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Annual Sports Day 2018



The Annual Sports Day of Modern School Barakhambha Road was held on Saturday, 8th December 2018. The grounds of Modern bustled with energy and enthusiasm as the Houses geared up for their March-Past, the athletes warmed up for their races and housemasters motivated their respective Houses to do their best on the Sports Day. Parents came in huge numbers to watch their children perform in various activities and win medals and prizes. Sports Day 2018 once again added to the glorious saga of Modern School, Barakhamba Road legacy. Ever forward and never to look back- it is this spirit which we carry in the hearts and soul of Modern. The function started with the arrival of the Chief Guest, Olympian Vijender Singh. The Principal, Dr Vijay Datta and the Head of Department, Sports Mr Rajesh Kumar walked down the avenue where the display of the trophies and medals won by our sports achievers were classily displayed.



Mr Vijender Singh in conversation with Mr Ashok Pratap Singh



The Principal escorting the guests

The Chief Guest, Padma Shri - Mr. Vijender Singh Beniwal, the Guest of Honour, Ms Rekha Yadav, Executive Director Sports, Ministry of Railways and Secretary , Railway Sports Promotion Board, the Principal, Dr Vijay Datta and other distinguished guests were welcomed with tokens of appreciation .

Horse Riding

Our bold and talented rider Adi Chawla astride Catheline moved towards the saluting base with the School flag. Instructor Mr. Ayub Khan gave the floral tribute, astride Majala. The rider Nirantara Musa astride Rajni moved past the dais with the School flag.



Rider moving past the dais.

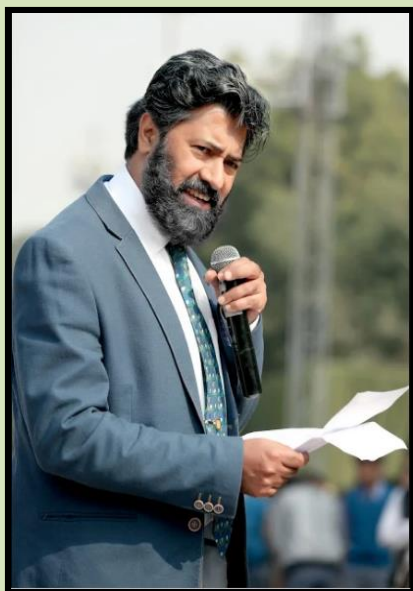


The March Past

March-Past by the School Houses

The March-Past by the students of S6 and S4 began with the drum beats of the Band in a perfect synchronization and impeccable marching by the fifteen Houses each named after iconic Indian leaders thereby, keeping with the founding ethos of the School and its Nationalist leanings. Our comprehensive March-Past exemplified the emphasis on bearing, marching, saluting and coordinating. The March Past was led by the International Squash player, Sanya Vats bearing the School flag followed by the International Squash player, Megha Bhatia. Akbar House was the first contingent to march ahead with the flag held by Mridul Arora, a Squash player and a National position holder. The placard was held by Avanti Nagrath, the Basketball IPSC position holder. Followed by the Hockey IPSC participant, Madhur Pratap who held the flag and the National Basketball player, Anusha Jindgar held the Ashoka House placard. The Azad House was led by Adhiraj Singhal, a National participant in Squash with the placard and Rohit Singh a CBSE National medalist in Athletics bearing the House flag. Gandhi House, bearing the ideals of the Father of the Nation in their hearts had Gauri Gupta, a National Badminton Player and Aishani Katyal, a national level medalist in gymnastics proudly leading the House. The Lajpat House flag was held by Avik Chaudhary a National Level Tennis player, and the placard holder Radhika Shukla, a National Water Polo and Shooting player.

The Laxmibai House, carrying forward the legacy of the exemplary brave heart Rani Laxmibai, was led by Manan Shinghari, an International Badminton Player and Alisha Kansal, a National Basketball Player. The Nehru House was led by Abhishek Sharma a National Level Badminton player and Ananya Khanna a National Level Football player. The Patel House, was led by Rijul Mahajan and Aum Tandon. The Pratap House, marched smartly swinging their arms high up in the air and were led by Aviraj Anand and Squash Gold Medalist National Level player Tejas Chawla. The Ranjit House Football player Niharika Prakash and the National Yoga position holder Shivangi Menon led the House. The Shastri House placard was held by Arush Jain, a National Chess Champion and Rabab Singh Sethi, a National Participant in Football with the flag. The Athletics and Football National Position holder Saumya Maitra, bearing the placard, was followed by Shrey Kaushik a National Participant in Cricket, with the House flag leading the contingent of Shivaji House. The Subhash house IPSC Position holder and International player in football, Arnav Arora was holding the placard and National Position Holder Aryan Raj held the flag. The Tagore House Placard was held by National Basketball player Abhaia Sharma followed by International Archery participant, Aditya Verma who held the flag, Tilak House marched with pride in their hearts, heads held high, led by Raunak Rai Maini, Swimming and Water Polo Champion bearing the placard and Shivam Raheja, Basketball Player, with the flag.



