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The 2nd International Conference of the World Association of Authors and Researchers (WAAR) organised by SKR College, Barbigha, Sheikhpura (a Constituent Unit of Munger University, Bihar) in collaboration with Greater Toronto Chapter & Sheikhpura Chapter of WAAR on "Technological Advances and English Studies: Interdisciplinary Approaches" on June 27-28, 2026







The 2nd International Conference of the World Association of Authors and Researchers (WAAR) on the theme "Technological Advances and English Studies: Interdisciplinary Approaches" was successfully organised by SKR College, Barbigha, Sheikhpura, in collaboration with the Greater Toronto Chapter and Sheikhpura Chapter of WAAR. The two-day international conference brought together eminent academicians, researchers, and scholars from **India, Canada, USA, Japan, Nepal, Malaysia, and Ethiopia** to deliberate on the emerging relationship between technology, English studies, education, and interdisciplinary research.

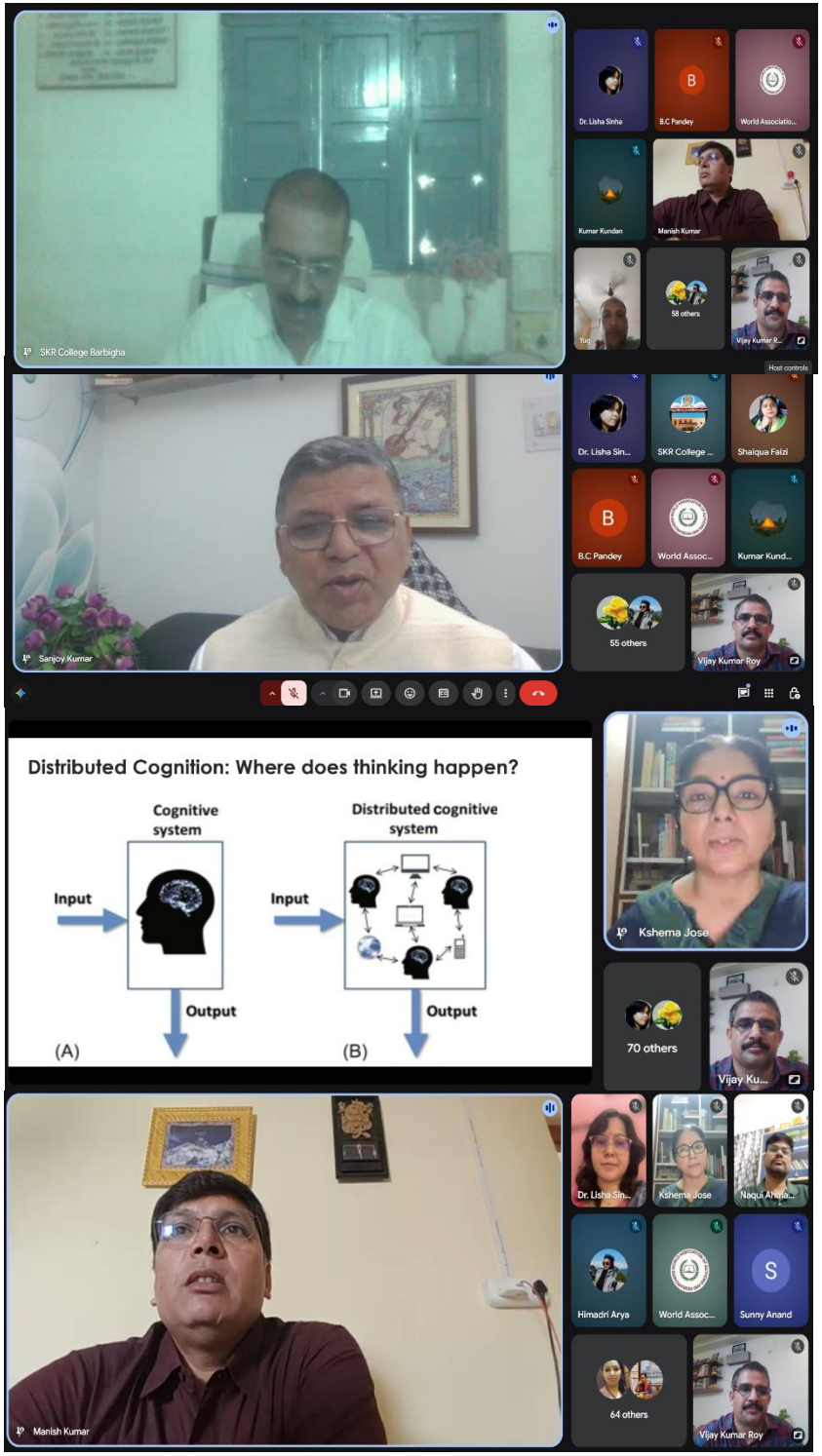
The inaugural session began with a welcome address by **Prof. Bhavesh Chandra Pandey**, Convenor of the Conference, Professor and Head, University Department of English, and Dean of Humanities, Munger University. He highlighted the relevance of technological advancements in contemporary English studies. **Prof. Vijay Kumar Roy**, President of WAAR and Professor of English at University of Allahabad, introduced WAAR and presented its vision, objectives, and academic initiatives. The Guest of Honour, **Prof. Sanjay Kumar**, Principal, SKR College, Barbigha, spoke on the growing influence of technology in English studies worldwide. The Chief Guest, **Prof. Sanjoy Kumar**, Vice Chancellor, Munger University, emphasised the importance of integrating technology with the humanities and adopting innovative approaches in education and research. The keynote address was delivered by **Dr. Kshema Jose** (The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad) who discussed the changing dimensions of English studies in the digital age and the significance of interdisciplinary approaches. The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks by **Dr. Manish Kumar**, Organising Secretary of the conference and Secretary of WAAR and also the Chapter Director of Sheikhpura Chapter of WAAR. The session was moderated by **Dr. Lisha Sinha**, Assistant Professor of English, KKM College, Jamui (Munger University).

