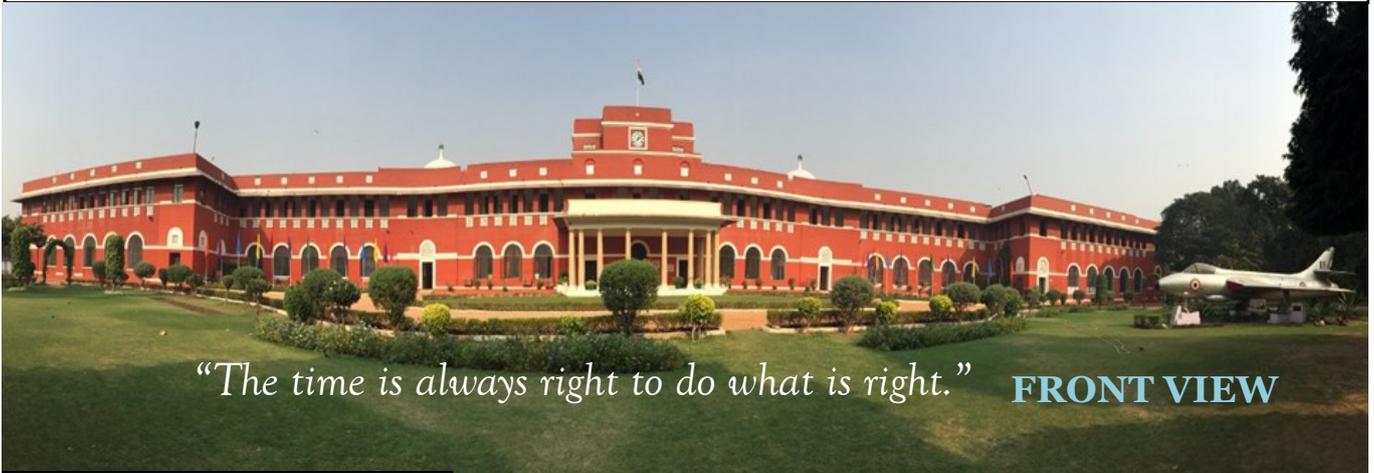




# THE MODERN CHRONICLE

## Modern School, Barakhamba Road

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*"The time is always right to do what is right."* **FRONT VIEW**

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### GRACIOUS LIVING FOUNDATION DEBATE

The Gracious Living Foundation organized its Annual Debate on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April this year. This year's topic was 'Elders-heritage or a hindrance?' While the speakers for the motion tried to prove that elders were important for an equitable growth of the society, the speakers against the motion spoke about the various challenges of having senior citizens at homes. Fourteen prestigious schools participated in this debate. Arjun Chabbra, Lavanya Bedi and Srinjit Venkatesh of Modern School, Barakhamba Road won the Best team prize and Arjun Chabbra won the Best speaker prize at the event. It truly was an enriching experience.

### BETTER ENVIRONMENT, BETTER TOMORROW

The Environment Club of Modern School Barakhamba Road organised its Annual Earth Week Celebrations from 18<sup>th</sup> April to 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016. On 18<sup>th</sup> April, presentations were made by distinguished environmentalists, which was followed by a series of events including Inter House Competitions and interactive sessions with environmental activists. The Inter-Class paper bag making Competition for the S3s turned out to be a great success, yielding over a thousand paper bags made out of old newspapers. The Environment Club introduced a proper waste segregation system to make Modern School self-sufficient in terms of waste management. This was done by setting up green and blue dustbins at different corners of the school. On 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Earth Day, a special dance-ballet took place in the senior assembly, culminating the entire week's events. It depicted the cycle of destruction and resurrection of the Earth, sending out a message about how it's never too late to come together in our effort to save the Earth.



*"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them."*

## **PAINTING DREAMS AT UNIC: CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION**



A PAINTING BY MODERNITES FOR UNIC

This year, the United Nations Information Centre organized an exhibition, where it used visual art as a medium to communicate the message of Clean Water and Sanitation to the wider public. Modern School was among the seventeen schools selected in India to express their creative vision on sustainable development by painting an 8 Feet x 8 Feet canvas that illustrated the core message of the goal. These canvases were displayed at the India Habitat Centre in the month of March and were also appreciated on social media.

## **A LINK WITH OUR HERITAGE: SPIC MACAY WEEK**



‘Perhaps the greatest tragedy of the times, of the youth today, is their complete indifference and resulting ignorance of the cultures that sustained their forefathers.’ To this end, the SPIC MACAY society of Modern School organised a cultural week starting from the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016, culminating with the World Dance Day on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April. It included a performance by renowned Kathak dancer and Padma Bhushan awardee Smt Uma Sharma, as well as workshops on Pottery and Calligraphy conducted by the ever-so-capable Shri Om Prakash Galav and Smt Qamar Dagar, respectively. The students were enthralled by the activities. The society succeeded in its goal of introducing students to the nuances of Indian Culture.

