MERAKI SCREENING REPORT

29.10.2026

12.30pm

Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi

Meraki, the English Literary Society.

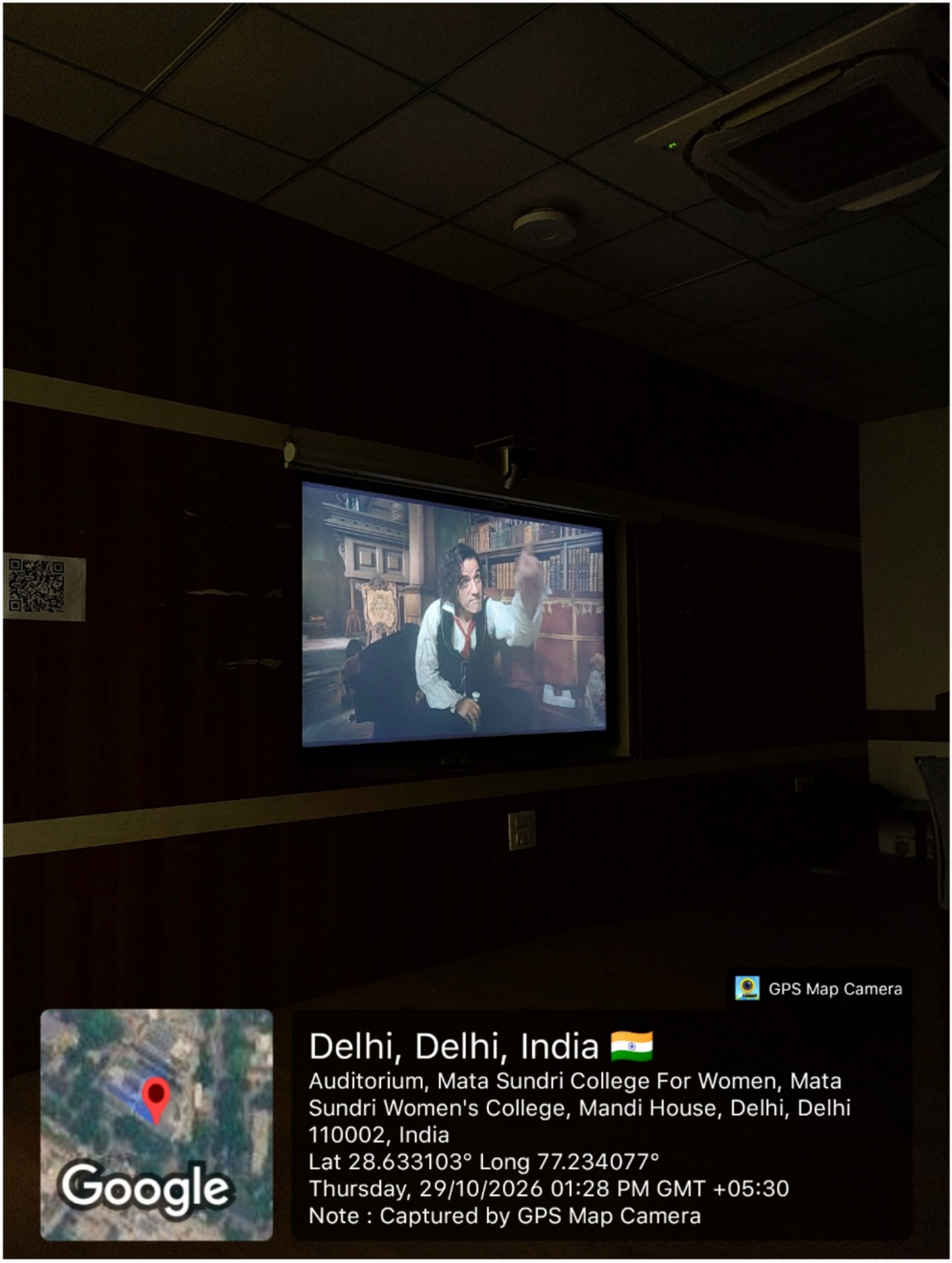
This event was organised as a film screening of Frankenstein (2025), directed by Guillermo del Toro and based on Mary Shelley's 1818 gothic novel Frankenstein. It gave students a chance to see a classic of English literature reimagined on screen and to think about the relationship between text and adaptation.

