



# **THE MODERN CHRONICLE** **MODERN SCHOOL, BARAKHAMBA ROAD**



PRINCIPAL DR VIJAY DATTA WITH  
THE MEMBERS OF THE QUIZ CLUB

## **THE MECCA OF QUIZZING**

Phoenix, the Quiz Club hosted its Inter-School Quiz Fest, Unquestionably Modern on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017. The morning saw great enthusiasm from more than 350 quizzers belonging to different schools of Delhi and NCR as they poured into Sir Shankar Lal Hall and the HLL Auditorium to participate in the preliminary rounds. The event comprised of three quizzes, each hosted by prominent quizmasters. The General Quiz was hosted by Dr Suby Bhattacharya, the highest ranked Indian in the World Quizzing Championships. The MELA (Music-Entertainment-Literature-Arts) Quiz was hosted by Mr Aryapriya Ganguly, a reputed quizmaster and the co-creator of Cannot Place, North India's largest Quizzing Festival. The BEST (Business-Entertainment-Sports-Technology) Quiz was by recent alumni and proficient quizzers Paavas Bhasin and Aniket Joshi. This eclectic event aimed for and was successful at setting a benchmark for qualitative Quizzing in the school circuit. In this regard, all the quizzes were about the hidden faces and unknown connections between the things we see in our lives everyday.

As the day went on, the crowds were filtered into the top six finalists for each quiz. The final rounds held the audience's attention to the stage as teams cracked correct answers and gave a thrilling show. The event also established a first in school quizzing by operating a live-scoring system on the side-screens of the Shankar Lal Hall which gave the audience a comprehensive view of the ongoing situation. All three quizzes resulted in the Modern School team (comprising of Ayan Marwaha, Aman Agarwal and Aatmik Gupta from S7 A) winning by a substantial margin. However in a magnanimous gesture the team decided to pass on the winning trophy to the next team in line, which was DPS Noida in all three quizzes.

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## THE GRACIOUS LIVING FOUNDATION DEBATE 2017

Modern School Barakhamba Road has been conducting activities which are a great learning experience. The Gracious Living Foundation, an NGO working towards sensitising children towards the elders in the families and society, organised an Inter-School Debate Competition on the topic- **'The Life Experience of Elders is of Greater Value than a Formal Education,'** on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 2017 in the HLL Auditorium. Premier schools from Delhi-NCR participated in this closely contested debate.

The judges for the event were Mr Deepak Verma, President, Indian Debating Society, Ms Ashali Verma and Ms Mandakini Surie.



THE PRIZE WINNERS WITH THE  
DIGNITARIES

Lavanya Bedi of Modern School Barakhamba Road was adjudged the Best Speaker and won a cash prize of Rs 5000 along with a trophy and certificate. Shivangi Gaur from Step By Step School bagged the Second Best Speaker trophy and cash prize of Rs 3000. Aphrodite Biswas from Apeejay School Sheikh Sarai won the third place and took home a trophy with a cash prize of Rs 2000. Arihant Drabu from Step By Step School won the Best Interjector trophy along with a cash prize of Rs 2000.

The Best Team Rolling Trophy was won by Modern School Barakhamba Road but being the host team, the trophy was passed on to Step by Step School.

## ORGANIC COMPOSTING WITH MICROBES

The students of the Environment Club of Modern School have always strived to create an environmentally-conscious student body by trying to create a sustainable environment while upholding the values of the 3Rs - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle in a practical way. They have undertaken many activities like e-waste collection, segregation of wastes in the school through coloured dustbins, tetra pack collection and its recycling and creation of a bottle garden in the school in pursuit of this objective.

To continue this effort, on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017, the students set up the first Organic Composting Pit in the school premises. The students enthusiastically began the process about two weeks before the main composting started, when they first collected the leaves from the school gardens and let them dry for a couple of days. They then grinded the leaves by walking on them for a few minutes, simplifying the process of the breakdown by the microbes. The leaves, along with powdered microbes (lactobacillus) mixed with coco peat, were then put in a shallow pit of depth about 3 feet and watered it. They ensured regular grinding and watering of leaves everyday which was eventually mixed in the soil with a garden fork.

On the day of the final composting, the students actively put half-made compost in the pit and mixed it with their hands to ensure proper composting. The Principal Dr Vijay Datta and other esteemed guests graced the occasion with their presence and encouraged the members of the Environment Club to carry on with their endeavour of doing their bit to make a change in the environmental situation with fervour and vigour.