## **YOUNG MODERNITE STANDS OUT AT OLYMPIAD**

Swadha Rawat of S2C participated in the International English Olympiad (IEO) held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January, 2016. She secured the 1<sup>st</sup> Rank at the school level, 15<sup>th</sup> at the state level and 36<sup>th</sup> rank internationally.

## **EXPLORING THE MAGIC OF WORDS AT THE BOOK FAIR**

Modern School organized a three day Scholastic book exhibition from 21<sup>st</sup> April to 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 under the Banyan Tree. The Book Exhibition was inaugurated by Dr Vijay Datta, Principal, Modern School, Barakhamba Road. The children enjoyed the fair and picked up books varying from fiction to facts. The children wished the fair to last for a longer time as it would have given them an opportunity to read and have more exposure to books.



*"To change, is to improve. To change often, is to perfect."*

## PRODIGY REIGNS SUPREME AT NASA COMPETITION

Since 1994, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has been organizing the **NASA Ames Space Settlement Contest** that encourages young minds to brainstorm and creatively come out with solutions related to space settlement. **Harsh Gupta (S5-H)** of Modern School, Barakhamba Road participated in the competition. He prepared a 100-page proposal for the space settlement named "Zeus" that can sustain almost 16000 people in the Asteroid Belt with all their daily activities and recreation. He won the **First Prize** under 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Individual. NASA has also invited the highest scoring individuals to give presentations at 'The International Space Development Conference' to be held at Puerto Rico, USA.



## A SLICE OF HISTORY

For centuries, Delhi's iconic monuments have inspired awe among those lucky to witness them. To commemorate World Heritage Day on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the avid history students of S6 and S7 were taken on a conducted heritage tour of Humayun's Tomb – the first classic mausoleum and the precursor to the Taj, and the adjacent Sunder Nursery. The walk was an attempt to celebrate enchanting, ethereal images of past histories, peppered with wondrous vignettes so as to merge them seamlessly with the vitality and assertive energy of the present. The walk ended with Ms. Sobti and Mr. Lajpat incorporating a brief photographic *deedar* of the Ugrasen Ki Baoli

## ARTHAGAURAVAM 2016

₹ The Economics Society, Arthagauravam, hosted its annual symposium, 'Arthnama' on the 21st of April 2016. At the inauguration, Dr. Ashok Gulati, Infosys Chair Professor for Agriculture at ICRIER. The chief guest at the event, spoke to the audience about Global and Agro economics and enlightened the young minds present in the hall. Later, the students participated in various events, such as the Economics Quiz, Ad Acting, the Mod Stock Exchange and the Declamation. Modern School bagged the maximum number of trophies, and was declared the Overall Winner at Arthnama 2016.

## SWIMMING POOL RE-OPENS

The school swimming pool was opened for the year on 21st of April, 2016. The blessings of God were invoked as an auspicious start, in the presence of our Principal Dr. Vijay Datta. On the occasion Mr. Rajesh Kumar, HOD Sports and Mr. Pankaj Rathi, swimming pool in-charge, were also present along with the administrative staff. The enthusiastic response received from the children was truly delightful.



*"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."*

## A VISIT TO NEHRU PLANETARIUM

Six students of the Astronomy Club went to the Nehru Planetarium for a special Astronomy Workshop on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016. The workshop started with a briefing, followed by a hands-on session. They were trained to view the Transit of Mercury, which would be happening on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. As a part of the workshop, the students had to find out specific values using their equipment, which was proficiently done by the students of our school.



## TALKING FASHION

The Fashion Technology Department organised a talk by Mr. Sumit Saurabh, a photographer, fashion designer and an entrepreneur. He enlightened S6 and S7 students on fashion design as a career opportunity and detailed upon the various fields of art, fashion and design. He also elaborated on the different courses offered by colleges in India. The students thoroughly enjoyed the talk and learnt details which they were not earlier aware of.



## SIKKIM HERITAGE FEST

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, a team of fifteen students accompanied by Mrs. Aradhna Gupta and Ms. Avantika Gogoi participated in "Dharoher" a Heritage Fest held by the Scindia Kanya Vidyalay, in Gwalior, on the art and culture of Sikkim. Various events were held for students to gain hands-on experience. On the last day of the fest, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, our school won the third position in "Jhyali Painting" and "Cuisine from Sikkim"



## REACHING HIGHER AVENUES: S7 COUNSELLING

A Career Counselling talk was held in the HLL Auditorium on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2016. The session was attended by approx. three hundred parents and students of Class XII. The Counsellors Sushma Singh and Baveen Gupta introduced themselves and gave a power point presentation, on the 'Role of the School in the application process for higher studies'. It covered aspects like the countries to which students often applied to, the admission requirements, documentation, affordability and deadlines. An important focus was on the introduction of the "Career Guidance Cell" on the school website. The next part of the programme was the interactive session conducted by four students of the class of 2016 who have received very good admission offers from prestigious foreign universities. The students Parth Bhatia, Shreyas Kapur, Varun Pant and Priyanka Chopra also addressed the parents regarding the admission procedure.

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