Around 50 students, along with faculty members and members of the society, attended. The event began with a brief welcome and an introduction to the novel and its context: Shelley's Gothic and Romantic influences, its questions about creation and responsibility, and its place in the history of science fiction. The film, starring Oscar Isaac as Victor Frankenstein, Jacob Elordi as the Creature and Mia Goth as Elizabeth, was then screened.

The screening was followed by a discussion led by Dr. Sanchita Khurana, Convenor of Meraki. Participants considered how the film handles the novel's central themes: the ambition and hubris of the scientist, the Creature's isolation and search for belonging, and the question of who the real "monster" is. Students also compared the film's choices, such as its visual style, its characterisation of the Creature, and its changes to the plot, with Shelley's text, and discussed whether fidelity matters in an adaptation or whether a film is better read as its own interpretation.

The discussion was followed by an informal interaction among members, which allowed students to share their responses in a relaxed setting. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sanchita Khurana, Ms. Meenu Chaudhary, Dr. Ritu Saluja to the audience, the faculty and the society members for their support.

The screening was not only an evening of entertainment but also an exercise in critical viewing, encouraging students to read literature and cinema alongside each other and to carry the conversation beyond the screen.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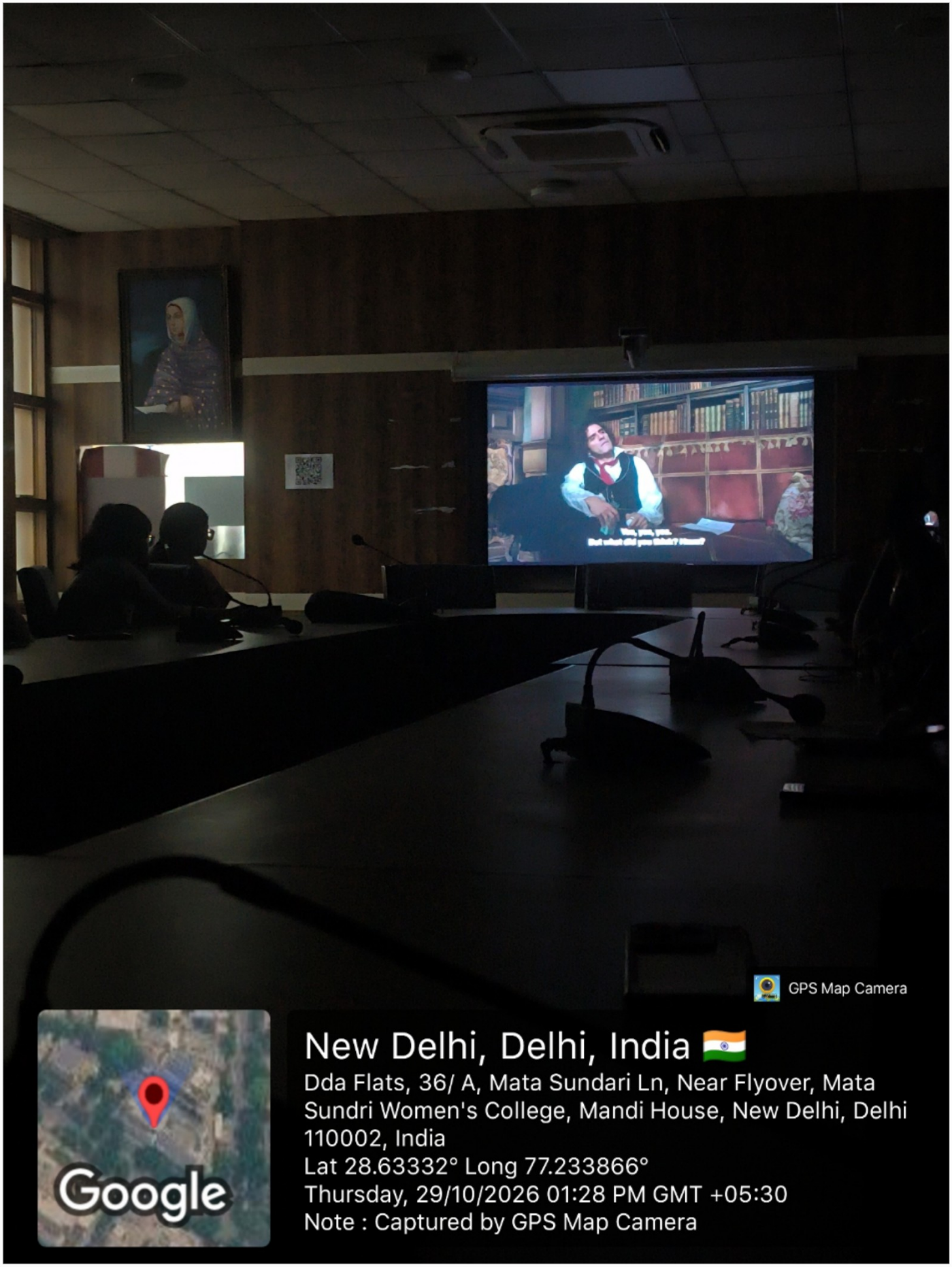
