



ATMA RAM SANATAN DHARMA COLLEGE (UNIVERSITY OF DELHI)

Aakhyan: The Creative Writing Society

The Society for Creative Writing, under the aegis of IQAC, was honoured to have Ms. Bhaswati Ghosh for its inaugural webinar on “Writing Historical Fiction” on April 25, 2023. The webinar commenced at 6:30 p.m. with the customary welcome of the guest speaker by the conveners of the Society, Dr. Gautam Choubey and Dr. Achingliu Kamei. The event witnessed the participation of approximately 50 students.

The chief speaker of the evening, an expert in writing and translating fiction, began her lecture by familiarizing the participants with the genre of historical fiction. She then proceeded to explain the process of writing historical fiction, using examples from various novels such as Amitav Ghosh's *The Shadow Lines*. After the initial discussion on the genre of historical fiction, the session moved on to a discussion of Ms. Bhaswati Ghosh's first historical fiction book, *Victory Colony, 1950*. The interactive Q&A session that followed the discussion allowed students to deepen their understanding and clarify any remaining doubts.

The Society for Creative Writing, under the aegis of IQAC, in collaboration with Shakti: The Women Development Cell, organized an enlightening workshop on "Short Stories and Gendered Experiences" with acclaimed poet, bilingual writer, and translator, Dr. Kinshuk Gupta, on 19th November 2023.

The honourable speaker of the day, Dr. Kinshuk Gupta, commenced the workshop by delving into the rich tapestry of gendered experiences through the art of storytelling. As the participants became familiar with the genre of short stories and the process of writing them, the guest speaker initiated an interactive discussion on his two well-known short stories, *Achha Aadmi* and *Sushi Girl*, which further provided insights into how to craft compelling characters, challenge stereotypes, and embrace diverse voices. The workshop concluded with an interactive Q&A session wherein the participants had an opportunity to gain more knowledge about short story writing.