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PRINCIPAL DR VIJAY DATTA WITH THE CHIEF GUEST AND FACULTY MEMBERS AT THE CEREMONY

ANNUAL BOOK WEEK AT MODERN SCHOOL

“Books wash away from the soul the dust of everyday life”

The book fever engulfed Modern School, Barakhamba Road, as the Annual Book Week celebrations got under way on 22nd April 2019. The event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr Bharat Agrawal, a renowned medical professional and well known author and the Principal Dr Vijay Datta, on 22nd April 2019 in the M.N. Kapur Hall.

The event witnessed great exhilaration and excitement all around the School campus. The inauguration marked the lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest, the Principal and the three Head-mistresses Ms Jaya Khurana, Ms Malini Khatri and Ms Prabha Bhagat, invoking divine blessings for the occasion.

The Principal, Dr Vijay Datta, emphasised on cultivating the habit of reading books and encouraged the students to become avid readers by exploring these treasure houses of deep knowledge. The Chief Guest Dr Bharat Agrawal further emphasised that reading books help in the expansion of knowledge, empathy and enjoyment.

The inauguration also witnessed the Chief Guest and the Principal examining the cornucopia of books displayed at the M.N. Kapur Hall along with the three Head-mistresses.

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EARTH DAY AT MODERN SCHOOL

The Nature Club of Modern School celebrated the Earth Day on Monday, 22nd April 2019. A lecture was organised by Nature Club for S3 students by Matt Perry, a global citizen from UK, who is passionate about solving the issues related to environmental destruction and social inequality. Mr Perry is known for volunteering in rural Peru, working with street children and delivering education. A long term member of the global family of Service Space and an experimenter with Buddhist philosophy, he is in India volunteering with various children's NGOs facilitating heart centered environmental conversations.



PRINCIPAL DR VIJAY DATTA WITH THE GUESTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS IN FRONT OF THE VERTICAL GARDEN

The event also witnessed the inauguration of the vertical gardens in front of Sir Shankar Lal Hall by the Principal, Dr Vijay Datta and the esteemed guests.

Tree plantations took place thereafter by Principal Dr Vijay Datta and Mr Matt Perry along with Ms Richa Bhatia, Ms Manpreet Kaur and Ms Shalini Dahiya.

EARTH DAY – POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

The Indian Environmental Society organized a poster making competition on Monday, 22nd April, 2019 to celebrate the occasion of Earth Day at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.

The event was designed with the purpose of creating awareness among students and their role in creating a better earth. The theme for this year's Earth Day and the poster making competition was "Protect Our Species". Several schools from all over Delhi participated in this prestigious event including eight budding artists from our school who represented the Nature Club of Modern School. The competition was followed by a presentation on the importance of conservation and protection of endangered and threatened species of plants and animals. Farhan B. Ahmed, S5C, won the First prize in the Senior Category and Vanya Goel, S4D, won the Third prize in the Junior Category.



ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE

Modern School participated in the Round Square Conference held at Sunbeam School Lahartara, Varanasi from 18th April, 2019 to 21st April, 2019. The theme of the Conference was “**SURRENDER THE ME FOR THE WE**”. The delegates representing Modern School were Mannat Sobti, Shreya Gupta, Shanaya Bhasin, Avvyaa Gupta, Suhani Sharma, Viha Marwah, Nivaan Jain and Siddharth Veer Sawhney, all from S2E.

The flag bearing ceremony symbolized diversity as the delegates from 15 schools marched with pride holding their school flags. The student delegates had an opportunity to interact with each other during the ice-breaking session. A Kathak extravaganza by Shri Vishal Krishna, an eminent Kathak Artist, gave them a gist of Varanasi and its culture. Ms Reshma Qureshi, Ms Tania Singh and Ms Ria Sharma, noted social activists and the faces behind ‘Make Love Not Scars’ were the keynote speakers in the conference. The event was graced by the presence of Padma Bhushan Pt Sajan Mishra, renowned vocalist in Indian classical music and Padmashree Prof. Ngwang Samten, Vice- Chancellor of the Central University of Tibetan Studies. The delegates were enthralled by the folk dance from West Bengal, Purulia Chhau, performed under the aegis of Spic Macay.

Tana Bana– a special rendition of Kabir’s Dohas followed by a visit to Kabir Math was one of the most memorable experiences of the delegates. The delegates also got the providential and rare opportunity to visit the Trade Facilitation Centre where they got to see the Banaras culture and tapestry closely. The keynote session by Padmashree Dr Rajni Kant was followed by “Shilp Gram”, an extravaganza of Banaras and its specialties, which was loved by all the participants.

The delegates were thrilled to view a mystic blend of nature’s grandeur and human existence by ‘Subah–e–Banaras’ and by the mesmerizing session of ‘Logophilia’ taken by Mr Dhruv Raj Sharma. Finally, the closing ceremony was followed by beautiful cultural performances by each school.



STUDENT DELEGATES AT THE ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE



THE ANNUAL GRACIOUS LIVING FOUNDATION DEBATE 2019

Modern School, Barakhamba Road has been conducting various activities which are a great learning experience for the young generation. The Gracious Living Foundation, an NGO known for its pioneering work towards sensitization of youth towards the elders in their families and society, organised an Inter-School Debate Competition on the topic, **“In the Opinion of the House, Technology has Accelerated Family Divide and Blurred Traditional Parent-child Roles and Bonds”**.

Modern School hosted this mega event on 26th April, 2019, which was conducted in the HLL Auditorium. The occasion was graced by the Chief Guest Ms Ketaki Sood, President, Board of Trustees, Modern Schools, Dr Vijay Datta, Principal Modern School, Barakhamba Road and Mr S.P. Rawal, President, Gracious Living Foundation, along with other distinguished guests. The eminent judges for the occasion were Dr Shalini Baxi, Deputy Dean, Cultural Affairs, University of Delhi (Chief Judge), Ms Mita Bose, Former Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Delhi and Capt (Retd) Rajesh Sethi, SC, Former Naval Aviator.

Eleven prominent schools from Delhi-NCR participated in this closely contested debate.

Aditya Tiwari of DPS, Noida won the first prize for the Best Speaker and was awarded a cash prize of Rs 5000/- . Manas Pandit of Modern School, Barakhamba Road, bagged the second position and won a cash prize of Rs 3000/- .



Abhiraj Singh of DPS, Noida and Meghal Jain of Air Force Bal Bharti School, won the third position in a tie and a cash prize of Rs 2000/- was awarded to each of them. Ayushman Kher of Vasant Valley School bagged a cash prize of Rs 2000/- for the Best Interjector.

The team led by DPS, Noida won the Overall Trophy for their enthusiastic participation and well delivered debates.

THE PROUD WINNERS WITH PRINCIPAL DR VIJAY DATTA
AND OTHER DIGNITARIES

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