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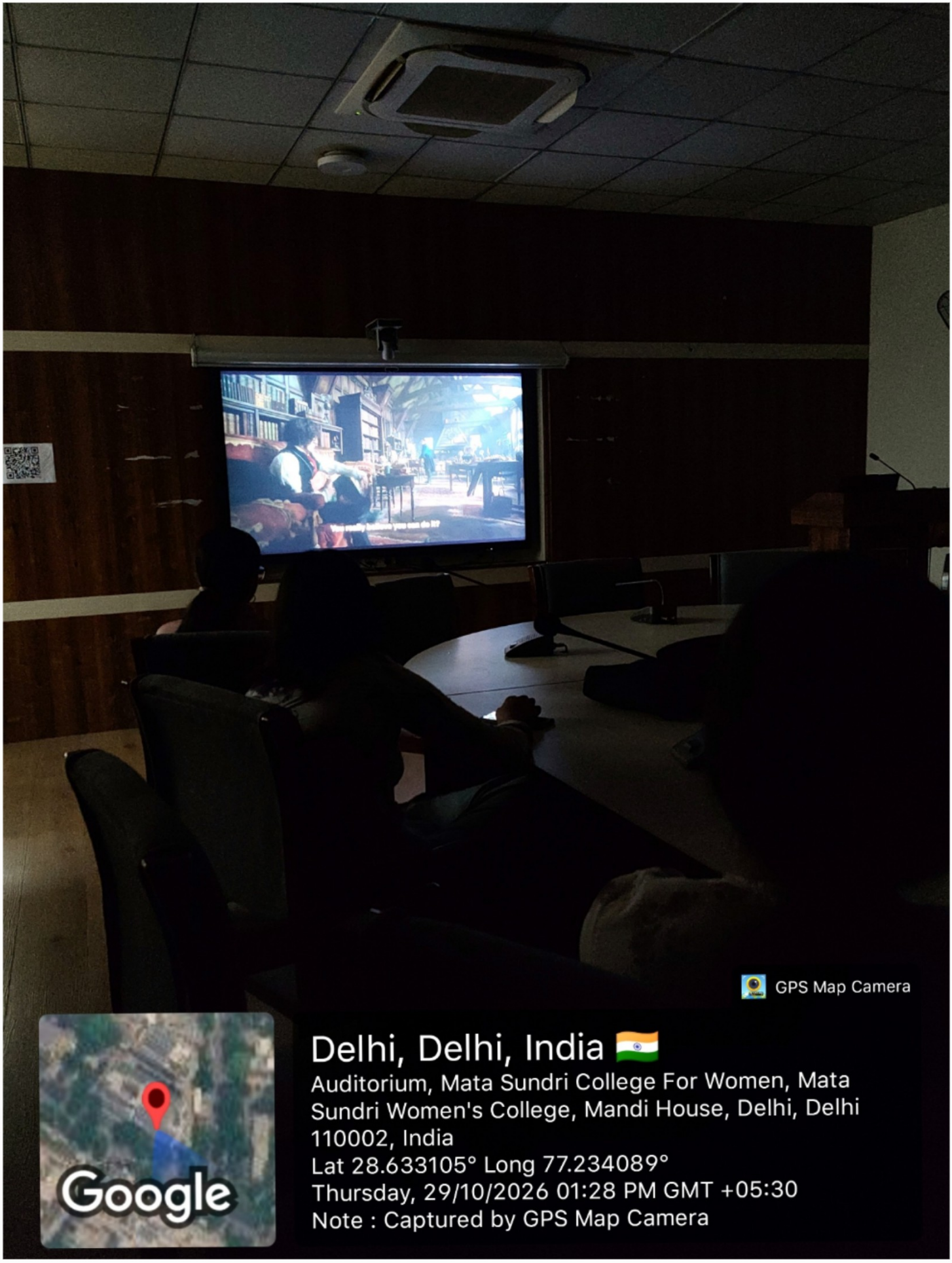
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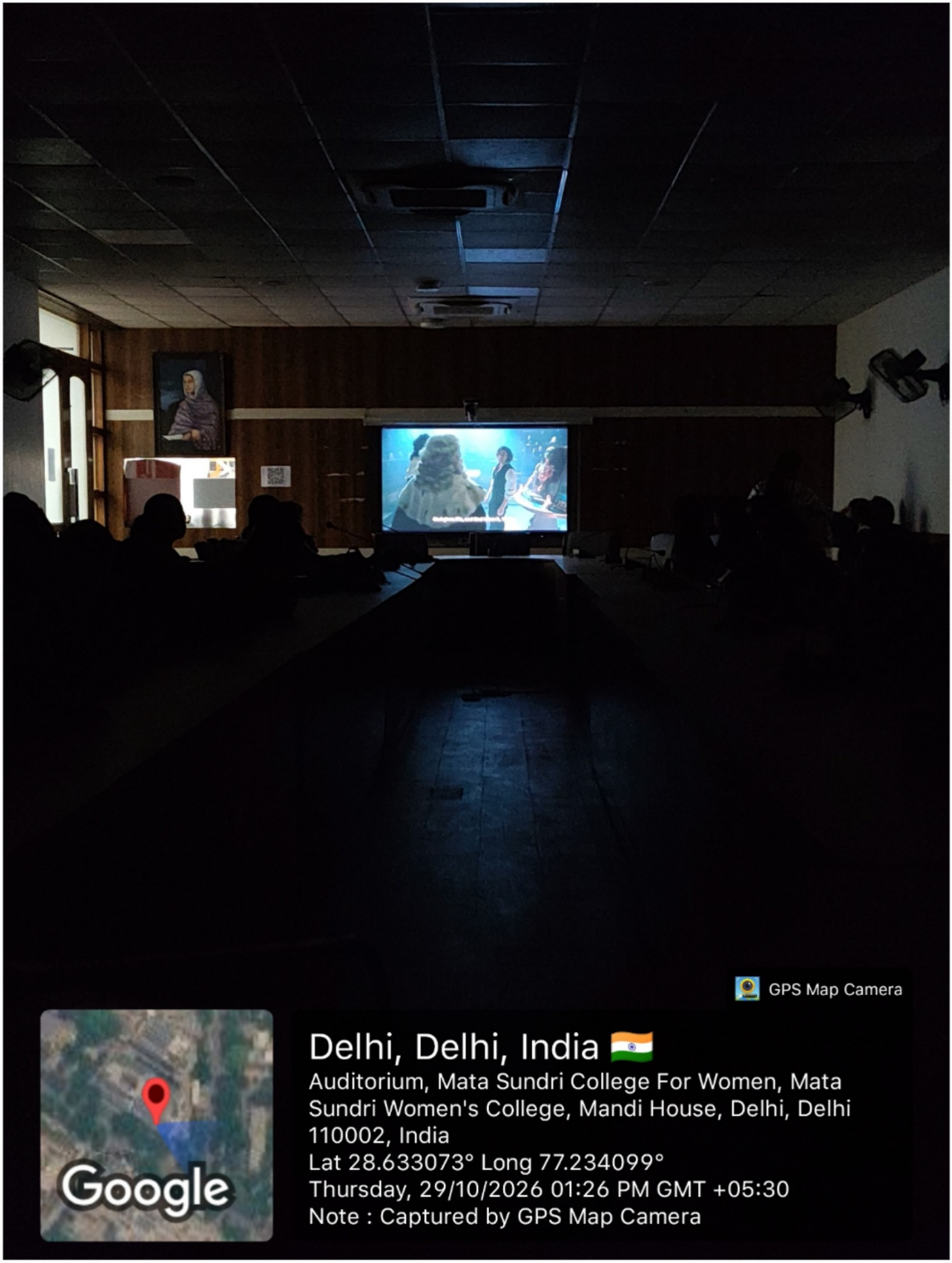
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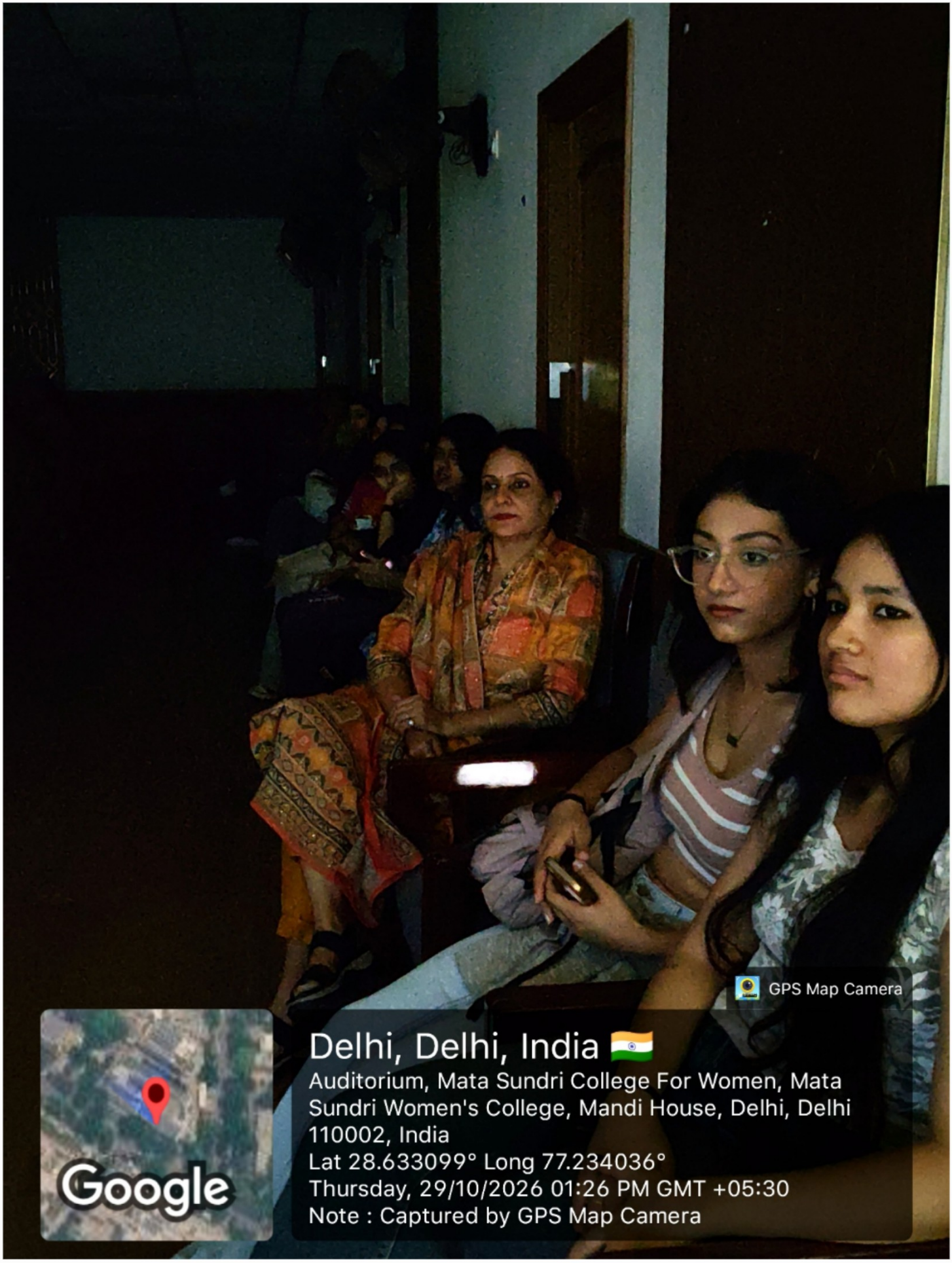
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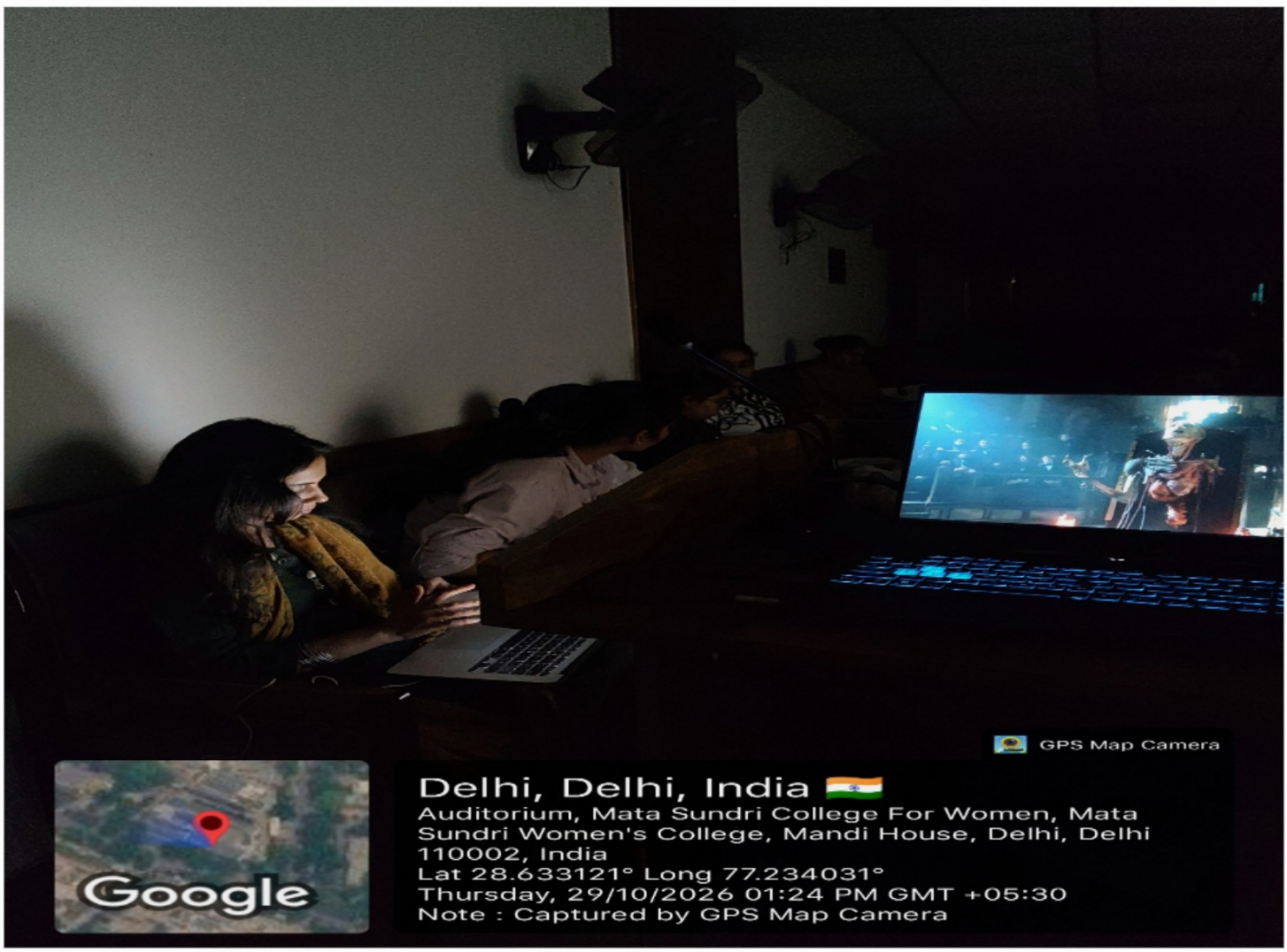
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