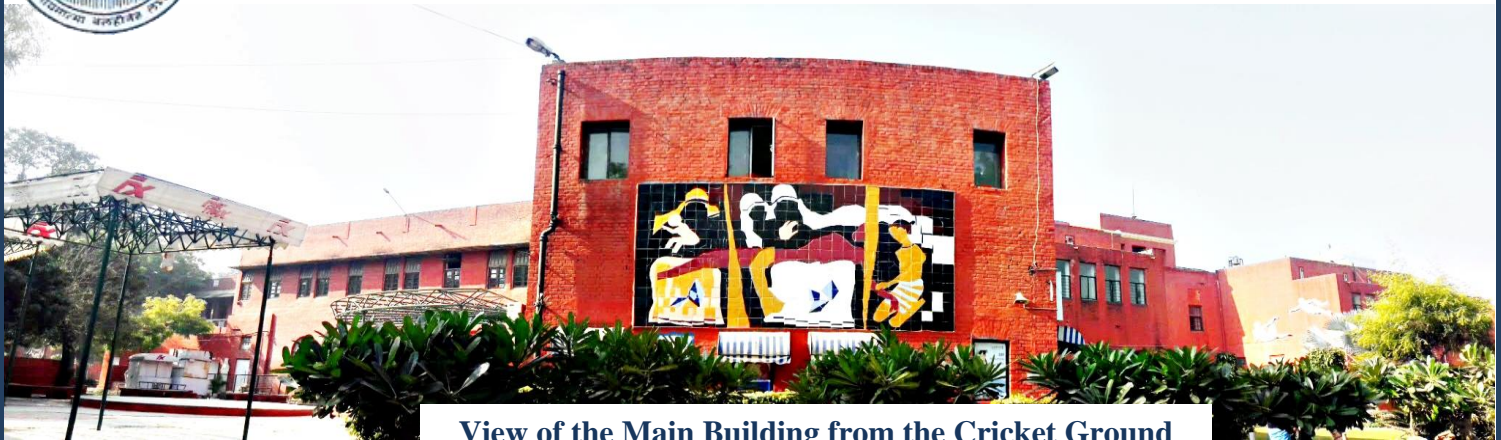




# THE MODERN CHRONICLE

Modern School, Barakhamba Road

Est. In 1920



View of the Main Building from the Cricket Ground

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## SYNCHRONICITY: THE SCHOOL BAND

On 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 six students of the Middle School S1, S2 & S3 performed in the front lawn during the recess.

The band started the show with the Bob Dylan classic 'Knockin' On Heaven's Door' and then followed another perennial favourite 'Sweet Child Of Mine' by Guns n' Roses. They closed the show with 'I'll Be There for You' which is a song recorded by the American duo The Rembrandts.

Principal Dr Vijay Datta praised the band and christened them '*Synchronicity*'. Such similar recess concerts will be performed by the school band in future.

The event augurs the sprightly advent of a 'Recess-Rock' concert series that all at Modern School are looking forward to.



School Band performing in the Front Lawn



## THE QUIZ CLUB DOES IT AGAIN

Ayan Marwaha, Aman Agarwal and Aatmik Gupta, S6-F of Phoenix, the quiz club participated in the CBSE Heritage India Quiz at Sadhu Vaswani International School on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017. The quiz, witnessing participation from more than sixty schools, has been an immensely prestigious event in Indian Quizzing. It has been hosted by great quizmasters over the years and is even aired on History TV18. Modernites beat top teams from the city to qualify for the finals of the Delhi 2 round. A highly competitive final ended with a win, leading to qualification into the regional finals, held on the same day. In the regional round, they faced winners of the Delhi 1 round along with the runner-up from the round. Though they led for most of the quiz, they fell short of one answer for a spot in the national semis and secured the 3<sup>rd</sup> position. This was one of the best performances of Modern School in the quiz throughout its great history.

## DELHI YOUTH AWARDS



**Ambika Pandey Receiving the Award**

Ambika Pandey of Modern School Barakhamba Road was shortlisted as one of the 25 awardees from over six hundred applicants by the India Youth Foundation for the Delhi Youth Awards. "Delhi Youth Awards-2017" initiated by India Youth Foundation is a platform to honour young Indians from various walks of life specially those who have contributed towards the development of the nation in their respective fields. Ambika received the award for 'Exceptional Work in the Field of Dance' on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at the Quintessence Youth Summit, and was the only school-going awardee at the ceremony.

## MODERN CELEBRATES GRADUATION DAY

On 20<sup>th</sup> January Modern School Barakhamba celebrated Graduation Day as it was time to celebrate and raise a toast to the Batch of 2017. The evening saw the students of the Batch of 2017 turn out smartly in their graduation gowns and caps filling the Sir Shankar Lal Hall for the last time. The evening was graced by the presence of Mr Kirti Azad Former Indian Cricketer and Member of Parliament, Guest of Honour Dr Anju Tandon Principal Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Mr Atul Khanna President MSOSA and members of Board of Trustees.



**Dr Vijay Datta and the Chief Guest Mr Kirti Azad at the Candle Lighting Ceremony**

The evening began with the school orchestra filling the hall with the mellifluous Raag Kirwani. Kabir Jain, Prateek Kher, Sidhant Chandra and Chehek Anand in their valedictory speeches went down memory lane and expressed their gratitude to the school for laying a strong foundation for their lives ahead. This was followed by an address by Mr Atul Khanna, President MSOSA who welcomed the students into its fold and urged them to be actively involved in the various social cultural activities of the Association. The Chief Guest Mr Kirti Azad a Modern School alumnus while fondly reminiscing about his days on the campus told the students that they should follow the 4 Ds in their life to be successful. These are Desire, Dedication, Determination and Discipline. Dr Vijay Datta in his address reminded the students that learning was a lifelong process which would continue till their last day on earth and wished them well for their journey ahead. The evening concluded with the lighting of the candle of Knowledge and oath taking ceremony by the students of the Batch of 2017.