## **REDUCING CARBON FOOTPRINT: HANDS ON ACTIVITY**

Aishani Goel and Saushtav Roy of Class S6 participated in an Inter School event at Air Force School Subroto Park and were declared the winners where they made and displayed a project which aimed at "Reducing Carbon Footprint". They designed and made a cost-effective solar powered air filter and described the basic principles on which it worked. This battery-operated device was designed to filter the air of polluted cities clearing out PM 2.5 and PM 10. A solar panel was attached to the batteries to charge them. The judges appreciated the creativity and ingenuity of the students.

## **COLLOQUIUM ON STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE EARTH**

On 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Arohi Aggarwal and Anjor Agarwal of Class S3B represented Modern School at GD Goenka World School, Gurugram for a Colloquial on "Strategies for Sustainable Earth". The aim of Colloquium was to discuss a strategy to carefully preserve the resources of earth for future generations and to ensure a sustainable development.

Extensive literature review was done by the students to find out the existing global issues and the consequential efforts made by governments, international organizations, private bodies and people all over the world who have changed their attitudes and practices towards rebuilding the environment around us. The students also came up with their personal but feasible strategy which can be put to practice by the individuals to rise for the environmental cause at the grass-root level. Modern School won the third prize in the event.

## **INTER-HOUSE HINDI CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION**

The *Akshar- Manch* organized an Inter-House Hindi Creative Writing Competition at Modern School on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 for the students of classes S4 and S5. Two students from each house participated in the competition. In S4, the first prize was won by Aishwarya Aggarwal of Tagore House. Ashley Maheshwari of Azad House and Farheen Anwar of Ashoka House got the second and third prize respectively. In S5, Rijul Mahajan of Patel House was declared first while Ruhaniyot Kaur Bhasin of Pratap House and Shiza Rehman of Ranjit House stood second and third respectively.

## **WORKSHOP ON O-LABS**

The Amrita Foundation organized a workshop on Online-Labs at Maharaja Agarsen Model School on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Teachers from Science and Mathematics Departments of Modern School attended the workshop which was based on the idea that laboratory experiments can be explained to the students using the Internet before their access to physical labs. It covered the experiments in Physics, Chemistry and Biology from Class 9 to Class 12 along with English and Math lessons for Classes 9 and 10. Some experiments like Ohm's Law, Saponification Reaction, Starch Test and Pythagoras Theorem were demonstrated using interactive simulations, animations and lab videos.

Its peculiar features included the 'Learning-enabled Assessment' to facilitate in the assessment of the procedural and manipulative skills of the experiment, the concepts and understanding of the experiment and a student's reporting and interpreting skills.



## INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The members of IAYP of Modern School embarked on a journey of self discovery and exploration with their teachers from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 to Peach Valley Camps in Rajgarh, Himachal Pradesh. The four day journey was a fusion of fun and learning away from chaotic city life.

The trip started with a train journey from the New Delhi Railway Station to Chandigarh followed by a bus journey to the Rajgarh Camps. On reaching the camp, children had lunch and were introduced to their facilitators. After a small acclimatization trek students retired to their camps. The exhausting day ended with a bonfire that eventually became their discussion ground.

The next day after warm up with exercises and yoga it was time for the much awaited activity, the rock climbing and rappelling. The challenge was to push themselves by feeling the cracks in the rocks and digging into them with hands and feet. This was followed by rappelling in which the students demonstrated their zeal and strength like a maverick from the 'TOP GUN' flying down with only a rope hanging.



MEMBERS OF IAYP DURING THE TRIP

On the third day the students started a trek in the majestic mountains and experienced absolute joy and solitude. River Crossing was a thrilling activity which tested their strength. After lunch, the students performed all the rope activities including the Flying Fox and the Burma Bridge. As the expedition was coming to an end students gathered and shared their thoughts and feelings by the Camp Fire. On the last day the students thanked the instructors and exchanged pictures with them. The enthusiastic participation and confidence of students was acknowledged and appreciated by the instructors.

### MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN)

**CROWN MUN:** At Technia Institute of Advanced Studies, the students of Modern School participated in the CROWN-MUN on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Sidhant Kapoor achieved an Honourable Mention and Raunak Rai Maini was given a Special Mention in the event. Harsh Beri and Ananya Dewan received a Verbal Mention in the event.

**RIS-MUN:** At the MUN held in Ryan International School, Shauryaveer Suda and Aryann Mobin were declared the best delegates in the General Assembly. Devina Aggarwal was declared the best delegate in IAEA. Shrey Goyal received the High Commendation Award. Ritwik Vasudeva and Nitya Jain achieved Special Mention Award in IAEA and HRC respectively.

**S-MUN:** At S-MUN held at Sanskriti School from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Harsh Beri was awarded the Outstanding Delegate Award in HCR. Karina Chawla, Suchet Marwah and Siddharth Garg received a special Verbal Mention.

**VISMUN :** At VISMUN held at Venkateshwar International School from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Ananya Dewan got a Special Mention in the General Assembly.