The first plenary session featured distinguished speakers from India and abroad. **Prof. Robert Stroud** (Hosei University, Tokyo), spoke on "Charting AI's Expanding Role in English Studies" and explored the growing impact of Artificial Intelligence on language learning, teaching, research, and literary studies. **Prof. Shirin Shafiei Ebrahimi** (United States University, USA) highlighted the role of mobile applications in English learning, while **Prof. Hassan Abuhassan** (UCSI University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) discussed AI-enhanced English education and personalised learning practices. The first day also witnessed seven parallel sessions in which more than 50 scholars presented their research papers on diverse areas including English literature, language studies, education, digital humanities, and interdisciplinary research.

The second day continued with engaging academic discussions on digital education, computational learning, digital humanities, and ethical issues in the era of Artificial Intelligence. In the second plenary session, **Dr. Abirlal Mukherjee** (UDEI, New Delhi) delivered a lecture on "Our Classes are Online: Digital Andragogy, New Media and the Future of Access, Equity and Education." He discussed the transformation of teaching-learning practices through digital platforms. **Dr. Maya Dodd** (FLAME University, Pune) spoke on "Digital Archives for All" and highlighted the importance of digital preservation and accessibility of knowledge resources. The session was moderated by **Dr. Saikat Banerjee**, Assistant Professor of English, Jamalpur College, Jamalpur (Munger University).

