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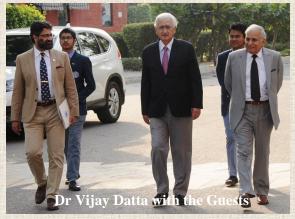
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#### **IPSC IT FEST 2018**

The Indian Public Schools Conference IT Fest was held at Modern School, Barakhamba Road on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Over one hundred and twenty participants from over seventeen







most prestigious educational institutions across India participated. The festival included events such as Quiz, Programming, Web Designing, Digital Imaging,

Audio-Video Editing and Presentation.

The first day started with the inauguration ceremony. The Chief Guest, Mr Rakshit Tandon, a renowned cyber-security expert, enlightened the participants about cyber-security and safety with an informative presentation.



On the second day finals of the quiz, the programming event and the team event were held. The Quizmaster for the Finals was Modern School alumni Naman Dhanuka, and the final was an enthralling experience with Delhi Public School RK Puram bagging the first position. In the programming event, participants were given five logical problems to solve within a given time-frame. In the final event, participants were tasked to make



Audio-Video Editing, Web Designing, the quarter-finals and semi-finals of the quiz was conducted on the first day. The quiz consisted of five rounds which tested the participants on all facets of Information Technology. In Audio-Video Editing and Web Designing, participants were tasked to make a video and a website respectively for an e-commerce website. The day ended with a cultural night, where students from Modern School as well as outstation schools performed.





a presentation for an e-commerce website using the resources made by them during Web Designing and Audio-Video Editing. The fest ended with the prize distribution ceremony graced by eminent author and politician Mr Salman Khurshid as the Chief Guest and Mr Pramod Sharma as the Guest of Honour.



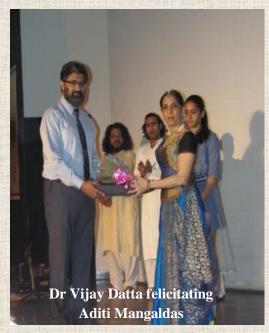
### **World Dance Day**

On the occasion of World Dance Day on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018, the SPIC MACAY chapter of Modern School

Barakhamba Road invited the world renowned and acclaimed Kathak dancer Aditi Mangaldas along with her Drishtikon Dance Foundation. Aditi Mangaldas has received international acclaim for using the strong foundation of classical dance to address contemporary concerns.

Starting with an introduction to what is dance and





showcasing how art combines with the geometry of the body, to taking us through the little nuances of Kathak, explaining the beats, the music and the choreography, the entire performance was an incredible story unraveling in front of the audience. The mesmerising session soon turned interactive when Aditi Mangaldas welcomed an S1 student to share the stage with her and perform the 'Chakkars' of Kathak.

It was indeed an informative and wholesome learning experience. The students participated in the event wholeheartedly and made the event a huge success. Felicitation of the artists was done by our Principal Dr Vijay Datta in presence of Headmistresses, Ms Jaya Khurana and Ms Malini Khatri and co-curricular Incharge Ms Manpreet Kaur.

## **SPIC MACAY Workshop**

The SPIC MACAY chapter of Modern School Barakhamba Road held a four day workshop from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to promote Indian culture and tradition among the students of the school. Three workshops were held for the children. The Madhubani Paper Mâché workshop, Woodcraft workshop and the Odissi Dance workshop.

The Madhubani Paper Mâché workshop was held by the renowned Ms Jyoti Karan and her team. She is a traditional 'kalaakaar' who has devoted her entire life into preserving and enriching the ancient art of Paper Mâché. The children were not only enlightened, but also amazed at how they were able to create artefacts in regular geometrical figures and other showpieces from waste paper and simple mud. Mughal Wood Carving Workshop was also held in the school premises. It was conducted by the eminent artist Sri Matloob and his team of skilled craftsmen. All students from S1 to S7 were invited to join this event. In the course of four days, the students were taught to make and embellish wooden articles like key



holders, key chains and trays. Last but not the least, a dance workshop was also held by eminent Odissi dancer Padmashree Ranjana Gauhar. On 1<sup>st</sup> May, along with a lecture-cum-demonstration on the nuances of Odissi dance a performance was executed by the students. Our Principal, Dr Vijay Datta felicitated our mentor Padmashree Ranjana Gauhar and our very own dance teachers Mr Arindam and Ms Priyambada. The workshops were enlightening

and taught the students appreciation for fine arts and enhanced creativity.

#### **Mission Discovery**

Siddhant Ahuja, Harshwardhan Mangla, Amal Jain and Samarth Khanna from Modern School Barakhamba Road attended a six day programme 'Mission Discovery, India' organised at Mayo College Ajmer from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018. A hundred and thirty students from across the country and abroad participated in the event. During the programme students were engaged in scientific experiments and projects related to space and astronomy. The participating students were introduced to the astronauts and lecturers Mr



Chris Barber, Mr Steve Ray Swanson and Ms Sarah Murray. Exciting tasks, team building activities and brain storming sessions with NASA astronauts and experts summed up the first two days. The following day a presentation was made by Mr Steve Swanson, an astronaut who had been on board the ISS. He shared his experiences in space with the students. Intriguing insights about the ISS left the students awe struck. Later, 'The Martian', a movie about planet Mars was screened. An interesting activity was conducted wherein participants had to think like Steve Swanson and what he would do in several space related situations. Another activity involved making a headline for various missions accomplished by Steve Swanson. Pharmacologist Dr Julie Keeble explained the basics of pharmacology and space. For the final



activity students were given different parameters by Dr Julie Keeble and Mr Chris Barber to design scientific experiments. The best experiment among the sixteen teams would be conducted by the astronauts on board the ISS. The students left the programme enriched and informed. Programmes like Mission Discovery will not only help children to understand the vastness of space but also help to eradicate superstitions and dogmas in society.