Address by the Principal

The Principal Dr Vijay Datta introduced the Chief Guest for the occasion Mr Vijender Singh. He welcomed the Chief Guest for the occasion and also stressed the importance of sports in every individual's life. He also felicitated the Chief Guest with a memento and a woodcut portrait created by Hridayam Arora (S6-E) and Khushi Aggarwal (S2-F) of the Graphics Club.

Address by the Chief Guest

The Chief Guest Padma Shri Vijender Singh addressed the gathering and in his speech said that there are '**No Shortcuts to Success**'. He declared the Annual Sports Meet Open. Balloons were released depicting the pride and achievements of the School along with the School Logo.

Oath Taking Ceremony And *Mashal* Lighting

The oath was taken by the International Squash player, Megha Bhatia, followed by the 'Torch Lighting Ceremony'. The Chief Guest handed over the lighted torch to Sanya Vats, a Bronze Medalist at the Asian Junior Championship and also a participant in the World Junior Open Championship. She then handed over the flame to International Squash player Megha Bhatia who passed it to SGFI Nationals Basketball Gold medalist Sanskar Nagpal and then to Archers Aditya Verma and Arshiya Chaudhary. The flame was then passed to the International Gold medalist in Basketball at the South Asian Championship, Nitish Beniwal who proceeded to light the Meet Flame.

Parade of the International/ National players

Modern School has 7 International players, 35 National Position Holders and 101 National participants, who won laurels for the School during the year. They were all honoured with the special 'School Colour'. The School's International and National Position Holders marched smartly towards the dais, to be felicitated by the Chief Guest and the Principal Dr Vijay Datta.



Students at the race



Dr Datta presenting a memento to the Chief Guest

Races

The races such as the 100 meters Final for S1 Boys and Girls, 100 meters Final for Senior Boys and Girls, 4 x 100 meters Relay Race Final Senior Girls evoked great excitement amongst everyone on the field.

Races for Fathers and Mothers also garnered great enthusiasm and applause

Yoga



Yoga display by the students of S1 our School was done in perfect synchronization. It reinforced the importance of yoga as an important component to ensure a healthy life.

Zumba

The students of S2 presented a refreshing and vivacious performance of a series of exercises and dance movements set to the music to attune the body to various synchronized beats.

Taekwondo

The students of S3 showcased a series of powerful moves of the martial arts, taekwondo. The moves such as the three-punch combo, crescent into out-kick, high block provided a perfect back drop to the poise, orientation and coordination displayed by our students.

The School Band



As the contingents marched ahead, heads held high, marching smartly to the tune of the Uttaranchal folk song, Bedupako played by the School Band — perfect synchronization with the marching squads was achieved. The School Band had 24 pipers playing the great highland bagpipe, 8 side drummers, 5 tenor drummers, and 3 bass drummers. Leading from the front was the Band leader, Manraj Singh, who balanced the mace masterfully. The Band was attired in the traditional Scottish attire, the kilt.

Awards to the Houses



The Nehru House



The Laxmi Bai House

The much awaited awards for the Houses were announced by the Principal. Nehru House won the Inter House Athletic Championship, Pratap House and Gandhi House were declared the First and Second Runner-Up respectively. The Best Athlete Award in the S1 Boys and Girls' Category was given to Karanveer Singh of Ashoka House and Raina Singh of Tagore House respectively. Dev Shukla and Prisha Jindal of Nehru House grabbed the Best Athlete Award in the Junior Boys' and Girls' Category. The Best Athlete Award in the Senior Boys' and Girls' Category was awarded to Sahil Khan of Ashoka House and Shweta Sehrawat of Pratap House. Laxmi Bai House won the trophy for the 'Best Marching Contingent' and Shivaji and Tilak House were declared the First and the Second Runner Up in the March Past Event.



School faculty with the Principal Dr Datta

Supervised By Ms Beeba Sobti

Prepared By Flt Lt Sunita Dixit (Retd)

Ms Sonal Bedi