

## CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP BY Dr. AMIT RANJAN

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A talk was organised by the English Literary Society of Mata Sundri College, on 28th of September, in the Mata Gujri Hall. The talk entitled “The Art of Writing” was given by **Dr. Amit Ranjan**, a professor of English at St. Stephen’s College, Delhi University. Dr Ranjan has written a wide variety of fiction and academic works. His creative output ranges from poems, short stories, to full length plays. The talk was well attended by students from all three years of the English honours course, as well as other courses which study creative writing as a subject.

Dr. Ranjan enlightened these young minds on the history of literary forms and techniques as he stated that, “To be an intelligent writer one has to be an intelligent reader.” He also discussed the important question of what can be considered as good writing. Giving examples of erudite writers like Salman Rushdie, as against uneducated and popular writers like Emily Bronte, Dr. Ranjan hinted at the varied and ever-changing criteria for good writing. Talking about his own journey as a writer who shifted from Hindi to English as a medium of art, he talked about the possibilities open for the English language writer in the present scenario. The two-hour long event ended with a lively discussion with the students where they got a chance to put forth their questions regarding the various difficulties that they encountered while writing.