centre. The session followed by, The Guest of Honour, Prof. Balaram Pani, Dean of Colleges, University of Delhi, delivered the Presidential Address, who emphasized the transformative power of languages and folklore.

The session concluded with a Vote of Thanks by the Conference Convenor, Dr. Rohit Jahari

The conference continued with Plenary Session I at 12:00 noon on the first day, chaired by Dr Keijo Varis, Professor of Practice, Turku University of Applied Sciences, Turku, Finland. The session featured insightful addresses by Prof. Prakash Joshi (University of Allahabad), Dr Tikaram Poudel (Kathmandu University, Nepal), and Dr. Wisuttichai Chaiyasit (Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Chiang Mai Campus, Thailand).

Following the plenary session, the conference moved into four concurrent technical sessions, conducted in both online and offline modes, offline sessions held on Multipurpose Hall and Board Room while other two online session held on computer lab 1 and computer lab 2 respectively. The session Included various presenters, for instance, Dixsha Hasnusa, Assistant Professor, Department of English.

## Day 02

The second day of the conference, commenced with Plenary Session II. The session was conducted physically, but Dr. Amrita Satapathy, Associate Professor in the School of Humanities, Social Sciences & Management at the Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar, joined us online.

This was followed by Plenary Session III at 11:45 AM, chaired by Dr. Wisuttichai Chaiyasit, (Assistant Professor at Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Chai Mai campus, Thailand). The session featured eminent scholars such as Prof. Ni Ni Hlaing, (former Head of the Department of English, Mandalay University of Distance Education, Myanmar); Prof. Braj Mohan (Department of Education in Languages, NCERT); and Dr. Charu Arya (Assistant Professor at Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi).

After the plenary sessions the conference moved into four concurrent technical sessions, held in hybrid mode. Two of these sessions were conducted offline in the Multipurpose Hall and the Board Room, while the other two were held online in Computer Labs 1 and 2, like day one.

The Valedictory Session began at 4:00 p.m. on 03 February 2026, marking the conclusion of the conference.

The conference summary speech was delivered by the Convenor, Dr. Rohit Jahari . Further Prof. Kusha Tiwari delivered the welcome address for the valedictory session, Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar, Principal, addressed the gathering, The Chief Guest of the valedictory session, Prof. N. Nagaraju, (Vice-Chancellor, English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad), delivered the Valedictory Address, The session concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks by Dr. Kaushiki Shukla, Conference Co-Convenor, who expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, speakers, participants, organisers, and volunteers for their valuable contributions.



