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Principal Dr Vijay Datta, Mr P P Virmani along with the Student Delegates at The Round Square International Conference at Indore

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Round Square International Conference, Emerald Heights International School, Indore

Round Square is a network of 200 like-minded schools in 50 countries on six continents that connect and collaborate to offer world-class programmes and experiences. The network of schools share a passion for experiential learning built around six IDEALS: Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership and Service. Five students from Modern School Barakhamba Road, Mahiya Agrawal (S7E), Angad Singh Lehal (S7A), Alena Jain (S7J), Karan Anand (S7F), Riddhi Kuthiala (S7J) represented the school, at the Round Square International Conference hosted by The Emerald Heights International School, Indore from 2nd to 8th October 2019. They were accompanied by the Principal, Dr Vijay Datta and the HOD Mathematics, Dr P. P. Virmani. 157 schools and 1000 students from six continents came together for the Conference. The theme for this year's Conference was "Sarvodaya: The World We Wish to See". The students were divided into various 'Barazza Groups' which proved to be a unique way of introducing students to team work and inculcate a sense of community. It also bridged individual as well as cultural differences amongst the participants.



Principal Dr Vijay Datta, along with the participants

The students were also exposed to activities such as 'Run for Cancer' with the blade runner which ignited the spirit of adventure in them. The Conference gave them an opportunity to be a part of various service projects such as painting the homes of the underprivileged elderly. The students were introduced to eminent speakers and discussants like Mr Kailash Satyarthi (Nobel Laureate), Dr Shashi Tharoor (Member of Parliament), SOPHIA (the first-ever robot citizen), Ms Kiran Gandhi



Principal Dr Vijay Datta, Mr P P Virmani and the students at the RSIC, Indore

(Electronic Music Artist and Activist), Major D. P. Singh (First Blade Runner of India) and Swami Gopal Das (International Life Coach) who shared their stories of resilience and hope amidst the young participants. The students got an opportunity to witness some indigenous music and dance performances followed by gala theme dinners every evening. Modern School received the Global Membership of the Round Square in record time and was presented with a certificate and Round Square flag by the Chairman and CEO of Round Square, Rod Fraser and Rachel Westgarth. The Conference helped each student present there to become a better, more receptive and an enlightened individual.



Modern School receiving Round Square Global Membership



Modern School International Model United Nations Conference 2019

The Model United Nations Society of Modern School, Barakhamba Road successfully organised the eighth iteration of The Modern School Model United Nations, which was held from 4th to 6th October 2019. ModMUN brought together students from over 30 schools from all over the country. Over 700 participants came together to form 11 committees, including the UN General Assembly, UN Security Council, UNHRC, UNESCAP, AOSIS, INC, C-34, AIPPM, NSC, WHSR and the Press Corps. The Opening Ceremony was graced by Ms Deepa Wadhwa, a distinguished career diplomat in the Indian Foreign Service.

She spoke eloquently about the importance of maintaining diplomatic relations with other countries and also provided a deep insight into the UN's role in combating climate change. The agendas of these committees, ranged from the UNGA and AOSIS, discussing climate change, to AIPPM discussing the historic demolition of Babri Masjid along with the INNC renegotiating the Iran Nuclear Deal. While the National Security Council reviewed the internal security challenges in India, the White House Situation Room pondered over the appalling 9/11 attacks.



Principal Dr Vijay Datta and the distinguished guests at the Closing Ceremony of ModMUN 2019

Intense discussion and deliberation took place in the UNESCAP, UNSC, UNHRC and C-34 as the students assumed the roles of delegates and argued over trade, statehood of Palestine, peacekeeping operations and human rights in Yemen. The three day conference saw cut-throat debate, riveting performances and most of all, the feeling of collaboration over competitiveness. ModMUN culminated with the Closing Ceremony being graced by Ms. Rakhee Mayuri, the Under Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs. The MUN Society, yet again, upheld its motto, "*in Justitia confidimus*" - in justice and righteousness we trust, by enabling our delegates to think critically, challenging them and encouraging them to engage in meaningful debate.

Scindia Inter-School Quiz

Modern School's quizzing team comprising Rijul Ganju (S6C) and Rahul Pandey (S5E) bagged the coveted FIRST position at the Scindia School's Inter-School Quiz 2019 at Gwalior on 6th October 2019. Not only did they win by a staggering margin of 110 points, against 16 competing schools, but significantly dominated this prestigious national quizzing event by their wonderful teamwork, cutting brilliance and an eclectic strategy. Their storming into the Scindia fortress and the wondrous Rolling Trophy is what makes their victory truly iconic. This invincible, unconquerable quizzing masterpiece is Modern's pride.



Winners of the Inter-School Quiz

Educational Tour to Udaipur

A four day trip was organised for the students of Class S2 to Udaipur from 3rd October to 6th October 2019. The students visited the Fatehsagar Lake, Maharaja Rana Pratap Memorial and the magnificent City Palace. They visited the Kumbhalgarh Fort- the birth place of Maharana Pratap and watched the light and sound show at the Haldighati Museum. The students also visited the Chittaurgarh Palace and were mesmerized by the breathtaking views the place had to offer. They enjoyed shopping at the local Hathipole Market in Udaipur. On the last day, the students visited the beautiful garden- *Sahelion ki Bari*, which is adorned by fountains and marbled elephants.



Students at the Chittaurgarh Fort

They also visited the Rajasthan Handloom Emporium and learned about the distinct textiles that are used to make sarees which are native to Rajasthan. The trip was a memorable experience for both the students and the teachers.

Global Student Solar Assembly 2019

Eighty five students from classes S1 to S6 on behalf of the Nature Club of Modern School, Barakhamba Road, participated in the Student Solar Ambassador Workshop organised by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) in association with IIT Bombay on Wednesday, 2nd October 2019. The day-long event was scheduled at Indira Gandhi Stadium Complex, Delhi where more than 10,000 students from Delhi and NCR participated to make the Guinness World Record of 'The most people assembling solar powered lamps simultaneously' and 'The largest Environmental Sustainability Lesson'. The Chief Guests for the occasion were Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar



Students with their Self Assembled Solar Lamps at the end of the Workshop

(Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Information and Broadcasting) and Hon'ble Minister Shri Raj Kumar Singh (Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship). They addressed the students at the Global Student Solar Assembly and encouraged them to switch to renewable sources of energy. Dr Chetan Solanki, a Professor at IIT Bombay and India's Solar Man book 'Energy Swaraj-My Experiments with Solar Truth' was released at the event. The students were given their individual solar lamp kits and were guided through an elaborate process to assemble it by the accompanying teachers Ms Simmi Khera, Ms Priyanka Singh, Ms Aarti Mehta, Ms Mansi Kumar and Ms Megha Darira. The young and enthusiastic minds not just assembled the lamp kits without any difficulty but also developed a scientific temper. Their participation in the largest environment sustainability lesson gave them a true hands-on experience. The students took a pledge of non-violence towards the environment on 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. It was a breath-taking moment to see thousands of lamps being lit together by the students with priceless smiles on each face.