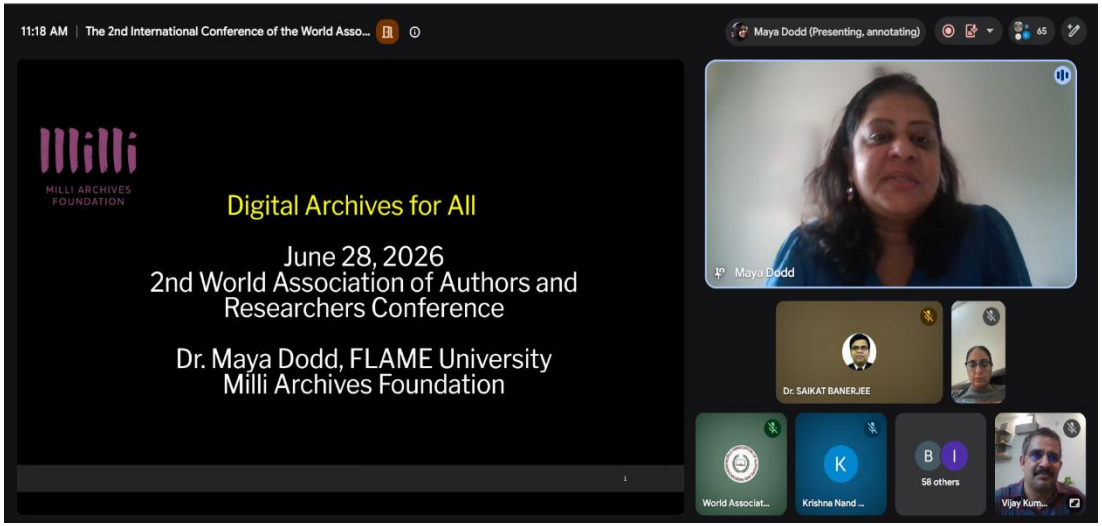
The technical sessions (8–14) included presentations by more than 50 researchers who shared their academic insights on Artificial Intelligence, digital humanities, literature, language, and emerging interdisciplinary perspectives.

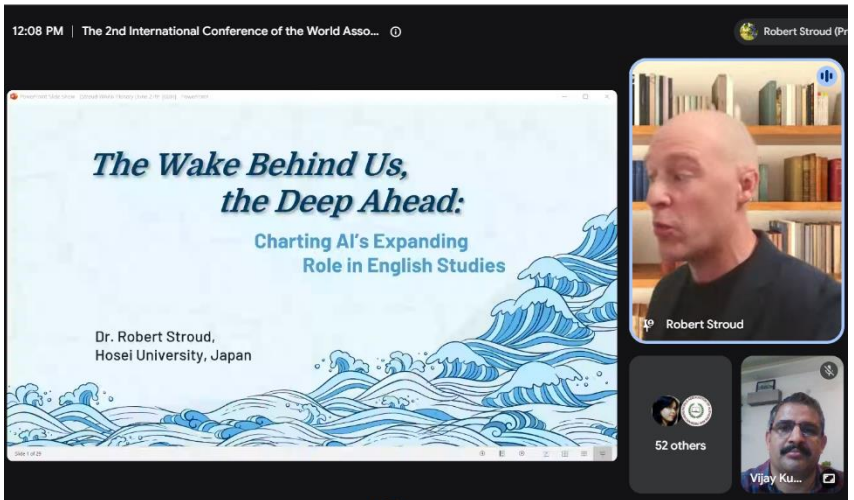
The third plenary session included thought-provoking lectures by eminent scholars. **Dr. Garima Dalal** (JNU, New Delhi) spoke on "Beyond Copy Paste: A Taxonomy of Thinking as an Antidote to Plagiarism" and emphasised originality and ethical academic practices. **Prof. Nirmala Menon** (IIT Indore) discussed digital knowledge infrastructure and challenges in digital humanities projects. **Prof. Uday Kumar Mishra** (Tilka Manjhi Bhagalpur University) reflected on changing ethical dimensions in literary writing and the challenges posed by AI and digitisation. The session was moderated by **Mr. Priya Ranjan Tiwari**, Assistant Professor, University Department of English, Munger University.



