

## Report

**Topic:** *Writing Place: From Lived Experience to Imaginative Creation*

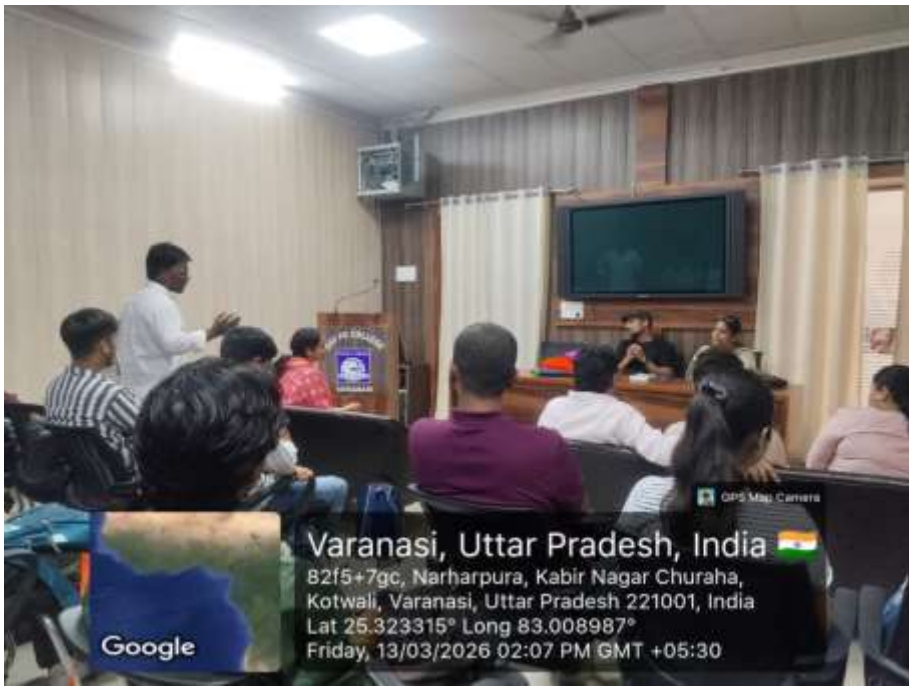
**Date:** 13 March 2026

**Speaker:** Shivram K

A talk on “*Writing Place: From Lived Experience to Imaginative Creation*” was delivered by an esteemed alumnus, Shivram K, on 13 March 2026 at D.A.V. Post Graduate College. Shivram K, who completed his M.A. in English Literature in 2013 from the college, is now a successful freelance writer and novelist. He is the author of the bestselling novel *The Scorpion Grasses*, which has been included in the academic syllabus at the Institute of Agricultural Sciences. He discussed his work *The Room That I’ve Found*, which further established his voice as a writer deeply connected to themes of place and memory. He also shared insights into his forthcoming novel set in the hills of Kumaon, which explores themes of love, return, and the emotional pull of places that leave a lasting imprint on the human mind.

The session began with his reflections on student life in Varanasi, a city known for its deep-rooted traditions of language and storytelling. He shared how this environment shaped his literary sensibility and inspired him to pursue writing as a meaningful form of expression. Focusing on the central idea of his talk, Shivram K emphasized the importance of landscape in creative writing. He explained that to evoke a place authentically, a writer must first experience it fully. According to him, genuine writing emerges from lived experience, which is then transformed through imagination. He highlighted that a writer should immerse himself in a place—its culture, atmosphere, and emotions—and later recreate it imaginatively to give it universal appeal.

The session was highly engaging and thought-provoking. It encouraged students to value their own surroundings and experiences as powerful sources for creative expression. The talk concluded with an interactive session where students actively participated and clarified their queries regarding writing and literary pursuits. The session was conducted by **Dr. Bandana Bal Chandnani** and was graced by the teachers of the department, including **Prof. Sangeeta Jain, Head of Department, Prof. Indrajeet Mishra, Dr. Najmul, and Dr. Mahima.**





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