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Expert Lecture on Poetry and Its Relevance in Contemporary Times

The Department of English, HKM GDC Bandipora, organised an expert lecture on **"Poetry and Its Relevance in Contemporary Times"** on **21 September 2026**, under the guidance of the Principal, Prof. Suresh Kumar Dogra. The resource person was Dr. Owais Farooq, a poet and scholar from Kashmir with a PhD on the poems of Agha Shahid Ali from the University of Delhi. The event was organised by the Head of the Department, Prof. Bilquees, and moderated by Dr. Ghulam Mohammad Khan, Faculty, Department of English. In his lecture, Dr. Farooq emphasised that poetry remains a relevant art and should not be discouraged in an age driven by economic priorities, where employability is treated as essential and imagination as optional. He noted that poetry can be written alongside any profession, even during research, and that it is not bound by time or place. Calling it the grandest form of language, he said it not only inspires but also preserves what must be preserved in difficult times, and he stressed that today it needs to promote empathy. The lecture was engaging and thought-provoking.



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