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As a part of leadership initiative and global outreach programme, Modern School organized its 10th Community Development and Leadership Summit – 2016, an educational programme for school children from Sunday, the 20th of November 2016 to Friday, the 25th of November 2016.

18 [eighteen] countries including India, Australia, Bangladesh, China, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Laos, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand, UK and U.S.A. participated.



The key objective for organizing the CDLS is to encourage mutual exchange of ideas among students from different parts of the globe and help develop leaders who will grow and provide such experiences that will help the young leaders of tomorrow to make informed choices about their roles in the world communities. In an increasingly globalized world, they need to dream big for their own country and for the world at large. Modern School wishes to make a meaningful difference towards this grooming and care.



DAY 4

RENDEZVOUS WITH TAJ



The fourth day brought with it the opportunity to visit another very important city of India that has contributed immensely to its rich culture and history.

Reporting in the wee hours of morning, the delegates spent the day at Taj Mahal, a world heritage site and one of the wonders of the world located in Agra. During the 200 km journey, the delegates were pent-up excitement in anticipation of seeing what is arguably the world's most beautiful building.

A truly memorable experience, the beauty of the great Taj was accentuated by the brilliant stories and narratives of Ms. Beeba Sobti that transported the delegates to that era. The beauty of the Taj in the morning hues was refreshing and elegant and swept the visitors off their feet. They were enthralled by the detailing, symmetry, artistry and history of the monument which is aptly described as a 'teardrop on the cheek of time'.

Arriving late in the evening, the delegates were welcomed back home by their respective host families.

DAY 5

DELHI DAR CDLS Carnival opened to another day of fun, learning and selfies. The excited delegates left by 9 a.m. to see and explore the Lodhi gardens of the capital city. Ms. Beeba Sobti the History expert took the delegates on fun and informative walk.



The Lodhi gardens are a beautiful example of history preserved in the heart of modern Delhi. This park was earlier known as Lady Willington Park. Beautifully landscaped and well laid out with small water bodies, fountains and a jogging track. The gardens, landscaped by JA Stein and Garrett Eckbo in 1968 are very popular with people of all ages in the capital.

The delegates were a little taken aback by the monuments as it was not as magnificent as the Taj which they had already visited. But they got to know that it only reflected the trying times these two dynasties lived in. The delegates visited Mohammed Shah's tomb, Bara Gumbad and Masjid, Sheesh Gumbad, Sikander Lodi's tomb and the Athpula. They had their rounds of questions answers, and photograph sessions.

DAY 5

CULTURAL EVENING



The cultural evening has always been the most anticipated event of CDLS, but before exhibiting their unique cultures, the delegates were taken to see the various attractions of Delhi, including the Lodhi Garden.

The vast and serene nature of the parks provided for a relaxing outing for the delegates.

Lunch was followed by the preparation of cultural stalls, which gave us a keen insight into the lives and history of their countrymen.

The stalls were met with great enthusiasm from everyone present as the basketball court transformed into a melting pot of colors, clothes, and languages.

CDLS is the wholesome exchange of ideas and values imbibed from the multiplicity of cultures represented. In keeping with this spirit, the delegates from different countries shared the depth of their culture through music and dance performances. Everyone in the audience joined in the breath taking music and foot tapping dance and made sure that the concept of unity in diversity was fulfilled.

The cultural extravaganza was followed by dinner. The delegates then retired for the night.

DAY 6

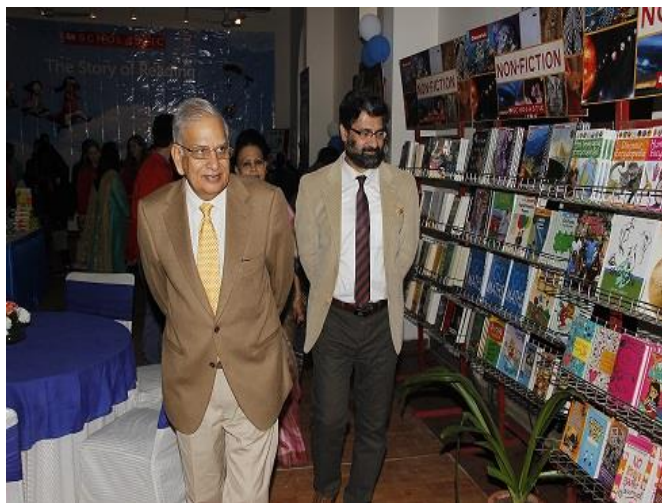
END CEREMONY



AS THEY SAY ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO AN END

“He who plants a tree, plants a hope.”

Day 6 began with an annual plantation drive organized by the Environment Club of our school. The delegates also actively participated in the planting of the Acalypha (a-kal-lifa) saplings while engaging in an enthusiastic conversation on the pressing environmental issues.



This initiative of planting the sapling aimed to generate awareness to the quickly-growing environmental crisis through small but constructive measures. The chief guest of the event, Promod Sharma, Principal of Genesis Global School encouraged the delegates in this ambitious step.

Our Principal, Dr. Vijay Datta inaugurated this event by planting the first sapling. Echoing the thoughts of many delegates, who expected a lot more trees in the capital, this initiative also served as a medium of combating Delhi's pollution.

Another highlight of CDLS 2016 was the book fair. Held in the MN Kapur Hall, the fair featured a collection of the latest bestsellers as well as classic novels of world literature. The delegates perused the different tomes and even purchased some books. All in all, the book fair was an enlightening and enriching experience.

The delegates were then taken to Dr. Radhakrishnan School where a carnival was organized which incorporated cultures and traditions from all parts of India.

DAY 6

CULTURAL CEREMONY



Several entertaining activities were planned for the delegates like mehndi making, elephant and camel rides, pottery, bhangra and dandiya along with an engaging discussion about the social issues that prevail in our country.

The testimony to the stature of this summit was indeed the countless memories created during its length. Thus as we bid adieu to the delegates, we must relive the countless moments created during this summit.