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*The Chairman, Mr Vijay Chadda, the Principal, Dr Vijay Datta, Esteemed Guests and House Masters of the Ashoka House at the Biennial House Function*

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## ASHOKA HOUSE FUNCTION

On 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019, the Ashoka House organized its Biennial House Function. The Chief Guest of the event was Mr Ashok Dilwali, the Himalayan Landscape photographer and a Modern School alumnus. The evening began with the House Exhibition, an expression of the visual arts that showcased the aesthetic talent of the House students. After viewing the Exhibition, the Chief Guest, along with the Chairman, Mr Vijay Chadda and the Principal, Dr Vijay Datta, inaugurated the Cultural Programme with the Lamp Lighting Ceremony followed by the melodious Ganesh Vandana, an invocation to Lord Ganesha. Thereafter, a comprehensive House Report presented by Madhur Pratap (S7D) highlighted the achievements and growth of the members of Ashoka House.





Anton Chekov's play, 'The Sneeze', prepared with the assistance of Mr Raaj Kumar, saw some riveting performances by versatile actors like Mahiya Agarwal(S7E) and Sanat Dayani(S7F). An Acapella performance by the House Orchestra for the esteemed guests stole the thunder. The Hindi Ballet, choreographed by Mr Arindam Das Gupta depicted the story of Rani Laxmibai, which resonated with the function's theme of Women Empowerment.

Ishani Tandon(S4A) as Rani Laxmibai and Adhiraj Mahajan(S 3G) as Nana Sahib were applauded for their spectacular performances.



*The talented dancers of the House*



*The spectators in awe of the performances*

The function ended with a harmonic rendition of the House Song - 'Shoulder to Shoulder', prepared with the help of Ms Baisakhi Samajdar. Impressed by both the wonderful exhibition and the Cultural Programme, the Chief Guest in his address appreciated and encouraged the students with his kind words. He laid emphasis on the importance of cultural activities in a student's life. Our Principal, Dr Vijay Dutta, in his address, complimented the

House for the excellent show and felicitated the students with words of praise.

### **S1 SPECIAL ASSEMBLY**



*The Principal addressing the S1 students*

On 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019, yet another fresh batch of S1 was welcomed to the Senior Wing of Modern School Barakhamba Road by the Principal Dr Vijay Datta, Headmistress Ms Prabha Bhagat, teachers and students of Grade S2 and S3. A Special Assembly was organised to enlighten the students about the various facilities, rules and regulations, sports options, Co- curricular activities and other initiatives taken up by the School under the

untiring leadership of the Principal. The Assembly was compered by Surina Wadhwa (S3C) and Krisha Kapoor (S3H), followed by 'My Experience'- Talks by Ananya Dhawan(S3H) and Shruti Singh (S3H). The News was delivered by Shradha Gupta (S3H). The melodious renditions of 'Yesterday Once More' by Poorna Gautam Tiwari (S2D) and Kirti Bhatia (S2D) and the 'Photograph' by Ria Devika



*The S1 students engrossed*

Bhasin (S2G), as part of the Talent Show, enthralled the audience. The Assembly ended with a spell-binding Western Dance performance by Mannat Sobti (S2A), Vidisha Sahlot (S3B) and Ada Garg (S2A). The students of S1 basked in the immense love and affection bestowed upon them and the day will be etched in their memory forever.





## **CHAKRAVIEW 2019**

Ashoka University's Annual Quizzing Festival ChakraView 2019 which seeks to nurture the regional quizzing culture and create a spirit of healthy competition amongst the best schools in Delhi showcased our quizzers performing with their quintessential elan and winning accolades.

Trivial Pursuit, the general quiz hosted by the reputed Ashokan alumnus Anirban Kundu on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at the Ashoka campus at Sonepat saw all the four teams of Modern School, Barakhamba Road qualifying with Arjun Khanchandani (S7C), Rijul Ganju (S6E) and Rahul Pandey (S5E) standing Second, Sharanya Gupta (S6C), Sanchit Suneja (S6 F) and Shreyansh Krishna (S4H) standing Third, Samraj Chaudhary (S7C), Harris Dalal (S7A) and Rahil Arora (S7A) standing Fourth and our recent passouts Aditya Sarkar, Shashank Ramesh and Akshat Singhal standing Fifth.

