

Principal Dr Vijay Datta

## 95<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION AT MODERN SCHOOL The Principal's Message

### FOR THE KIND ATTENTION OF THE FACULTY

Kudos to the staff and students on the exemplary team work on the occasion of the 95<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day. This short message of mine is to convey my deep sense of appreciation to the staff and the students. It is also to reiterate the fact that winning is not a destination, but a brief stopover to begin all over again.

The esteemed guests Dr. Harsh Vardhan and Mr. Subhash Ghai were delighted to experience a cultural extravaganza where skills and intellect went hand in hand in creating a masterpiece. This is where Ms. Merlyn Abhimanyu's gigantic sculpture of the Buddha stood tall, where we get to meet Siddhartha and his inner self. In fact her team of students kept reminding me through the night that the auspicious occasion is round the corner.

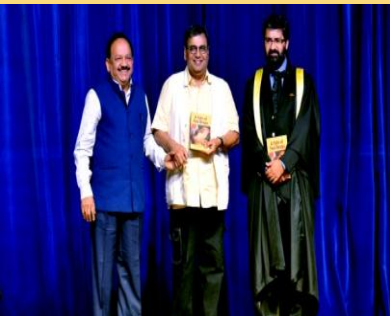
Mr. Somesh's marvelous piece-de-resistance, a metallic marvel, give us an insight into Mankind the maverick, whose adept fingers carves out directions from the cranium to spell out social and humanitarian messages to the soul.

All this would not have been possible without the zealousness of the staff and the students. Keep up the good work and do get ready for our next assignment with an international flavor, the CDLS and then the Sports Day where we need to prove our mettle. We are that genre of people who can rise to any occasion and do the assigned work with aplomb! Fair winds and God bless !

**DR VIJAY DATTA**  
**THE PRINCIPAL**



Glimpses From The Ballet 'Tathagat'



Dr Harsh Vardhan , Mr Subhash Ghai and Dr Vijay Datta on the stage

## 95<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION AT MODERN SCHOOL

On 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015, Modern School celebrated its 95<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day with great fervour and gaiety. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Minister of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences Government of India, while noted director and producer Mr. Subhash Ghai was the Guest of Honour. The students presented a variety of activities such as:

### The Guard of Honour

The Guard of Honour was inspected by the Chief Guest, Dr. Harsh Vardhan. The band comprising of S3 students played different compositions while in the background there was a majestic display of horses. Students of S3 welcomed the chief guest and the guest of honor with much gusto and delight.



The Guard of Honour

## MY SPACE EXHIBITION Showcasing Aesthetic Excellence

### Quilling creations

Quilling is an art form that involves strips of paper that are rolled, shaped and glued together creating beautiful and fascinating designs. Quilling exhibits were put up by Aishwarya Aggarwal S2 and Arjun Narula S4 displayed photo frames, greeting cards and jewellery.



Graphic creations by Manav

### Graphics in medium wood cut

Wood carving is a form of graphics designing achieved by the means of cutting, scraping, and colouring wood to create amazing designs and images. Manav Gupta S4 and Prasham Jain S6 showcased their incredible creations.



Chief Guest Dr Harsh Vardhan writing a few lines of appreciation

### Fabric designing

Vanshika Gupta of S6 displayed fabric block printing, ceramic pottery, potato block printing and acrylic painting of landscapes. Keshav Gupta S3 and Kamakshi Gupta S4 displayed self designed and painted lamps.



## Painting

'Art is a gateway to express and impress" Anushree Mahur S5, Harsheen Vohra S5, Bhavna Gupta S7, Khushi Jain S5 and Samridhi Gupt displayed Soft pastels depicting landscapes, portraits, still lives and abstract art.

## Fashion technology

Aashna Sakhuja S6 displayed her creative fashion designs on mannequins made out of waste material such as magazines pages, polythene bags and newspapers.

## Science Park

The Science Park displayed new features and structures of various scientific laws and principles relating to concepts like the periodic table, the rolling pin based on acceleration due to gravity plus mass of an object, finding the value of pi, and also on the transfer of momentum.

## Sports Achievements

Under the stewardship of ace coaches, the students have carved a niche for themselves at the zonal, CBSE and National Arenas in recent times. Trophies and positions won by our determined sportsmen were displayed by the Sports Department. These were displayed under the magnificent Banyan tree.

## Mountaineering

The dauntless students of modern school displayed their inimitable mountaineering and hiking skills, which also showed their readiness and courage to save people during a disaster.

