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A PANORAMIC VIEW OF SIR SHANKAR LAL HALL DURING A SESSION ON ASTRONOMY DAY

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### **THE ASTRONOMY DAY**

On 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017, the Astronomy Club of Modern School celebrated the Astronomy Day in Sir Shankar Lal Auditorium and the Basketball court. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr Sachin Bahmba, the founder of SPACE. Mr Christy Wells and Mr. Guy Hooper, both from the United Kingdom, also honoured the event by their presence. The theme of the program was 'Musical Rendezvous With Stars'. A skit namely 'Mars Wars' was presented by the students which was followed by a dance performance by S1 students on the song "Taare Zameen Par". The Chief Guest inspired the young students to pursue astronomy and appreciated the hard work of the students. The foreign guests briefed the gathering about scope of astronomy in their country.

After the culmination of the indoor programme, there was a plethora of outdoor activities. These included Comet Kitchen, a modular presentation on Jantar Mantar, Spectroscopy, Barn Door Tracker, Safe Solar Observation, Weight on different planets and Rocketry. It was a phenomenal show put up by the students of Astronomy Club and was deeply appreciated by the Principal Dr Vijay Datta.



## **EVENING SESSION OF THE ASTRONOMY DAY**

After a successful morning session the students participated in the evening workshop in order to experience the vastness of space. The students then put their knowledge to practice by using telescopes and cameras. Module I students observed the beautiful night sky and were dazzled by the magnificence of space. Module II students observed various celestial bodies and captured the enticing beauty of these objects. This was indeed an enriching experience for the budding astronomers.

## **CAREER COUNSELLING FOR S5**

The month of December 2016 included an important activity for students of class S5 – The Counselling Sessions. These sessions were intended to assist the S5 students to take informed decisions on choosing their career streams in S6. The first two sessions provided information about various streams and subjects offered for study in S6. The students were also given a brief idea about the professions and career options related to various subject choices. These sessions helped the students to identify their area of interest. The sessions were followed by an aptitude test to identify the area of strength and improvement. This enabled the students to map their abilities and identify the stream that they would do well in. A joint session of counselors, students and parents was held in the end where subject interests of individual students were discussed with their parents.

## **FILMIT-FILM FESTIVAL**

On 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 students from Modern School Barakhamba Road participated in the Filmit Film Festival organised by INTACH. 'Filmit' is a multi-cultural project funded by the Helen Hamlyn Trust UK. This project aims at nurturing cultural understanding, care and concern among school children through the exciting experience of making and sharing films.

Our team comprising of five students, Aditya Shiv Talwar S4A, Ayushman Jalan S3G, Dhruv Sharma S4A, Gautam Goel S4A and Smayan Marwah S4A reached India International Centre, the venue of the festival, where films from 25 schools of Delhi were being showcased. The Chief Guest Shri Nila Madhab Panda, Director of 'I Am Kalam', Chairman of INTACH Maj. Gen. LKGupta (Retd), eminent historian Ms.Swapna Liddle, Ms Purnima Datt, Principal Director, INTACH Heritage Education and Communication Service and Odissi dancer Ms Arushi Mudgal were present on the occasion.

Our School uploaded five films this year on the website '[filmit.openfutures.com](http://filmit.openfutures.com)' of which the 'Banyan-Our Heritage' received the Best Green Film award. 'Stepping Back' got the Best Direction and 'Mylapur Diaries' received Special Mention for Best Visuals. Excitement of the team knew no bounds when 'Banyan-Our Heritage' was screened at the festival. Additionally, Dhruv and Aditya performed a song based on the experience of film making at the festival which was composed by Aditya. The song was appreciated by the audience. The exultant team returned to school enriched by this unique experience.



## **PADAMCHAND MEMORIAL INTER SCHOOL PAINTING COMPETITION**

The students of classes S3, S4, S5 and S6 from Modern school participated in an 'On The Spot Painting Competition' held at Happy school, Darya Ganj, Delhi on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The theme of the competition was 'Free Imagination'. The competition was aimed to allow the young artists to explore their thoughts and paint them on the canvas. More than 1500 students from different schools in Delhi and NCR participated in the event. Girija Jhalani of class S5E won the first position in the competition.

