



# THE MODERN CHRONICLE

MODERN SCHOOL BARAKHAMBHA ROAD

www.modernschool.net

Est. in 1920



*The Principal, Dr Vijay Datta along with Ms Jaya Khurana, Headmistress, Senior Wing, overseeing the festivities*

## DIWALI Fête 2019

As we at Modern School Barakhamba Road usher in the hundredth year orchestrating trysts, the dawn of the festive spirit got the entire School together into merrymaking at the Diwali Fête, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2019. The lush green lower field of Modern School donned the exuberance and dynamism of the 'Festival of Lights', an occasion synonymous to bonding with cultural roots and acquainting the children with the rich Indian culture and heritage.

Known for a colourful and lively vibe, this year's Diwali Fête was a joy to behold and a *fair* to remember. The grand Ceremonial Opening by the Principal, Dr Vijay Datta, and a solemn avowal by the entire School to 'Go Green' this Diwali, set the tempo for the event and got the ball rolling.

### WHAT'S NEW AT SCHOOL

1. DIWALI Fête 2019                      Page 1, 2
2. NATURE CLUB-**GO GREEN**                      Page 3
3. INSTALLATION OF AIR PURIFIERS                      Page 3
4. THE INTERNATIONAL BRAIN BEE                      Page 4



The scene at Modern School was rich and multi-layered – a veritable tiramisu of talent! Multiple kiosks built inside the colourful canopies that adorned the periphery, sold some exquisite and eye-popping accessories including



*Solo, Duo, Trio...*

handicrafts, jewellery, bags, colourful floating candles, painted diyas and other Diwali objets d'art. The cornucopia of music truly enthralled everyone with riveting melodies and captivating renditions by the students. It took all kinds of music to jazz up Modern's live music scene, its genres ranging from old-timers to contemporary to progressive for the Inter-House Music Competition.



*Jazz it up style*

Amidst much mirth and gaiety, the zealous crowd brimmed with joy at the myriad activities that included horse-trotting, exciting game zones and some heart pacing rides like the Ferris wheel, Bouncy, etc.

While the 'Hoopla', 'Keys in the Rice Bucket', 'Roll the Dice', 'Break the Pyramid', 'Dart', 'Coin in the Bucket', etc. were games that surely challenged some students, the huge variety of lip-smacking food was relished by one and all. From the mouth-watering, melting mozzarella moments, to getting dunked on the classic bismarck Doughnuts, and the Edward Keventers iconic milkshakes, there were numerous choices for the gourmand to get exactly what one needed.



*Riding-an unseen, unspoken language of subtleties*



*Perfect blend of fun and entertainment*



Surely, the Fête had it all- the pulsating energy, the sweltering moments, the effervescence, the foot-tapping music, the lively buzz of the students, the simmering joy- all within the vicinage of the grandiose red bricks. The celebration augured well for all present and ended on a high note and buoyant mood.



## **NATURE CLUB- GO GREEN!**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2019, members of the Nature Club – Raunak Rai Maini (S7G) and Amam Jain (S6F) - conducted an interactive presentation on the 'Economics of Climate Change'. The presentation was followed by a brief talk on the 'Ban on Single-Use Plastics' and 'Green Crackers'. The assembly concluded with a pledge led by Disha Agrawal (S7B) to stop the use of single-use plastics and take individual action to mitigate the climate change crisis.



*I Vow to Thee, My Country*

There could not have been a better occasion than the School's Diwali Fête to highlight the detrimental impact of pollution in all its forms and inculcate sensitivity towards the environment among the students.

### **INSTALLATION OF AIR PURIFIERS-AIR POLLUTION ABATEMENT**

As the skies lit up with fireworks and the streets with crackers on Diwali, pollution levels peaked. Delhi, already with abysmal levels of air quality, suffered. Taking cognizance of the air pollution levels in Delhi-NCR having crossed the "hazardous category", Modern School Barakhamba Road installed Air purification systems on its premises. The School also took the initiative to plant a variety of NASA recommended saplings on each floor of the premises to remove toxic elements from the air and increased the density of greenery on the campus. Students were also equipped with face masks during the severe pollution days.



*Lead the scene and keep it Green*



In view of the gravity of harm to human health due to inferior ambient air quality, Modern School Barakhamba Road believed that improvement by even a decimal of the air quality would go a long way in improving children's health and the environment in Delhi.



## THE INTERNATIONAL BRAIN BEE

The International Brain Bee, IBB, founded in 1999 by Dr Norbert Myslinski, helps treat and find cures for brain disorders. In a bid to inspire and motivate young men and women to pursue careers in basic and clinical neuroscience, it conducts the Brain Bee World Championship on an annual basis. Designed to be a high-level and friendly academic competition, it draws its material from the university and medical school's course content and requires thoughtful preparation.



*Memories and moments of achievement*



*Punctuated by felicitations-the show must go on!*

The Brain Bee World Championship 2019, was held in conjunction with the 10<sup>th</sup> IBRO World Congress of Neuroscience from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019 in Daegu, Korea. Twenty-eight national and regional champions travelled from all six continents to participate. Disha Agrawal (S7B) of Modern School Barakhamba Road, the winner of Indian National Brain Bee, INBB 2019, represented India at the prestigious competition for the budding neuro-scientists. The competition included four elaborate events – a written test, a neuro-anatomy and histology practical, a mock-patient diagnosis and a live-judging round by a panel of eminent neurologists and neuro-scientists. The events were spread over two days at multiple locations like the Korean Brain Research Institute and the Kyungpook National University. China took home the Winner's trophy. Disha Agrawal (S7B) secured a position among the competitive Top Fifteen. The Award Ceremony was held in the presence of around two-thousand scientists at the Opening Ceremony of the IBRO World Conference. The participants also had the unique opportunity to attend the conference itself, along with various lectures and presentations, which was an unparalleled learning experience. The IBB World Championship 2019, officially came to a close after the celebratory dinner where everyone received congratulatory letters from prominent neuroscientists of their own countries. The competition was truly an enriching experience.



*Proud participation*