Report on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav- 2022-23

A two-day Annual Fest, "Qafila", was organised by Dharohar: The History Society on 7th and 8th February 2023. The Fest was dedicated to Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav this year. The first day began with welcome ceremony and auspicious lamp-lighting. Various student related events were held starting with Paper Presentation competition titled 'Monologue' on the topic 'Role of Cinema in Representation of Indian History to Society'. This was followed by a Quiz competition called 'Fact Hunt' on the topic 'Polity, Society and Social Movements during 1850-1950'. Another competition organised was a Creative Writing named 'Ink and Quill' themed '1947 - The Day of Independence' and a Sketching competition titled 'History Through Strokes' on the topic 'Freedom Fighters of 1857' and 'Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel'. A large number of students participated from within and different other colleges of Delhi University which made these events academically rejuvenating and huge success. Cash prizes and certificates were given to all the winners as well as the participants. Through these activities students were sensitized towards Indian Freedom Movement and contribution of our Freedom fighters. The topics were chosen to boost confidence and pride in Indian past and India as a Nation with rich culture of diversity. The themes were also carefully selected to enhance students' skill and bring out talent among students.

On second day of the Fest, A Talk by Prof. Makkhan Lal was organised on the topic, "Controlling History - from Distortions to Unsung Heroes". The event started with welcoming the Guest of Honour- Prof Sanjeev Kumar Tiwari, Principal of Maharaja Agrasen College, speaker of the day Prof. Makkhan Lal and our respected Principal Prof. Krishna Sharma. The programme started with motivational words by our respected Principal mam, followed by the introduction of the Guest of Honour by Dr. Kundan Kumar, the Society Advisor. Prof. Tiwari spoke in length on the topic and enlightened the audience. Dr. Rimjhim Sharma, the Teacher-in Charge of the department then introduced the Speaker, Prof. Makkhan Lal who delivered an insightful lecture on the topic connecting students and teachers with past and present of History Writing. He brought out the issues related to History Writing and need to explore new sources to fill the gaps left earlier when sources were less discovered due to lack of technological advancement. The Talk captivated the audience and brought forth many questions from the students. Later the students also showcased a documentary prepared by them on Subhash Chandra Bose and INA. Role of Subhash Chandra Bose and INA in the Freedom Struggle was highlighted and very interesting clippings were added to it making it a worth watch. The Talk ended with vote of thanks by President of the History Society, **Hridaya N. Singh**.