## S U P W EXHIBITIONS

## Art Room Exhibition

The painting exhibition was based on the five elements. The elements show cased were Space, Air, Earth, Water and Fire. It had paintings made of acrylic on canvas, medium oil paints and oil pastels. Manga art, which is a Japanese caricature style, was used in depicting one of the elements. Various themes and titles were given to the paintings.



Guests appreciating Harsheen's paintings



Aashna Sakhuja with her creations



Guests at the science park



Sports trophies on display



The Modern Daredevils



Students flaunt their art work



**Guests At The Photography Display**



**Guests Admiring Photographs**

## Graphics

The students displayed woodcraft exhibits that were arranged in a neat display near the technology block. The artistic hands of the students had chiseled the wood giving it a new look and life.

## Lens Craft The Photography Club

Lens craft the Photography Club of Modern School organized a photography exhibition. There was a display of beautiful pictures clicked by the students of the school from class S1-S7. The pictures had covered all aspects of photography like portraiture, nature, street, macro and wildlife. The photography room was decorated with rose petals and the soft sound of piano music pervaded, along with a soothing aroma, that created a vibrant environment for our chief guests.



**Home science students**

## Home Science Department

Home Science is the application of many skills for the purpose of achieving healthier and happier homes. It enhances the ability to create a cordial atmosphere. A fusion of traditional and modernity was portrayed by the Home Science Department through innovative crafts made by students of S1 to S7. The main attractions included colorful rangolis, mirror decorations, photo frames, flower arrangements using kitchen accessories, tie-dye, ornamental chowkis, gel candles and masai paintings.



**Mr. Subhash Ghai at the technology block**

## Electronic Department and Computer Technology Department

Both the departments displayed the various models of robotics and their working. It also showcased the various aspects of computers such as animation and graphics.





Scenes from Tathagat

## Paper Technology Department

Students presented an enormous display of art work such as paper mache, quill work, handmade trays and photo frames in the paper technology room.



Paper technology department

## Fashion Technology Department

The Fashion Technology Department displayed various dresses made by the students and eloquent coloured designs in a very tasteful manner.



Fashion design model

## Sculpture Department

Students of this department made a magnificent idol of lord Buddha which was an added attraction that stood out among the rest. It presented their hard work, skill and talent.



Beside The Statue Of Buddha

## High Tea at the Principal's Residence

The Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and the Members of the Management, along with invited guests attended a High Tea at the Principal's residence.

## Entertainment Extravaganza

The Principal Dr Vijay Datta and the senior teachers escorted the guests Dr Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, Mr Subhash Ghai, film director, producer, Mr Ashok Pratap Singh, President Board of Trustees, Modern Schools, Dr S.Y. Quraishi, Chairman, Managing Committee, Modern Schools along with many other distinguished guests to the Shankar Lal Hall for the musical celebrations in the hall. The guests were applauded by the audience and welcomed with planters.



Guests At The Technology Block



### The Grand Orchestra Performing on Stage

The synchronization of the tunes played on different musical instruments by a group of more than fifty young students astonished the guests. The harmonious blend of all the string, woodwind, and percussion instruments was nothing short of a musical masterpiece.



Mr Subhash Ghai



Mr Harsh Vardhan



Dr Vijay Datta welcomes the guests

### Address by Mr. Ashok Pratap Singh

Mr. Ashok Pratap Singh, President, Board of Trustees, Modern Schools, addressed the august gathering and emphasized the importance of value based education which should be imparted to the students to make them worthy global citizens. Mr. Singh appreciated the teachers of Modern School who constantly work hard to ensure students do well in academics, sports as well as co-curricular activities.

### The Principal's Welcome Address

Dr. Vijay Datta, Principal of Modern School, stated that the school owes its existence to noted educationist, Lala Raghubir Singh, who laid the foundation of this glorious institution which today has grown to gain a global reputation. Dr. Vijay Datta paid rich tributes to Lalaji. He remembered his immense contribution in the establishment of the school and to the cause of meaningful education.

### Address by Dr. Harsh Vardhan

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, the chief guest on the occasion spoke to the audience on the importance of holistic education. He also shared his experience which he gained as the Education Minister in the previous BJP Government. He remembered some of his teachers who had guided him in his life.

A Memento was presented to Dr Harsh Vardhan .



The School Choir conducted by Mrs Baisakhi Samajdhar

### The School Choir

A choir of seventy students enthralled the audience with beautiful motivational songs such as 'Tell me Why' and 'You're the Voice'.





Dr. S. Y. Quraishi , Mr Ashok Pratap Singh, Mr. Subhash Ghai and Dr. Vijay Datta

## The Principal's Report on the School's Activities of the Past Year

Our Principal read out the School Report. It covered all the academic, sports and co-curricular activities held in the school. He also encouraged the students to achieve higher goals.

