

- **Creative Writing Workshop (14th September 2019)**

A three hour **Creative Writing Workshop** was organized on **14th September 2019** for the students of all three years of BA (Hons) English. Renowned poet **Dr. Akhil Katyal**, who is faculty at Ambedkar University, Delhi, was invited to facilitate the workshop. The focus of the workshop was on writing City Poetry. First, Dr. Katyal helped students navigate through several poems written on Delhi. Selected poetry of Ravish Kumar, Agha Shahid Ali, Malikzada Manzoor Ahmed, Haripriya Soibam, Michael Creighton and Aditi Rao was read and analysed, in order to understand the tool-kit of poetry: language, sound and visual space. Through poetry reading, students were encouraged to think about Delhi and their relationship with it, the politics of place and identity, as well as the construction of the city through memory and experience. Exercises through the Delhi political map were done to understand what the city means for each of them. All students wrote their own Delhi poem at the end of the workshop, which were then shared and discussed. The event ended with the prize distribution ceremony for the quiz winners and students who had distinguished themselves in various department activities.