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The Principal, Dr Vijay Datta, honouring the Great Kathak Maestro with a memento on his Birth Day

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JANMOTSAV 2019

Modern School, Barakhamba Road, celebrated the 80th Birth Anniversary of the legendary Kathak maestro, Pt Birju Maharaj on 4th and 5th February 2019.

Pt Birju Maharaj was accorded a warm welcome by the Principal, Dr Vijay Datta. The lighting of the Ceremonial Lamp by both, flagged off the *Celebration Fiesta*, to celebrate the life, times, genre and oeuvre of the virtuoso.

The celebrations, that spread over two days, saw a *Tabla* recital and *Jugalbandi* by eminent artists to pay tribute to the exponent of the classic Kathak tradition.

The mesmerizing rendition of *Thumri* and *Dadra* by the Maestro drew thunderous applause from the audience.



Pt Birju Maharaj is considered the epitome of Kathak. Known for his facial expressions and dexterous feet movements, his

charming pirouettes are a visual delight for all levels of audiences. His students from Kalashram, which runs on the Guru-Shishya Parampara, presented a dance as a tribute to their Guru.

Dressed in vibrant costumes, students of Modern School along with their guru, Mr Arindam Dasgupta, paid obeisance to the genius with an enthralling dance recital.



Effortless grace

NDMC ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR (2018-19)

Samraj Chaudhary (S6 C), Shiv Gupta (S6 C) and Aryaan Mehra (S6 A) of Modern School Barakhamba participated in the N.D.M.C. Annual Science Fair held at N.P.

Senior Secondary School, Lodhi Road from 29th January to 1st February 2019, accompanied by the teacher escort Ms Shalini Dahiya. The event was inaugurated by Smt. Rashmi Singh, Secretary New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC). The theme of NDMC Science Fair was 'Scientific Solutions for Challenges in Life' where about 100 exhibits based on science, mathematics and environment were displayed.

The students who participated in this four-day event showcased the following exhibits-

1. **Solar-Powered Water Purifier** made by Shiv Gupta (S6D), Samraj Chaudhary (S6D) and Aryaan Mehra (S6A) which consisted of a solar panel that converted solar energy into electrical energy. This electrical energy was then utilised to pump water to a vessel connected to a filter consisting of silica sand, activated charcoal, etc. Thus this apparatus performed a dual function of storage as well as filtration of water.

2. **Smart Stick** for the visually-impaired (*Drishti*) created by Shiv Gupta (S6 D) and Samraj Chaudhary (S6 D) makes use of ultrasonic sensors for detecting the obstacles. The Stick is linked to Arduino to process the signals and instruct the Piezo module which in turn plays tunes/tones to indicate the exact location of an obstacle to a visually-challenged person. This cost-effective and power-efficient smart stick can also be used during night by projecting laser beams.



The Principal, Dr Vijay Datta, teachers and young scientists in the making

All the models were appreciated by the guests, judges and students alike. The Smart Stick, rightly named *Drishti*, received kudos from the intelligentsia and was placed amongst the top three in its category in the Valedictory Ceremony.



FORTUNE 50 SCHOOLS 2019

Modern School Barakhamba was the proud recipient of the ‘Fortune 50 Schools Award’ held at Mumbai on 14th November 2018.

Fortune 50 Schools Shaping Success is a premium annual evaluation of progressive schools across India, conceptualised by industry powerhouses—**Univariety** (Education Partner), **Fortune India** (Media Partner) and **Pricewaterhouse Coopers** (Process Advisers).

The Future 50 initiative takes schools that continuously evolve themselves to enable student success through a stringent and most noteworthy transparent evaluation process. On behalf of Modern School, the award was received by Ms Manpreet Kaur, Head Co-curricular.



Modern's proud moment

GARDEN FESTIVAL 2019

Five children accompanied by Ms Simmi Khera and the gardener of the School, Mr Naik represented Modern School Barakhamba in the Garden Festival held at Cambridge School, Srinivaspuri on 30th January 2019. The children participated in two events- 1. Quiz Competition- Shreyansh Krishna (S3 D) and Ananya Dhawan(S2 H) participated and secured the Third Position.

2. Garden Display- Farhan Ahmad (S4 C), Arnav Dayal (S4 A) and Harshita Chojer (S4 E) represented ‘The Circle of Life’ in the form of Garden Display. They also developed an app ‘Future Ready Garden’, through which, plants can be watered remotely with the help of a mobile phone. They were adjudged First. Modern School won the overall Trophy and a Cash Prize for our School gardener, Mr Naik.

FAREWELL - BATCH OF 2019

Modern School Barakhamba Road bid farewell to Class 12, the outgoing Batch of 2019 on 19th January 2019. The day was a cornucopia devoted to the years spent together with friends and teachers to reminisce joyous moments. The balmy Saturday afternoon saw the young Ladies and Gentlemen of Class 12 dressed in elegant sarees and handsome suits to bid adieu to the School. The function



Celebration galore

commenced with a brilliant performance by boys and girls of S6 who tapped their feet to the scintillating tunes of a medley of songs, to some euphonic renderings by our teachers, followed by the much coveted titles. Some of the Titles awarded were:

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| 1. Ms MHS - Shruti Bharadwaj | 6. Mr Responsible – Kaarthikey Aggarwal |
| 2. Mr MHS- Abhinav Agarwal | 7. Modern's Nightingale – Aditya Sarkar |
| 3. Jewel in Modern's Crown – Shub Seth | 8. Ms Popular – Kashni Sial |
| 4. Modern's Pride – Raghavendra Gupta | 9.. Mr Popular – Piyush Suri |
| 5. Most Valuable Player – Nitish Beniwal | |



In his address to the outgoing batch, the Principal, Dr Vijay Datta, complimented the various accomplishments of the Batch over the years and acknowledged their brilliant achievements in academic discourse and sports.

He went on to praise them for the exemplary zeal they had demonstrated not only towards their studies but also in their interaction with the teachers, the junior students, and peers.

While congratulating the Batch for successfully completing a major milestone in their life and from there moving on to a different world to carve out their niche, he augured that there will be hurdles, there will be competition but one who has the guts to face them will win.

His words left an indelible mark on the young minds as each one cast one's mind back to the School's motto-

“नायमात्मा बलहीनेन लभ्यः”

The afternoon ended with an elaborate lunch buffet and some lively dance by the Principal, teachers and students making it a memorable day for the graduating students.



The Principal Dr Vijay Datta, wishing the Students the very best for their future endeavours



Archival moments

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Every beginning has an end. And every end is a new beginning. It's a relentless cycle seen in every aspect of our lives. Graduating from School is no exception.

As the outgoing batch embarked on the journey of senior Modern seven years ago, time passed and they laboured hard with their heart and soul in all the spheres- academics, sports and co-curricular, in a School they'd so loved. But, somewhere at the back of their mind, they'd known that as every year passed, the end drew near and marked for a tradition simply known as the 'Farewell Day'—a day set aside to celebrate their journey on the Campus at Sir Shankar Lal Hall, the realm of which reverberated with the memories of their creative and academic pursuits. Bittersweet to say the least!

It wasn't easy, but it was worth every minute. They'd laughed; they'd cried; they'd leaped; they'd fallen down; they'd felt the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. And then it was over. When the bell rang at the end of that day, it marked the official end of their school life and it was the last time they had heard that sound at their Alma Mater!

And as they walked out through the School gates one last time, they hugged and smiled and most assuredly took pictures to freeze that moment in time. But we know, another group will come in from there and the cycle will begin again.

But for the departing, Good Luck in whatever the future holds...*Farewell! Adieu!*