### Prize Distribution

The students who excelled in academics, sports and co-curricular activities were honoured by Mr. Ashok Pratap Singh. He distributed the sports award which were given to students who excelled and won laurels at both national and international levels. This event was conducted by Ms. Usha Nair, the Headmistress of the Main Block. The students who excelled in academics were given awards by Mr. Subhash Ghai and was conducted by Ms. Jaya Khurana, the Headmistress of the P J Block.

The students of S7 awarded with the Lady Sobha Singh Trust Awards were Arjun Raj Bhadur, Toshane Khullar, Kushaan Nath, Prabhav Bahuguna and Shivika Vikram Bhatia . The Raka Memorial Award was given to Parth Bhatia. The Kiran Seth award for the all round best in sports was given to Ridhi Kapur. The Devraj Puri Cricket Trophy for the best cricketer of the Year was given to Ekansh Gulati. The Saurabh Aggarwal Football Trophy was bagged by Mudit Gupta . The Rishabhjeet Singh Wason Hockey Trophy was presented to Vaibhav Agarwal .

The Principal's Prize was given to Alisa Warsi ,Vidul Talwar , Aliya Warsi, Bhavna Gupta and Dhawaani Arora for football. Parth Aggarwal was awarded for Tennis and the other awardees were Kushagra Relhan, Devesh Choudhry, Sanat Goel and Shatakshi for Basket ball. Sarthak Bahl , Sahil Arora, Kushagra Mittal for Rugby, Nilanjan Parijat for mountaineering .



Dr Harsh Vardhan addressing the audience



Dr Vijay Datta presenting the report

### Presentation of the Mementoes and Vote of Thanks

Mr. Ashok Pratap Singh, President, Board of Trustees, Modern Schools presented a memento to Mr. Subhash Ghai. Thereafter, Dr.S.Y. Quraishi, Chairman, Managing Committee gave the vote of thanks to the esteemed guests.



A scene from Tathagat

### **Ballet 'Tathagat' ,**

A grand musical extravaganza was presented in the form of a dance drama based on the life of Buddha scripted by Ms. Alka Luthra and Mr. Arindam Das Gupta. It was a dramatic rendition of Buddha's inner journey, a learning process, which led him from a state of dejection and remorse, to a state of enlightenment. The entire ballet was an eclectic display of colourful, perfectly co ordinated and orchestrated series of dances on the theme of Buddha's journey to enlightenment.

### **The Principal's Introduction of Guest of Honour, Mr. Subhash Ghai**

The Principal formally introduced noted Bollywood director and producer, Mr. Subhash Ghai as the Guest of Honour. The Principal spoke about his various hit Hindi movies such as Karz , Karma, Ram Lakan etc.

### **Address by Mr. Subhash Ghai**

In true Bollywood style, Mr. Ghai built an instant rapport with the audience and encouraged the children to follow their own interests and dreams. He emphasized on giving freedom to the students to pursue the field of their choice. He also mentioned that the actor, director, Mr. Shekhar Kapoor, was a Modernite and he wanted many more students from Modern School to excel in different fields. He appreciated the efforts of the students and teachers at the function.

### **Vote of Thanks**

The day ended with a vote of thanks by Ms. Malini Khatri, the Headmistress of the S.S. Block. She thanked the guests and also read out the name of the In-Charges of the various activities during the Founder's Day and appreciated their efforts to make this event a grand success.

The Founder's day script was compiled by Mrs Alka Luthra and Mr Arindam Das Gupta, choreography and costume design by Mr Arindam Das Gupta and Ms Evelyn D'Cruz, Set was designed by Mr Arindam Das Gupta ,and Mr P Singh. Brochure was scripted by Mrs Alka Luthra and Mrs Sanjana Mulla. The compering was done by Mrs Alka Luthra and students Amreen Nanda S6 with Shaurya S6. Stage properties were done by Mrs Simmi Khera and Mr Rajan Naik. Hall decoration by Mr Naval Singh and Mrs Simmi Khera. The overall In Charge of the event was Mrs Sapna Bhatia. Mrs Manpreet Kaur monitored the back stage discipline. All the teachers of the school pitched in to maintain discipline and duties of costumes, ushering, managing the students, seating arrangements. Mrs Prabha Bhagat and team for the prize distribution arrangements. Mr. Gautam Sarkar's technical support and Mr. Rajesh and his team's efforts to maintain discipline culminated in a magnificent 95<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day this year.



Swarnim Shankar enacting Buddha



Mrs Malini Khatri Giving The Vote Of Thanks