In the College Biz Tech Quiz (Corporate Punishment) hosted by Apratim Chandra Singh, three teams from Modern qualified in the top six. Our team of Harris Dalal (S7A) and Samraj Chaudhary (S7C) was the only two-member team which qualified amongst the College teams of three participants each. Our quizzers' sterling performances are indeed noteworthy and commendable given the fact that Ashoka University- India's foremost Liberal Arts Institute is synonymous for its very high standard of quizzing. Heartiest congratulations to all our quizzing heroes!

## **MUN TRAINING SESSION 2019**

The students of the MUN society have been bringing laurels to the School time and again, not only limiting the achievements to MUNs inside Delhi or the country, but abroad as well. On 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019, the Society saw an overwhelming response to the announcement of the Group Discussions and Training sessions where over 80 students showed up for the Sessions. The students of Model United Nations Society employed a three-tier recruitment process in their venture of sifting budding leaders and diplomats from Grade S4, S5 and S6. The first tier of the process was conducted on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019, marked by simulating group discussions and debates on a myriad of topics relating to international politics.

On 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 personal interviews of the selected students were conducted. The senior members of the Society talked one to one with the aspiring MUN members and gauged their understanding of the dynamic global scenario. Finally, a comprehensive training session was conducted from 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> April 2019. After explaining the nuances of the rules of Procedure and Lobbying, the senior members conducted a Mock Simulation of an MUN.



*Senior MUN members conducting a Mock Simulation of an MUN*

With a challenging agenda as the 'Refugee Crisis' and a Fast-Paced Committee, the newly-recruited members researched comprehensively and performed exceptionally. Many students stood out for their assiduous work and knowledge.





## **ASTRONOMY CLUB- 'An incursion into starry skies'**

On 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019, students from the Astronomy club of the School set off on a trip to Space India's 'Astroport' in the wilderness of Sariska. The objective was to provide a



*Members of the Astronomy Club at the Astroport*

hands-on learning approach to the budding astronomers, with tutorials on handling telescopes and other astronomical instruments such as the Planisphere and the Barn Door Tracker. The students witnessed the night sky spring to life as the stars and galaxies became visible. A hunt began for spotting constellations, star-clusters, galaxies and nebulae. Both the modules, Module 1 and 2, took part in different activities; while the former learned the basics of spotting celestial objects, the latter looked for 'Messier Objects' in the night-sky. The children had just as much enthusiasm as their instructors to perceive and capture the wonders of the night-sky in their minds. All through the night, up until dawn, the little astronomers scrolled through their Planispheres and Deep-Sky-Objects books with great eagerness and returned on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The trip lasted a mere one night, but was indeed an experience of a lifetime!

## **DUNGRI PROJECT**

The Doon School, Dehradun organized 'Project Dungri' as part of the Round Square Service Project from 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The project revolved around creating employment opportunities in a hamlet, Dungri, in the Garhwal district of Uttarakhand. Dungri is a village that has been a victim to the highest rates of emigration in the country. Our students – Saumya Panwar (S6B), Shivangi Menon (S7A), Sarvesh Tandon (S7C), Guara Gupta (S7G), Tejas Chawla (S7H) and Raag Suri (S7H), escorted by Mr Dharendra Singh, participated in the project along with the other students from an assortment of schools. During the course of the project, the participants had built and fenced walls around the Village Community Centre, whitewashed multiple places of public convenience, learnt the skill of making LED bulbs, conducted a village-wide survey of the economic conditions and taught primary school children. Our students brought with them the knowledge of community participation, teamwork, cooperation for human needs and universal humanism.



*Active learning*

## **CAREER COUNSELLING**

The Career Counselling Department regularly organizes and conducts a series of Foreign University visits. The Department organised a second series of such a visit on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019. A presentation was given in the HLL Hall, by the representatives of some popular universities of the USA, namely the University of Southern Florida, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), Penn State University, Rutgers University, Indiana University Bloomington, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. These are the universities that Modern School students often apply to and get admissions in. The students interacted engagingly with the officials at the end of the presentation.