The valedictory session marked the successful conclusion of the conference. **Prof. Prabha Jerrybandan** (Centennial College, Toronto, Canada & Director, Greater Toronto Chapter of WAAR) delivered the valedictory address and appreciated the contributions of scholars, researchers, and participants. She emphasised that technological advancement should go hand in hand with humanistic values. Sharing her experiences of working with migrant children of Venezuela, she highlighted the importance of compassion, social responsibility, and service to marginalised communities. The report of the conference was presented by **Dr. Yugeshwar Sah** (Treasurer & Director, Darbhanga Chapter of WAAR). The vote of thanks was proposed by **Dr. Manish Kumar** who expressed gratitude to the speakers, delegates, organisers, and participants for making the conference a meaningful academic event. The valedictory session was moderated by **Dr. Anindya Sundar Polley,** Assistant Professor of English, KKM College, Jamui (Munger University).

The conference concluded with a shared understanding that responsible and innovative use of technology can transform the future of English studies and education. The event successfully created a global academic platform for knowledge exchange, research collaboration, and intellectual dialogue.








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Bibliometrics on Translation Research across disciplines in India

- The recent report on the Indian literary system by the British Council presents that 'Translation,' being a vast, organized domain in Indian academia and non-academic, fails to give a booming network of translations in India, causing a significant gap in theory and function.
- This research focuses on mapping the evolving trends in translation research across disciplines in India.
- This study uses bibliometric methods to track the landscape of translation research over the past fifty years using data scraped from Scopus and Web of Science databases.
- The findings reveal a marked paradigm shift in research themes of translation research, i.e, from traditional mathematical models to advanced neural machine translation and deep learning.



