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A National Webinar on "How to Select a Research Topic in English Studies" was organised by the World Association of Authors and Researchers (WAAR), Darbhanga Chapter

"A research problem serves as the foundation of a research project," remarked Prof. Vijay Kumar Roy, Professor of English, University of Allahabad and President of WAAR.

"Curiosity, critical thinking and commitment are the three fundamental qualities of a researcher," observed Dr. Yugeshwar Sah, Assistant Professor of English, C. M. Sc. College, Darbhanga, and Director, Darbhanga Chapter of WAAR.

An enriching National Webinar on "How to Select a Research Topic in English Studies" was organised by the Darbhanga Chapter of the World Association of Authors and Researchers (WAAR) on 7th February 2026 in the evening from 7:00 PM to 09:30 PM.

The programme commenced with an introductory address by the anchor, Ms. Tripti Sharma. The Convenor of the Webinar, Dr. Yugeshwar Sah extended a warm welcome to the Invited Speaker, Prof. Vijay Kumar Roy, and outlined the objectives of the webinar. He discussed the common barriers faced by students in selecting appropriate research topics and quoted Albert Szent-Györgyi, "Research is to see what everybody else has seen, and to think what nobody else has thought." He emphasized that the process of selection of the topic becomes easier through effective mentorship and the three Cs—curiosity, critical thinking and commitment.

The Speaker of the Webinar, Prof. Vijay Kumar Roy, delivered an insightful lecture on selection of research topics with a number of examples, highlighting key considerations such as research problems, areas of research and their social relevance. He stressed that interest and honesty are essential qualities of a researcher, without which selecting a research topic becomes difficult. He advised the scholars to consult authentic and latest publications.

Prof. Roy further emphasized that researchers should begin with a broad topic and develop a comprehensive understanding of the author's life and works rather than limiting themselves to a superficial reading of a few texts. He underlined the importance of identifying research gaps, narrowing the scope, framing clear research questions and objectives, and ensuring the feasibility of the topic.

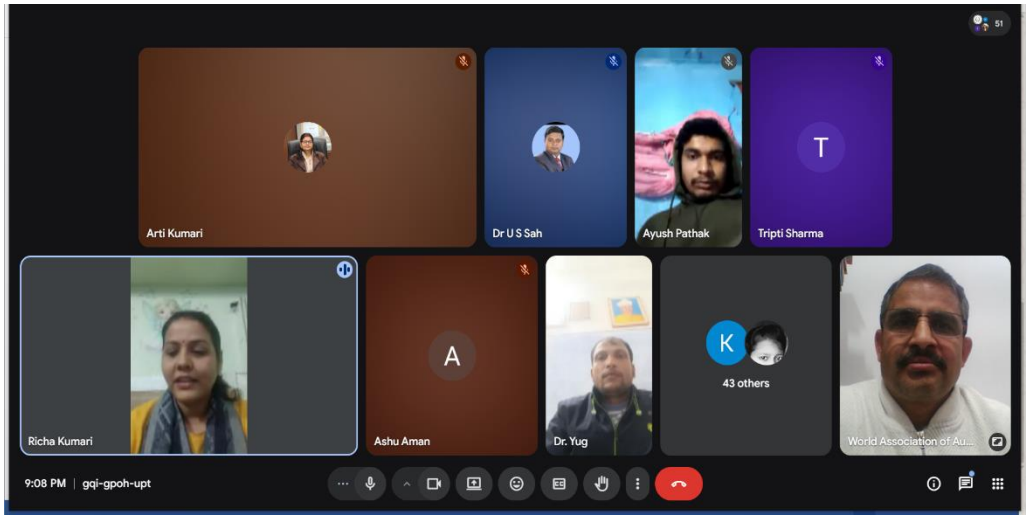
He specifically advised the scholars to initially shortlist two to three topics, assess their social relevance, and ensure that the chosen topic is innovative, original and academically acceptable. He reiterated that research problems guide the entire research process and also shape research methodology. He strongly recommended that the topic should be finalised in consultation with the supervisor.

