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Fighter Plane in the Front Lawn

### A Day of Patriotic Fervor

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On the 9th August, 2016, Modern School celebrated the country's 70th Independence Day with a sense of youthful exuberance before a galaxy of esteemed guests, cheering parents and enthusiastic students.

Mr Alok Kumar Verma, Commissioner of Police, Delhi, graciously consented to be the chief guest for the show. The function commenced with the hoisting of the Indian tricolour and the National Anthem, followed by a melodious recital of 'Medha Devi' by the school choir.

Dr. Vijay Datta extended a formal welcome to the august gathering. Talks in Hindi and English were presented by Tvisha Mohan and Sukanya Vishwanathan which increased the patriotic fervor exponentially.

The Roopak titled 'Speed Breaker', left the audience charged and it generated an unfathomable sense of pride and unity in the students.

The programme concluded with addresses by the Chief Guest and Mr Ashok Pratap Singh, President Board of Trustees, Modern Schools. Needless to say, the Independence Day was a huge success.



Celebrating 70 years of Independence



## Phoenix—The Quiz Club

The 22nd edition of Prism 2016, an All India Inter Public School Science Quiz which was held at BRCM Public School, Vidyagram, Bhiwani. The team from Modern School comprising of Divij Mishra, Ishaan Thakur, Kuber Khanna and Vanshi Bangia, bagged the first. The quiz dealt with a plethora of topics from science. From Rutherford's revolutionary discoveries to the metabolism of plants around us, each aspect of the teams' knowledge was tested thoroughly. The contestants had to stretch their minds and think out of the box to find answers to some truly perplexing questions. The team battled it out with 16 other schools, to clinch the victory at the last minute in the final rapid-fire round. They received individual trophies and a cash prize of Rs. 5100. It was an enriching and enthralling experience for the students, who were able to continue the Modern School legacy.

## Modernite becomes Nation's Pride

Aatmik Gupta represented India at the recently concluded World Schools Debating Championship held in Stuttgart, Germany. WSDC is the most prestigious debating competition for school students in the world.

Aatmik was part of a five-member Indian contingent which was selected through a rigorous six-stage selection process. The team's training occurred during the summer through video conferences and culminated in a 20-day boot camp in Bangalore before the tournament. During the course of their training the team received lessons in debating theory from top international debaters and also sparred with international teams.

At the tournament itself, the Indian team managed to deliver its best performance in history, breaking 12th in the group stage and advancing into the octo-finals before losing in an unfortunate 2-1 judge dissent to New Zealand. Our team ranked 4th in the world.

## Modern Reigns Supreme in Mussoorie

On the 23rd of July, 2016, students of the Commerce Society of Modern School Barakhamba Road, participated in the Inter-School, Inter-Station Competition 'Negotium Agon' held at the Wynberg Allen School, Mussoorie.

Ayan Marwaha and Aman Agarwal won the first position in the Business Quiz. Nimar Dang and Himanya Chadha won the first position in 'Paracosm- Product Designing'. Raunak Singh Rana won the second position in the Logo Painting competition 'Glyph'. Ayan Marwaha, Aman Agarwal, Himanya Chadha and Nimar Dang won the third position in the event 'Sing the Unsung' in which they presented an Ad to promote tourism in Union Territories of India.

Ayan Marwaha also received the award for exceptional performance in Negotium Agon 2016, and was presented an Android One smartphone for the same. Modern School was declared **Overall Winner** at the event.



## **Jaspalian Arcade**

Jaspal Kaur public school, Shalimar Bagh held its annual Jaspalian Arcade on 23rd July, 2016. Devina Aggarwal (S4) took part in the "Speaking tree" debate. The contestants of this competition were required to present their views on the topic- "Skill development in India is a novel idea, however it faces massive challenges". Devina won the first position amongst more than 30 schools present at the event.

## **Lingua Fiesta**

Our school participated in numerous events during the preceding months and secured myriad laurels. In the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Debate, Modern School carried on the legacy and won Best Team for the fourth time in a row, represented by Neelesh Pandey (who also won best speaker), Shreyan Puri, Kabir Jain and Aryaman Sood. In the preliminary round of the Shri debate, held at The Shri Ram School Moulisari, Aryaman Sood and Shreyan Puri secured best and second best speaker respectively. Abhinav Agarwal(S5) won the second best speaker award at the Apeejay debate held on 26th July at Apeejay School, Noida where 28 prestigious schools from Delhi participated.

