

Report on
Celebration of World Social Justice Day – 2026
organized by
Department of Mathematics
School of Basic and Applied Sciences
Harcourt Butler Technical University, Kanpur

Date: March 16, 2026 (Monday)

Time: 03:30 PM – 05:00 PM

Mode: Online (Google Meet) Link: <https://meet.google.com/xib-qqmc-ddc>

Coordinator: Dr. Abhinava Srivastav

Convenor: Prof. Ram Naresh Tripathi

Theme: *“AI Will Increase Social Inequality – Agree or Disagree.”*

Objective of the Event: The event was organized to commemorate World Social Justice Day and to encourage meaningful discussion on the role of emerging technologies in shaping a fair and equitable society. The program aimed to raise awareness among students about the societal impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI), particularly in relation to issues of equality, accessibility, and justice. It also sought to motivate students to critically analyze whether technological advancement can bridge social gaps or contribute to widening inequalities in society.

Events Highlights

The Department of Mathematics, SOBAS, HBTU Kanpur celebrated World Social Justice Day with active participation from students and faculty members. The program encouraged students to explore the ethical and social dimensions of artificial intelligence.

As part of the celebration, a **poster presentation and discussion session** was organized around the topic **“AI Will Increase Social Inequality – Agree or Disagree”**. Students presented their perspectives on both sides of the argument. Some participants highlighted concerns such as expensive AI education, automation replacing jobs, and the growing digital divide that may disproportionately affect marginalized communities. Others emphasized the positive potential of AI, including accessible education platforms, AI-assisted healthcare services, and inclusive technologies that can empower underserved populations.

The event provided an interactive platform where participants exchanged ideas and engaged in thoughtful discussions on the responsible development and use of AI for societal benefit.

Inaugural Remarks and Details of the Session

The event was inaugurated by **Dr. Abhinava Srivastav**, who highlighted the significance of observing World Social Justice Day in academic institutions. He emphasized the importance of discussing contemporary issues such as the societal implications of artificial intelligence and encouraged students to develop a balanced and informed perspective on technology and social justice.

During the session, students actively participated in the discussion and shared insightful viewpoints on how AI can either contribute to social inequality or serve as a powerful tool for empowerment when used responsibly. The session also witnessed the address by **Prof. Ram Naresh Tripathi** in which he emphasized that **technology itself is neutral, and its impact depends on how it is designed, implemented, and governed by society.**

Vote of Thanks

At the end of the program, a vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Abhinava, who expressed sincere gratitude to all the participants, faculty members and organizers for their enthusiastic involvement. The organizing team was appreciated for successfully conducting the event and creating a platform for meaningful academic discussion.

Conclusion

The celebration of World Social Justice Day at the Department of Mathematics, HBTU Kanpur was both engaging and intellectually stimulating. The event encouraged participants to reflect on the broader implications of artificial intelligence in society.

The program concluded on a thoughtful note, reinforcing the idea that while technology has immense potential to transform lives, its true value lies in ensuring that it is used responsibly and inclusively to promote justice, equality, and social welfare.

Photos/Screenshots



Sibgha (Presenting)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & SOCIAL JUSTICE: Opportunity or inequality

AI CAN REDUCE INEQUALITY

- Expands access to education
- Improves healthcare services
- Creates new digital careers

AI CAN INCREASE INEQUALITY

- Automation may replace jobs
- Unequal digital access
- Power concentrated in big tech

**TECHNOLOGY IS POWERFUL —
FAIRNESS DEPENDS ON WHO HAS ACCESS**

For AI to support social justice, its benefits must reach everyone — not only the privileged.

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Abhinava Sri...

Anjali Srivastava

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Karmendra Bah...

Shivam Pandey

SURYANSH SIN...

34 others

Sakshi Katiyar

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Jyoti Yadav (Presenting, annotating)

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Jyoti Yadav

Abhinava ...

Karmendra Bahadur singh

41 others

Sakshi Katiyar

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Anjali Srivastava (Presenting, annotating)

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Anjali Srivastava

Abhinav...

Sibgha

42 others

Sakshi Katiyar

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Abhishek Kumar
Jyoti Yadav
Abhi...
Ram Naresh Tripathi
Swati Mishra
Shivam Shreevastava
archi bajpai
39 others

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Abhinava ...
Karmendra Bahadur Singh
Shivam Pandey
Anjali Srivastava
44 others
Sakshi Katiyar

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