

IRIDESCENT- The English Creative Writing Society

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Iridescent is the English Creative Writing Society of Janki Devi Memorial College formed in 2015 on popular demand of the students. It aims to build a community of writers of every genre from every department in the college. The society focuses on the process of creative writing and training the students in the art of writing by conducting various workshops and holding impromptu poetry/ prose writing sessions in the weekly meetings. Workshops for prose, poetry, fiction, journalism and script-writing see a huge number of interested candidates from within and outside the Creative Writing Society.

A wonderful **Poetry-Writing Workshop** was conducted on 21st September, 2017 by the well-known Delhi-based poet, Akhil Katyal. It was an enriching and learning experience for all the students who participated in this workshop.

The **inter-university Creative Writing Competition**, that has always been a significant part of Janki Devi Memorial College's annual events, was organized on 13th September 2017. It saw enthusiastic participation from teams of various colleges. The students of Janki Devi Memorial College took away all three prizes in the competition. The competition saw over 150 participants from various colleges all over the city. The registration procedures took place online and hence the outreach was tremendous. The theme chosen for the competition was 'Re-tellings'. With interesting re-imagined and re-told stories from mythology, history, fairy tales and texts, the competition was a huge success. The First prize was bagged by a student of Janki Devi Memorial College.

On 20th February, 2018, the society organized a **Writers' Festival** in collaboration with the Department of English and LOGOS. The event witnessed an overwhelming participation by students across colleges in Delhi. With an introductory session followed by individual workshops with panelists like Anusha Rizvi, Akhil Katyal, Saikat Majumdar, Sudeep Chakravarti, Shantanu Ray Chaudhuri, Vishwajyoti Ghosh, Arpita Das, the festival was an enriching experience for all.

In order to keep the society going, the members hold weekly meetings to discuss further workshops, have mock sessions or to just discuss a good book that they read over the

weekend. Iridescent, despite being a creative writing society, encourages every form of creativity and regularly displays the students' efforts on the assigned bulletin board. The office bearers of the society are also the editorial board of the college magazine.

The society aims to help students acknowledge their creativity and consider their pens, mightier than the sword.