On 24th July, 2016, Modern School participated in the CV Raman Book Week held at Bluebells International School. In the Debate event, Arshdeep Singh of S6-D represented Modern School. The topic of the debate was "Indian technological advancement: Is it well dressed for success?" Arshdeep spoke for the motion. Out of a total of 20 schools, he was adjudged the Best Speaker and won the first prize.

Last but not the least, Modern School also secured runners up position in the Raghubir Singh Debate held at Modern School, Vasant Vihar and was represented by Aatmik Gupta, Neelesh Pandey and Kabir Jain.

Neelesh Pandey, Aatmik Gupta and Shubham Gupta bagged the runners up trophy in the debate held at Modern School, Vasant Vihar on 5th August, 2016.

## **A Rendezvous with Knowledge...**

To continue the legacy of quizzing, the Intra Quiz for Classes S1-S3 was organized on 3rd of August, 2016 with the objective of identifying young and talented quizzers. Approximately 400 children came forward to participate. The level of the quiz was kept at a difficult level, but the performance of the juniors far exceeded expectations enabling them to represent their school in future events.







## Bits 'n' Bytes Does It Again

Students of the Bits 'n' Bytes club of Modern School, Barakhamba Road participated in various Tech-Symposia in schools across Delhi. The club participated in Gateway held at Monfort School, Ashok Vihar on 29th July 2016. Dhruv Tuli, Arkabrata Majumder, Nirbhay Kwatra and Aruneet Das Gupta secured the first position in Movie Making. In Digilogous, organized by Rukmani Devi Public School on 6th August 2016, Pitampura, Dhruv Tuli and Arkabrata Majumder secured the second position in Video Editing, Hrithik Bansal and Saushtav Roy bagged the second position in Robotics. Akshat Singal and Arshdeep Singh won the third position in group discussion.



## Masterminds@MUN

The students also showcased their talent and skills at the DPS Sushant Lok MUN on 8th July and 9th July, 2016 where Abhinav Aggarwal won a high commendation and Ritwik Vasudeva, Aryann Mobin, Shreyan Puri, Shaurya Veer Suda won special mentions in their respective committees. The students of our school participated in MUNQS MUN held from the 3rd August to 5th of August 2016, hosted by DPS Mathura Road. The following students received high commendation in their respective committees: Shreyan Puri, Pranjal Dangwal, Manya Bansal, Shaurya Veer Suda, Ishana Aggarwal, Swayam Bhatia, Ambika Pandey and Aryaman Jain. The society also sent a delegation to Queen Mary's School on 5th August and 6th August, 2016 and Puru Sharma received high commendation, Taj Sapra, Varun Bhalla, Ritika Jajoo and Rishabh Raheja got special Mention and Muskaan Chojar was awarded best delegate.

## Sporting Spirit

The U17 boys team secured the third position at the All India IPSC Basketball U17 Championship from 5th August to 8th August 2016.

In athletics, Ritwik Mitra won Gold in 100 mts and Silver in 200mts in the U19 boys category at the Umang Festival which was held at MNSS, Rai held from 1st August to 3rd August 2016.

Diya Sabharwal Tamanna Gulshan, Mannika Kesar, Maira Arora in the U15 girls category were declared Winner's and Ansh Kapoor, Aditya Poddar, Mannit Singh in the U15 boys category were declared Runners up at the 7th R.K. Chopra Memorial Table Tennis Tournament 2016 which was held at New Era School, Mayapuri Road, Delhi from 26th July to 29th July 2016.

## Sweet Temptations

A cupcake & cake decoration workshop was organized by the Home Science department on 2nd August 2016 for its S6 & S7 students. Ms Vasundhara Narula an upcoming professional in the field conducted the workshop. Students had a hand on experience & thoroughly enjoyed it under the guidance of Ms Vasundhara & their teacher In-charge Ms Shashi Gupta.