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Tour de Force: Of History, Legacy and Delhi

A key milestone in Delhi's political and architectural vista, as also, a palimpsest of insights into what gives Shahr-i-Dilli its quintessence, the World Heritage Day Commemorative Walk at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in collaboration with INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage) on the **18th of April, 2017**, for the S6 and S7 History students, along with Ms. Beeba Sobti, aptly provided the historical backdrop and impetus for celebrating and according dignity to our shared



Heritage Walk

In memorabilia of **Dr. APJ Kalam** preserved at the Museum, was a quote scribbled on the pages of his notebook, which captures the essence of the visit-

"What I do in a day should always be worth writing a history of, because I'm exchanging a day of my life for it."

Modern's Quizzing Moguls- the Hindu Young World Quiz

In the sport of competitive quiz bowl, another stroke of genius was shown by an all-girls team, **Ananya Dhawan** and **Shruti Singh** of **S1H** from Modern School, Barakhamba Road, who emerged as winners in the junior category of **The Hindu Young World Quiz**, presented by Kokuyo Camlin Limited, at Tagore International School (East of Kailash) on the **19th April, 2017**.



An incredible feat of quizzing

Shreyansh Krishna of **S2D** and **Manu Singhal** of **S4H** bagged the **second position** in the senior category-an incredible feat, given the fact that this was only their second brush publicly.

Aviral Kashyap of **S4H** and **Mankrit Singh** of **S4B** stood fourth. As many as **73 schools** took part in the two-tiered event. The winners were awarded trophies and certificates, while the champions also won Hercules bicycles sponsored by TI Cycles.

The girls proved their mettle by lifting the trophy after answering the tie-breaker. This remarkable guerdon broke all records and paved its way into the all-empowered male quizzing domain at Modern Barakhamba, and made it gender-equitable, that too by girls as young as the S1's.



A moment of pride for the S4

"Leaders don't force people; they invite them on a journey"

ENVIRONMENT CLUB – Tree Plantation Drive

In a world plagued by global warming, climate change and rapid depletion of resources, a change at the global level is necessary. This global change can be initiated by small individual and institutional efforts.

One such step towards the protection of the planet was taken by the Environment Club of the school which organized a tree plantation exercise on the 22nd of April, 2017 in the Front Lawns. **Mary Kay Carlson**, **Chargé d'Affairs** and **acting Ambassador**, **U.S. Embassy, New Delhi**, served as the chief guest for the occasion.



Mrs. Mary Kay Carlson planting a tree of life



Dr. Vijay Datta felicitating the members of Environment Club

Assisted by the students of the Environment Club, the Chief Guest, the Principal and the Headmistresses planted several saplings in the Front Lawn. Next, the students had a brief talk with Mrs. Carlson, who appreciated the beauty and greenery of the school lawns.

As always, Modern School set an example - a benchmark in the Protection of Mother Earth.

Asia-Pacific School Initiative

The Asia Pacific School Initiative is organized by the Center for Escalation of Peace that saw a congregation of eleven prestigious schools with an aim of community amelioration. It is an annual educational programme, developing the capacity to exercise **“Leadership through Serene Strength”**. The 10-month long programme commenced with a one-week inaugural session from **6 April to 12 April 2017**.

The three of the nominated students – **Shruti Bhardwaj**, **Ritvik Vasudeva** and **Manya Bansal** of **S6** along with **Ms Tina Thakur**, the accompanying teacher represented Modern School. The students were faced with challenges. They were divided into different groups on the basis of their respective area of interest.

Manya Bansal was allocated **“Evolution of Societies”**, **Ritvik Vasudeva** was given **“Economy”**, **Shruti Bhardwaj** **“Communities”** and **Ms Tina Thakur** was given **“Philosophy”**. **Shruti Bhardwaj** along with her group members worked on the aspect of Financial Literacy, **Ritvik’s** group undertook a research project on the **Ganga Action Plan** and **Manya Bansal** occupied herself to eradicate the stigma relating to Sex Education and promote awareness about health and hygiene.



Future leaders working on creating a positive change

“Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen”

NATURE CLUB : Harvesting with a difference

The Nature Club Society of Modern School Barakhamba Road started its first activity of preparing a Vermicompost pit, on 17th February 2017.

Vermicompost is the product of the composting process using different species of worms, generally red wigglers, white worms, and On 13th April, 2017, Principal Dr Vijay Datta along with the head of the Nature Club Ms Richa Bhatia and members of the club visited the pit to see the compost formed till now. The compost will be harvested by mid May.



Preparing a Vermicompost pit



Principal Dr. Vijay Datta with the members of Nature Club

Dried leaves were added along with red worms to make the manure. The worms have multiplied and formation of vermicompost has already begun.

LAJPAT HOUSE FUNCTION

The Biennial House Function of Lajpat House was held on the 21st of April 2017. Dr. Sanjay Sachdeva, Director ENT, Max Healthcare and his wife, Mrs. Sonia Sachdeva graced the occasion with their presence.



Children of Lajpat House showcasing their talent

A beautiful exhibition displayed numerous artworks of students ranging from photographs to paper sculptures. The function started with a Ganesh Vandana followed by the ballet which was a blend of Eastern Folk Dances from India, displaying the unity of the country and the importance of patriotism. Taking up an important issue, the entertaining play encouraged the audience to vote in the upcoming MCD elections. The chief guest, Dr. Sanjay Sachdeva delivered a nostalgic speech, citing instances of his

experiences of House Functions, when he was a Modernite. Dr. Vijay Datta gave high praise to the house for a spectacular function and was extremely impressed by Ira and Disha Agarwal's performance.

BOOK FAIR – FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Reading is a vital part of a child's learning experience. Modern school organized Annual Book Fair, that started on the 17th of April and concluded on the 22nd of April, 2017.



Inaugural by the Principal Dr. Vijay Datta

The **Book Exhibition** was inaugurated by the **Principal Dr Vijay Datta**. The first day began with an author session taken by **Ms. Nayantara Mehtani** with the **S2C** students, who shared her inspiring experiences and held a lively discussion with the students.



Peruse at your pleasure!

The Second day session for **S1** was conducted by **Ms. Rohini Chowdhury**, who talked about Panchatantra; one of the oldest collections of fables in the Indian mythology. She also shared the benefits of reading books for improving vocabulary, concentration and knowledge. It was an amazing learning experience for the students.

SPORTS CAST - CRICKET

Sports News by – Ms Hemantica Aneja



U19 winners of T-20

Our U19 Cricket Boys won the **15th Dhruv Pandav Memorial T-20 Cricket Tournament at YPS Patiala** which took place from the 15th to 19th of April, 2017. Sixteen teams took part in the tournament. The final match was played against YPS Patiala and our boys won by seven wickets. **Ayush Badoni** was awarded the **Best Batsmen**.