## BRAIN BEE NEUROSCIENCE QUIZ

The 10<sup>th</sup> Regional Brain Bee Neuroscience quiz competition was held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at R & R Army hospital. It organized by Avanti Educational and Research Organization. Twenty reputed schools of Delhi participated in the competition. Aarnav Khurana and Nishant Mehta of S6-E represented Modern School Barakhamba Road. The quiz comprised of four gruelling rounds. First an MCQ round where the students grey matter was tested. The next phase of the competition consisted of three back breaking rounds in which each student had to answer three tough reasoning questions with 50% elimination occurring at each round. Five students finally reached the decider round with two modernites clinching a berth. The ultimate round went down the wire with Aarnav Khurana of Modern School and Kabir of Amity battling for the coveted trophy with a tie breaker question. Eventually Aarnav Khurana of Modern School emerged the New Delhi Brain Bee champion. He will represent Delhi at the National Brain Bee competition to be held at Ahmedabad in April.

## SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

The Environment Club of Modern School Barakhamba Road organized a signature campaign in the school premises on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The event saw two giant posters hanging in the school with the pledges inscribed on them- **'I shall buy organic food, coz' it would be for nature's good'** and **'I promise to plant a tree on my birthday and nurture it'**. The campaign aimed to spread awareness about one of the gravest issues plaguing the Earth- Pollution. The event was an attempt to inspire students to work towards ensuring a cleaner and greener future by doing their bit as every little bit counts and contributes to a better world. The two pledges garnered over 700 signatures.



**Principal Signing on the poster for the Signature Campaign**

## ONLINE MATH CHALLENGE

Modern School Participated in an Online Math Challenge conducted by MANGAHIGH, an International Mathematics resources portal from 17<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Students of middle school were enrolled and each child was assigned fun filled math challenges in the form of Games and Quizzes as per their age level. Fifty schools from all over India participated in the competition and Modern School secured the 6<sup>th</sup> position. Participants who earned 150 or more medal points were awarded a gold medal and certificate. Forty one students from our school bagged gold medals. Top five scorers were Aryan Shiv Talwar of S2D- 808 medal points, Shiven Grover of S1G- 795 medal points, Jai Gupta of S2D- 785 medal points, Dev Shukla of S1E-717 medal points and Rishi Banerji of S1D- 637 medal points.

## SARDAR PATEL MEMORIAL LECTURE

All India Radio has been organizing the prestigious Sardar Patel Memorial Lecture since 1955. Eminent speakers like Dr A.P.J. Kalam, Shri Hamid Ansari and Shri Arun Jaitley have delivered these lectures. In continuation of this glorious tradition, Dr Jitendra Singh Union Minister of State and a political analyst spoke extensively on the topic of 'Co-operative Federalism' on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the National Media Centre. Our school students were invited to be part of this memorial lecture which was broadcast on various AIR Channels. Hriday Gandhi, Priyaan Lall, Ritika Jajoo, Siddhant Nair of S6 and Aadvik and Sankalp of S5 based on their keen interest in political science, were given the opportunity to attend the lecture.



## VISIT TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE DELHI

Students of class S4 and S5 visited the National Science Centre located at Pragati Maidan Delhi. The students were taken section wise in small batches from 21<sup>st</sup> December to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2016. This excursion gave them an opportunity to witness structure of atoms, amino acids and

other important compounds in a way that was informative and at the same time simple to understand. Models were self-explanatory and provided students with hands-on experience. The students were given a questionnaire on the aspects observed by them. The displays kept students amused and involved. It also triggered their imagination and creativity. The visit to the National Science Centre was an extremely enriching experience for the students.



**Students at the National Science Centre**

## GANGTOK-DARJEELING TRIP



**Students enjoying at the Sunset Point**

A group of thirty five students from Middle Block went for an educational trip to Gangtok and Darjeeling during the winter break. This splendid trip lasted for 5 nights and 6 days from 5<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017. It included a visit to the beautiful monasteries of Gangtok and Darjeeling, the flower garden in Gangtok, the sunset point with an amazing view of Kanchanjunga mountain range in the backdrop. This trip became even more memorable as students enjoyed the snowfall near the Changu Lake in Gangtok. A visit to the beautiful tea gardens of Darjeeling and sunrise at the famous Tiger Hill made the trip worthwhile.

## SPORTS NEWS

### SGFI NATIONALS

#### Badminton

62<sup>nd</sup> SGFI Nationals were held at Udappi Hyderabad from 2<sup>nd</sup> January to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Naman Bhargava, Nishit Manchanda, Gauri Gupta, Malika Kohli and Yashaswini Singh participated in the U-17 category.



#### Gymnastics

62<sup>nd</sup> SGFI Nationals were held at Sonipat from 5<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Vidhu Goyal, Aishani Katyal and Paridhi Jain participated in the events.

#### Table Tennis

62<sup>nd</sup> SGFI Nationals were held at Thyagraj Stadium Delhi from 2<sup>nd</sup> January to 9<sup>th</sup> January. Mannit Singh, Tamanna Gulshan and Manika Kesar won the U-14 category while Aum Tandon, Armaan Duggar participated in the events.

#### Basketball

62<sup>nd</sup> SGFI Nationals were held at Nuzurid Andra Pradesh from 10<sup>th</sup> January to 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Mohd. Aakash and Hansraj won the U-19 category. Syeda Aeras, Yuvraj Gusain, Gursher Chadha, Manvika Aneja, Priyan Kapoor, Aruni Singh participated in U-19 category.