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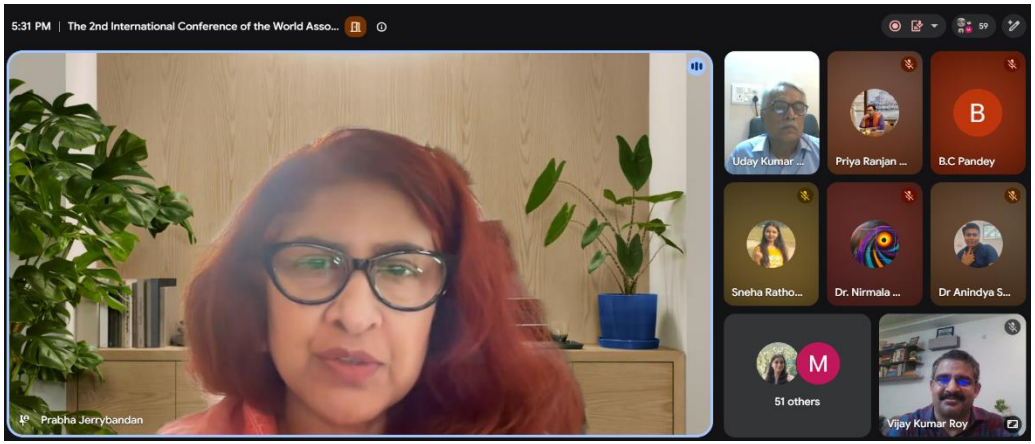
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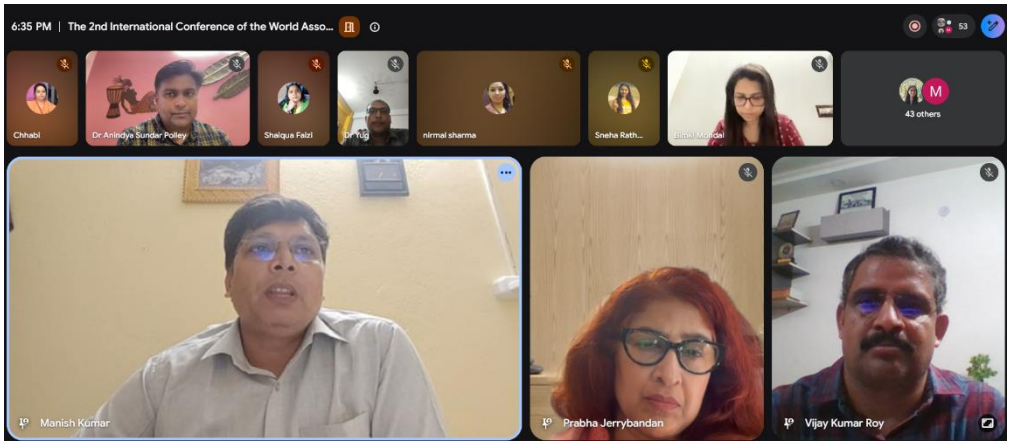
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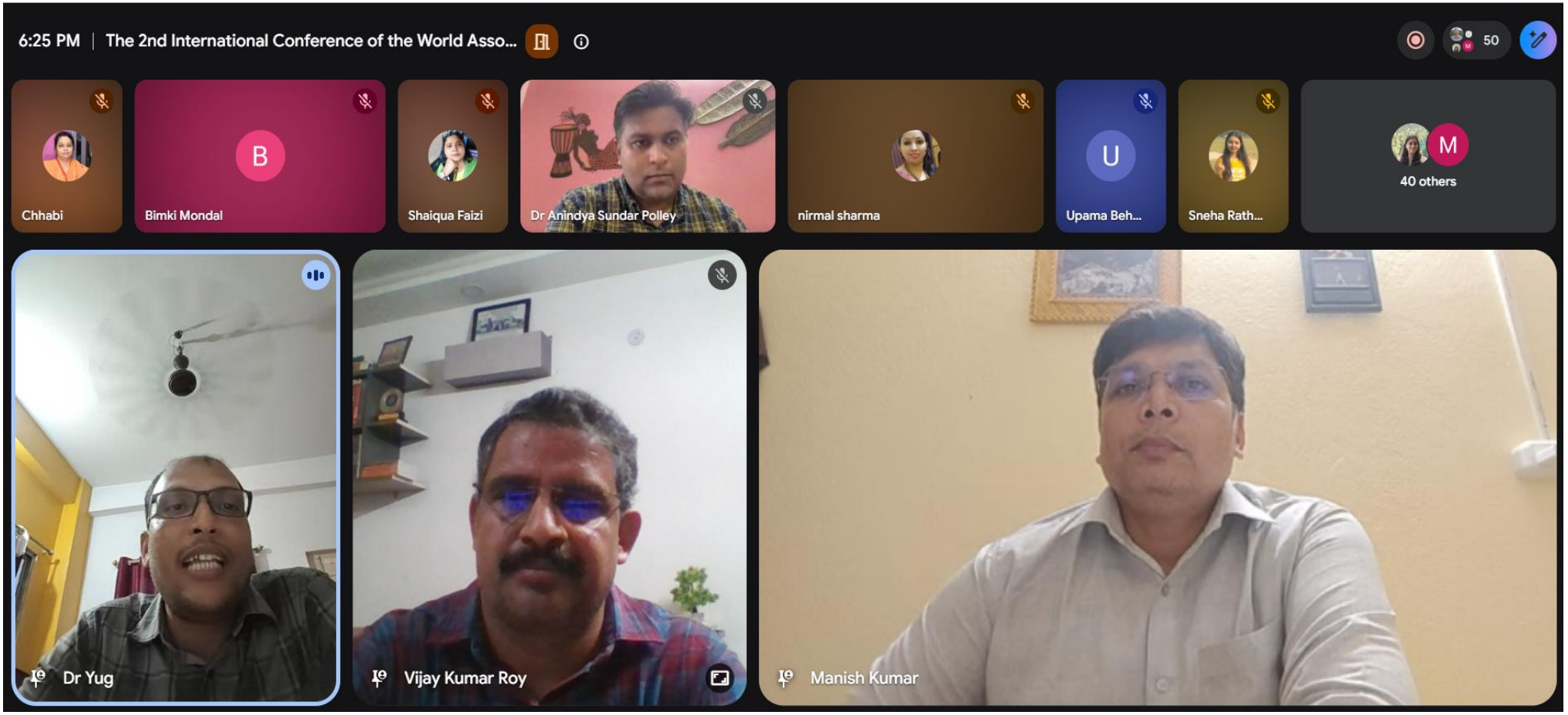
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