

# **I was There: Reimagining Independence – The English Literary Society**

*Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*



The English Literary Society decided to Celebrate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav by combining fiction and reality, and hosting a short story writing competition.

The society gave four prompts to all of the students who wished to participate in the event and they were supposed to write a short story of about two thousand words on any one of the prompts that were presented to them. The deadline for doing so was 25th September. The prompts given were:

1. POV: You're witnessing history being made.
2. The question is not where, but when?
3. The 150th Independence Day.
4. The days that never made it to the textbook.

The textuality of history and the historicity of texts was something that came into play in this competition and the students could really empathise with what the National Movement brought with it and the emotional turmoil that must have prevailed at the time. The English Literary Society received some exciting and extremely creative entries and the results for the competition are as follows:

1st Position: Name – S.M. Khalid

Course – B.A. English (Hons.) Second Year, St. Stephen's College

2nd Position: Name – Debanjali Das

Course – B.A. English (Hons.) Third Year, Daulat Ram College

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