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## ANNUAL PRATAP SINGH AND RAGHUBIR SINGH ENGLISH DEBATES

“It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it” -  
Joseph Joubert .



Debate is one of the academic activities, which gives students creative room to express their view points and perspective openly. The knowledge that they gain through this is unparalleled. Modern School, Barakhamba Road organized The Annual Raghubir Singh and Pratap Singh English Debate on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019. The competition focused on honing the public speaking skills of the students and to teach them to be articulate while expressing their thoughts and opinions. In the Pratap Singh Debate, the speakers of Class 8 from various schools spoke eloquently on the topic "Nationalism is just another word for Prejudice". As many as ten schools of the city actively participated in this inter-school Debate Competition. The highlight of the event was the question and answer round, as a volley of questions were answered confidently by both the sides.

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The session was a kaleidoscope of opinions, thoughts, ideas and perspectives that definitely enhanced the knowledge and understanding of the topic among students. The participants, armed with proofs and data made



their arguments more emphatic with their righteous facial expressions and voice modulation. The competition was an enthralling experience for the speakers as well as the audience. Shreyan Puri, an alumna of Modern School, and Charisma Nathan, an alumna of La Martiniere for Girls, Kolkata, presided over the debate. The six positions awarded were :

1. Aarav Bajaj (Modern School, Barakhamba Road) : Best Speaker (For the Motion)
2. Aditya Pandey (Delhi Public School, Noida): Best Speaker (Against The Motion)
3. Sarisha Mehta (St. Xavier's School) : Runner-up (For The Motion)
4. Aashman Tiwari (St. Columba's School) : Runner-up (Against The Motion)
5. Ananya Dhawan (Modern School, Barakhamba Road) : Best Interjector
6. Taarini Kakkar (Delhi Public School, Noida): Special Mention.

The Raghubir Singh Debate included 'Just A Minute' and 'Turncoat' which are more nuanced forms of public speaking which require quick thinking and fluency. The speakers proved to be confident and poised. They were able to switch sides and speak on the given topic without faltering. The judges for the event were Ms Shalini Baxi, in charge of Cultural Affairs at Delhi University, Aatmik Gupta an alumna of Modern School Barakhamba Road and Aditya Krishnan an alumna of St Thomas Residential School, TVM. The young judges brought in a fresh perspective to the proceedings.



Ashutosh Yadav of Army Public School, Dhaula Kuan was adjudged the Best Speaker (JAM) and Manas Pandit of Modern School Barakhamba Road was the Runner-up. Omana Pisharoty of Delhi Public School bagged the Best Speaker position (Turncoat) and Swastik M Bhattarai of Genesis Global School was declared the Runner-up. The Army Public School lifted the Best Team Trophy while Modern School Barakhamba Road was awarded the Runner-up position.

## **IPSC IT FEST 2019**

The Annual All India Public School Conference IT Fest 2019 was held in Hyderabad Public School, Begumpet from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019. 196 students from 25 schools participated in the event.



**Students of Modern School with the Teacher in charge during IPSC IT FEST 2019**

Modern School's team comprising eight students was accompanied by the teacher in charge, Ms Divya Sahedev. Sarvesh Tondon (S7C) bagged the First Position in the Programming Event while the team consisting of Arjun Khanchandani (S7C) and Rijul Ganju (S6E) attained the First Position in the IT Quiz. Pertaining to the latest rules of the IPSC; IT Fest 2019 awarded the three best participants of the event, a 'Certificate of Excellence.'

## **HAQ KI SHOR**

The NINE IS MINE Campaign organised the 'Haq Ki Shor' series of three workshops under PRATYEK Foundation. Ananya Dhawan (S3H) and Shruti Singh (S3H) along with Ms Priyanka Singh attended the series of workshops at the Yusuf Sadan, Sacred Heart Cathedral Church, Delhi.

The first workshop in the series was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 on 'Climate Change.' The students learnt about the factors leading to climate change and measures to be taken to reduce it. They were informed about the 'Fridays For Future' movement, where Greta Thunberg, a Swedish climate activist protests every Friday about the need for an immediate action to combat climate change.

The second workshop was held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019, aiming at the concept of responsible consumption and production. Students were involved in various fun activities in which they were divided into five groups: the government, school students, parents, farmers and an NGO. Other groups interacted with government-one of the group and put forth their problems and ideas of schemes, and the government group effectively responded to them.



The third and the last workshop was held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019 on 'Zero Hunger.' The students discussed about components of food, different exotic food they are aware of and food miles. The students will further participate in these workshops in November where they will interact with delegates from different countries and discuss about pertinent global issues.

## **ASTRONOMY CLUB**

The first session of the Astronomy Club by SPACE for Module 1 and Module 2 was held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019, under the guidance of the Astronomy Club in charges, Ms Deepa Kapoor and Ms Anuradha Maini. Students of Modern School learnt how to make a comet, Rocket Launching, Astrophotography and about the basics of the Universe. The main subject of the Session and the activity was on meteorites, asteroids and comets. During the Session students learnt about different types of comets, Long Term (which have revolution period of more than 200 years) and Short Term (having revolution period of less than 200 years). The activity of this session included 'Making a Comet.' Students also learnt that the tail of a comet can be as long as 50 million kilometers.

The material used by the students during this activity were amino acids, soy sauce, dirt and dry ice. They were split into groups of three and the comet making took place for a stipulated duration of 45 minutes. The comets turned out great; bringing a smile to each participant of the activity. The Astronomy Club also taught the students about 'Sky Maps' and how to locate the stars and constellations with the help of latitudes and longitudes. It was an extremely exciting session as young astronomers received their personal telescopes. During the Module session, students learnt about Spectroscopy. Students were further informed about the Spectrums, continuous and non-continuous Newton's Disc.



**The students of Modern School during the activity session of Astronomy Club**

The session ended on a rewarding note as the budding astronomers were taught how to maintain Observation Records. This session expanded the learning horizons of young astronomers.

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