



THE PRINCIPAL DR VIJAY DATTA WITH THE FACULTY MEMBERS DURING BASANT PANCHAMI CELEBRATION

BASANT PANCHAMI CELEBRATION AT MODERN SCHOOL

On 29th January 2020, Modern School celebrated Basant Panchami by garlanding the resplendent, historic and modernist icon of Goddess Saraswati placed at the School reception. The Principal Dr Vijay Datta and the Headmistresses of all the wings began the proceedings by lighting the propitious lamp amidst the chanting of the shlokas.

The Middle School students of Modern School presented the talk on the significance of Basant Panchami in different languages. A graceful dance recital and Saraswati Vandana was also performed by the students. The *pooja* was conducted with full fervour and culminated in *prasad* distribution. This festival is celebrated by the Hindus on the fifth day (Panchami Tithi) of Hindu month 'Magh'. Here, 'Basant' stands for 'spring' and 'Panchami' for 'the fifth day'. The festival is celebrated as 'Saraswati Puja' where people offer their prayers to Goddess Saraswati, the Deity of Knowledge.

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STUDENTS PERFORMING ON THE OCCASION



LAUNCH OF CYCLE POLO AS A SPORT AT MODERN SCHOOL



THE PRINCIPAL DR VIJAY DATTA WITH THE STUDENTS AND NEW BICYCLES

On 30th January 2020, Cycle Polo was officially launched as a sport on the playground of Modern School Barakhamba Road. The Principal Dr Vijay Datta, threw the white polo ball and began the proceedings amidst the presence of the coaches and the sports coordinators. The event saw an enthusiastic participation from the Modern School Equestrian Team and the students of the Middle Wing. The students were made familiar with the new bicycles and the mallets used to play cycle polo.

The induction of Cycle Polo as a sport at Modern School is yet another initiative taken under the far fetched vision of the Principal Dr Vijay Datta, who has relentlessly strived to give paramount importance to the holistic development of the students. While the future of cycle polo in the country is promising, its eventful tryst with India dates to the era of the Maharajas who were in love with this royal sport. The sport was quick to demonstrate its viability to the polo aficionados in India who were awed by its all-season nature. The Modernites are amongst the privileged few who have got this opportunity to be trained in this extremely interesting sport.



GLIMPSES OF THE LAUNCH CEREMONY



THE 54TH YOUTH PARLIAMENT SESSION AT MODERN SCHOOL

The 54th Youth Parliament was organised by Modern School Barakhamba Road under the aegis of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs on 31st January 2020. This magnificent event is of immense importance as it provides a platform to the youth of our country to express their opinion on pressing political issues in contemporary Indian politics. The students of S6 participated in this event which was an immensely enriching experience for the young minds as they were a part of such a prestigious forum. The event was successfully conducted under the able guidance and leadership of the Principal Dr Vijay Datta. Mr Bratin Sen Gupta, former MP of Rajya Sabha and Mr Anil Kumar, Under-Secretary, Parliamentary Affairs, were present to observe and judge the event.



THE PRINCIPAL DR VIJAY DATTA WITH THE DIGNITARIES AT THE EVENT

The session had a multi-dimensional approach where the judges evaluated the students on an array of parameters. The most intriguing part of the session was to pass the Bill on Citizenship Amendment. The incisive analysis and comprehensive debate pertaining to clause-by-clause analysis of the Bill was lauded by the visibly impressed judges.

It is the ardent desire of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs to make the youth of our nation aware of parliamentary procedures. The students paid minute attention to each and every legislative business such as the Question Hour, Calling Attention Motion, Obituary Reference, Breach of Privilege and so on.

The students who excelled under the mentorship of Ms Urna Sharma and bagged the internal awards were: Tanya Aggarwal (S6I), Sayan Bajaj (S6I), Shivang Soni (S6I), Yajat Kumar (S6I), Meghna Aggarwal (S6I), Khushi Khanna (S6I), Suhani Jain (S6E) and Arjan Singh Seble (S6G).





THE NATURE CLUB WORKSHOP ON SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

On Monday, 3rd February 2020, the Nature Club of Modern School organised a workshop on Single-Use Plastics at the HLL Auditorium. Over 200 student members of the Nature Club from S3, S4 and S6, along with their Biology teachers participated in the Workshop. The Workshop was conducted by noted climate activists from Chintan Environmental Research and Action (CERA) Group.

The resource-persons gave a comprehensive presentation, highlighting the disadvantages of 'Single Use Plastics'. They discussed about various forms of plastics and stressed upon the need to switch to alternatives and denounce single use plastics in order to ensure a better environment. They also discussed the ways in which we can modify our daily practices to minimise plastic use. It was a highly interactive session which was followed by a comprehensive 'Question Answer Session'.

After this session, the resource persons were accompanied by the students of S6 to the Fast Trax Canteen of the School, where they collectively analysed different ways of reducing the usage of Single-Use Plastics.

THE EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL

On 31st January 2020, an Emergency Evacuation Drill was conducted in Sir Sobha Singh Block of Modern School. The aim of conducting this drill was to prepare the students to respond to an emergency situation such as an earthquake or fire in a sensible manner without panicking. A long bell was rung at 1:45 p.m. and the students were made to evacuate the building in queues under the supervision of their teachers. The students assembled in the School Basketball Courts after evacuating the building. The drill is a significant part of the students' Disaster Management Training.

SCIENCE BOARD READINESS SESSION FOR S5

On Monday, 10th February 2020, a special Science Board Readiness Session was organised for the students of Class S5 in the HLL Auditorium of Modern School. The session was attended by over 150 students of Class S5. Ms Kirtika Saxena (Chemistry), Ms Simmi Khera (Biology) and Dr Neha Jindal (Physics) conducted the session in which they gave their inputs on techniques of solving the question paper with effective time management. The teachers thoroughly revised the chapters and related the concepts with the pattern of CBSE Board Examination. They also discussed the common errors committed by the students in specific topics. Special tips for writing answers were given to the students which would enable them to score better in the forthcoming exam. A presentation 'Let's Get Board Ready' was also played in the session which the students found quite helpful. Some parents also attended the session and found it extremely fruitful and encouraging for the learners. The students raised their doubts in different topics which were simultaneously solved by the teachers. It was an enlightening session aimed at instilling confidence in the students.