## **CBSE NATIONAL LEVEL SCIENCE EXHIBITION**

The National Level Science Exhibition held at NC Jindal Public School, Delhi was visited by a group of students from classes S4 and S5 along with their teachers on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The theme of the exhibition was 'Science, Technology and Mathematics for Nation Building'. This was divided into several sub-themes namely health, industry, transport and communication, food production and security and mathematical solutions in everyday life along with renewable resources for sustainable environment. The exhibition showcased the exhibits made by students from different schools from different states of India about new avenues in the areas of agriculture, food processing, biotechnology, green energy, disaster management, astronomy, communication technology and renewable resources.

## **MODERNITES SPORTS DAY**

The Modernites Sports Day was held with fervour and enthusiasm at Modern School on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The event witnessed extra-ordinary performance by Modern School in different sports. The U-19 Boys and U-19 Girls were declared winners in Badminton. The U-19 Boys team won all the matches in Basketball while the U-19 Girls team was declared runner-up. The U-19 Boys teams were declared runner-up in Cricket, Football and Hockey. In Squash, both U-19 Boys and U-19 Girls were declared the winners. The U-19 Boys teams in Table Tennis as well as in Tennis were declared the runner-up.



THE BASKETBALL TEAM ALONG WITH DIGNITARIES AT MODERNITES SPORTS DAY



## LAURELS IN SPORTS

### BADMINTON

The CBSE Badminton Nationals were held at Sabeen Leharara, Varanasi from 25<sup>th</sup> December to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2016. In individual events, Ananya Goel was declared the winner in U-19 category. In the team event, Ananya Goel, Namita Pathania and Shivika Sharma were declared winners in U-19 category. Namita Pathania was runner-up in Mixed-Doubles in U-19 category.

### BASKETBALL

The 3<sup>rd</sup> BAVM NCR Inter School Invitation Basketball Championship 2016 was held at Noida Stadium, Noida from 15<sup>th</sup> November to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The team of Modern School was declared the winner in U-19 Boys category. The school also participated in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Youth National Basketball Championship (Boys and Girls) held at Hassan, Karnataka from 15<sup>th</sup> November to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The U-17 teams of boys and girls also had the opportunity to participate in the SGFI Nationals held at Raj Nand Gaon, Chhattisgarh.

### FOOTBALL

The Zonals Football Tournament was held at Modern School from 15<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016. The teams of Modern School were declared winners in U-19 Boys, U-19 Girls and U-17 Boys categories. The U-17 Boys team also participated in SGFI Nationals held at Andaman Nicobar from 16<sup>th</sup> November to 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The U-19 Girls team was declared second runner-up at the CBSE Football Nationals held at Varanasi from 13<sup>th</sup> December to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The U-14 Girls team had the opportunity to participate in SGFI Nationals held at Sagar Madhya Pradesh from 28<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016.

### SQUASH

The Bengal Squash Junior Cup was held at Kolkata from 10<sup>th</sup> November to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Gautam Nagpal of S5-E won bronze medal in U-17 Boys category. Tejas Chawla of S4-F and Sanya Vats of S4-G won the gold medals in U-15 Boys and U-17 Girls categories respectively.

At Khelshela Junior Open Squash Championship held at Chandigarh from 26<sup>th</sup> November to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Sanya Vats and Tejas Chawla won gold medals in U-17 Girls and U-15 Boys categories respectively. Gautam Nagpal won bronze medal in U-17 Boys category.

The Delhi Junior Squash Championship was held at Delhi from 19<sup>th</sup> November to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016. Gautam Nagpal and Sanya Vats won the silver medals in U-17 Boys and U-17 Girls categories respectively. Tejas Chawla won the gold medal in U-15 Boys category.

In XIII Modernites Invitation Squash Tournament 2016 was held at Modern School from 21<sup>st</sup> November to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The squash teams of Modern School were declared winners in both U-19 and U-17 Boys and Girls categories. The Under-14 Boys and Girls were the runner-up at the event.