## Paper Presentation Competition – The Leadership Cell



Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

The Leadership Cell organised a Paper Presentation Competition which started on 27th August with an inaugural talk and concluded on 11 September 2021. The topic chosen for the overall event was "1947: The challenges ahead of the newborn nation". The same was chosen as it entails themes of freedom and partition, communal bloodshed, the dilemma of princely states, gigantic tasks like constitution-making, and how our nation triumphed over adversity.

The event started with an inaugural talk which took place on **27 August 2021** from **6:00 - 8:00 PM** and was attended by a total of 80 people. The speakers for the event were Ms. Priyanka Sharma, Mr. Anirudh Deshpande and Dr. Ramanand.

The talk was followed by a Paper Presentation Competition which had two rounds.

After a rigorous process of selection in the first round in which over 35 teams participated and submitted their papers, 8 teams were selected for the final round which took place on **11 September 2021** from **6:00 - 8:00 PM**. The selected teams presented their papers before eminent historians of Modern Indian history and received insightful remarks from the judges after their respective presentations. The judging panel included:

- Mr Amiya P. Sen An eminent historian of Modern Indian History, Sivadasani Fellow at the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, Oxford, UK
- Ms. Priyanka Sharma Assistant Professor of Modern Indian History at the University of Delhi
- Dr. Ramanand Director of the Centre of Policy Research and Governance and the former advisor on the NEP with the MHRD.
- Mr. Anirudh Deshpande Associate Professor, Dept. of History at University of Delhi and author of The British Raj and its Indian Armed Forces, 1857-1939.

Out of the 8 teams that were selected, **3 teams were declared as the winners.** 