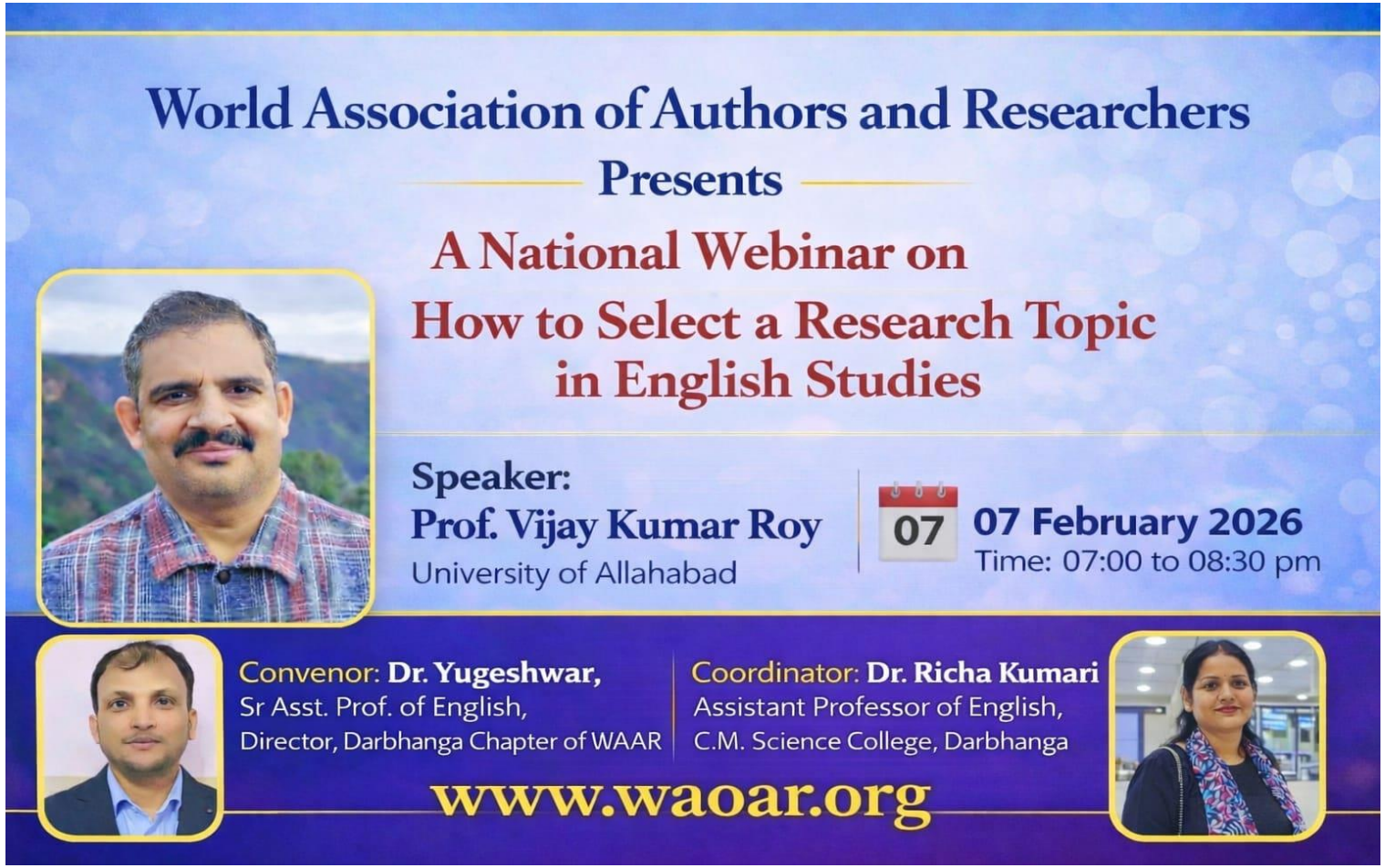
The session also included discussions on key concepts, research aptitude and areas of research, followed by an interactive question-answer session.

The Coordinator of the Webinar, Dr. Richa Kumari, Assistant Professor, Department of English, C. M. Science College, Darbhanga, proposed a heartfelt vote of thanks to the Speaker, Convenor, anchor and all participants. More than 100 participants from different states of India participated in it.

Dr. Yugeshwar Sah, Director, Darbhanga Chapter of WAAR


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