

ENGLISH LITERARY ASSOCIATION



Aryabhatta College, University of Delhi

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SOLICITING THE SUPERNATURAL: Teaching Macbeth in an Indian Classroom



Professor Jonathan Gil Harris Ashoka University DATE: 17 April

TIME: 10 AM onwards

VENUE: Conference Room

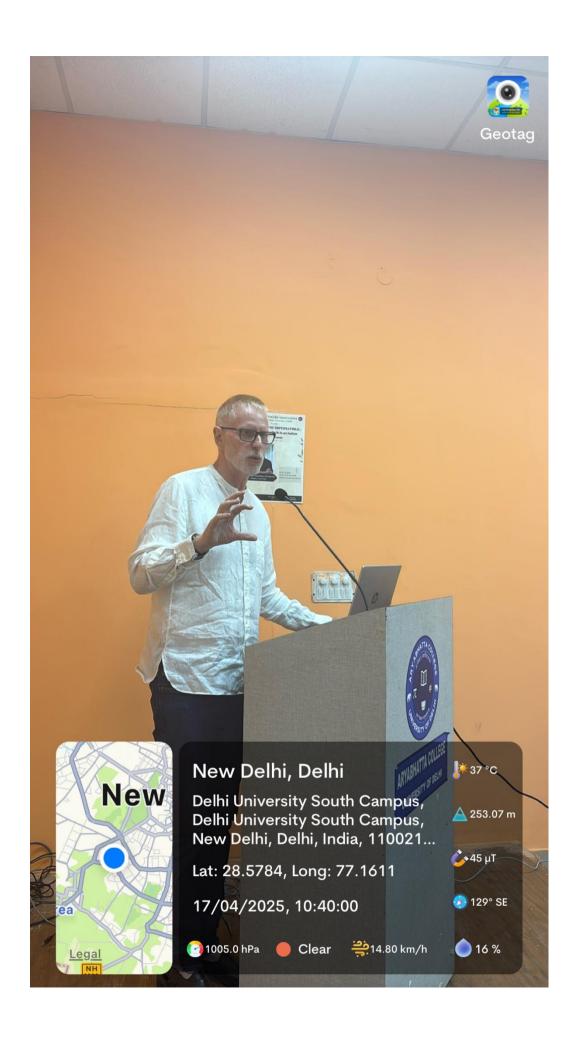
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Dr.Roshni CONVENOR The English Literary Association of the college organized a talk on William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* on 17 April 2025 in the Conference Room from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. The session featured Professor Jonathan Gil Harris, a renowned Shakespearean scholar from Ashoka University, as the resource person. The talk, titled "Soliciting the Supernatural: Teaching Macbeth in an Indian Classroom," offered a compelling exploration of the play through a culturally resonant lens.

In his presentation, Professor Harris examined how *Macbeth* can be effectively taught in Indian classrooms by reimagining the concept of the "supernatural." He drew a thought-provoking contrast between early modern European interpretations and contemporary Indian experiences, skillfully weaving in student anecdotes and indigenous cultural practices. By drawing parallels between Shakespeare's witches and traditions such as *nadi granthas*, he illustrated how supernatural soliciting functions as a negotiation between inherited beliefs and emerging worldviews—both in Elizabethan England and in modern India.

The session was highly interactive, with Professor Harris engaging students by inviting them to share their personal encounters with the supernatural. The talk concluded with a lively question-and-answer segment, in which both faculty and students participated enthusiastically, making it a memorable and intellectually enriching event.









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