Press Release

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WAAR Brings Together Scholars from 13 Countries for its 3rd International Conference on "Decolonization through Language and Literature"

The 3rd International Conference of the World Association of Authors and Researchers (WAAR) was successfully organised by the Department of English, Université Numérique Cheikh Hamidou Kane, Dakar, Senegal, in association with the Senegal Chapter (West Africa) and the Prayagraj Chapter (India) of WAAR on the theme "Decolonisation through Language and Literature" on 25-26 July 2026.

The two-day international conference brought together eminent academicians, researchers, writers, and students from 13 countries, including India, Senegal, Nigeria, Guinea, Kenya, Ghana, Martinique, Austria, Denmark, the USA, the UK, and Portugal. The conference served as an important platform for deliberations on decolonial thought, indigenous knowledge systems, translation, language, literature, cultural memory, identity, and epistemic justice.

The inaugural session featured addresses by **Dr. Alassane Abdoulaye Dia** (Convenor), **Dr. Manish Kumar** (Secretary of WAAR), **Prof. Vijay Kumar Roy** (President of WAAR), **Dr. Aladji Mamadou Sane** (Guest of Honour), and **Prof. Ousmane Sall** (Chief Guest). The keynote address was delivered by **Prof. Tabish Khair** (Aarhus University, Denmark), who reflected on the relationship between language, literature, identity and decolonisation. **Dr. Ram Prakash Gupta** (Director, Prayagraj Chapter of WAAR) presented vote of thanks to all speakers.

The conference witnessed the presentation of 141 research papers in 15 parallel technical sessions**,** covering themes such as postcolonial and decolonial studies, indigenous epistemologies, translation studies, linguistic diversity, gender, artificial intelligence, digital humanities, and comparative literature.

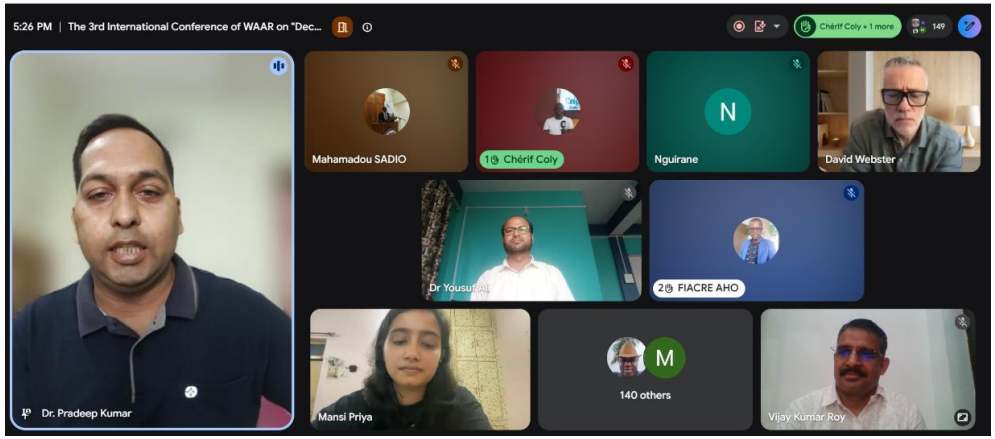
A special plenary session featured internationally renowned scholars **Dr. Cheikh Nguirane** (University of the French West Indies, Martinique), **Prof. Patrícia Ferraz de Matos** (Lusófona University, Portugal), and **Prof. David Webster** (Buckinghamshire New University, UK), who delivered lectures on linguistic Pan-Africanism, decolonising thought and practice, and the ethical implications of artificial intelligence in decolonial education respectively. **Dr. Pradeep Kumar** (Joint Secretary of WAAR) presented vote of thanks.

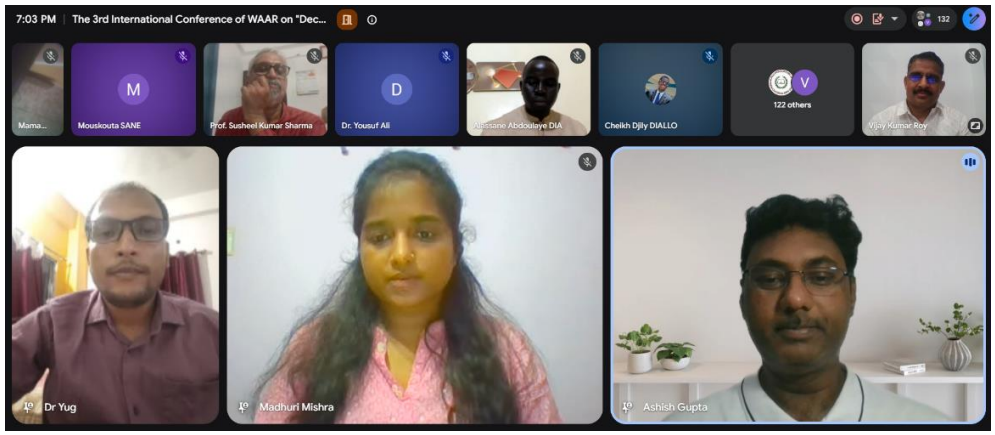
The valedictory session was addressed by **Prof. Susheel Kumar Sharma** (University of Allahabad), who appreciated the organisers for fostering meaningful



global academic collaboration and emphasised the importance of sustained research on decolonial perspectives. **Dr. Yugeshwar Sah** (Treasurer of WAAR and Director, Darbhanga Chapter of WAAR) presented the comprehensive report of the conference.

The conference concluded on 26th July with a vote of thanks by **Dr. Ashish Kumar Gupta** (Joint Director, Prayagraj Chapter of WAAR), who expressed gratitude to the host institution, speakers, organisers, participants, and everybody for contributing to the success of the event.





The conference reaffirmed WAAR's commitment to promoting inclusive, interdisciplinary, and globally engaged scholarship while strengthening international academic collaboration in the fields of language, literature, and cultural studies.

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