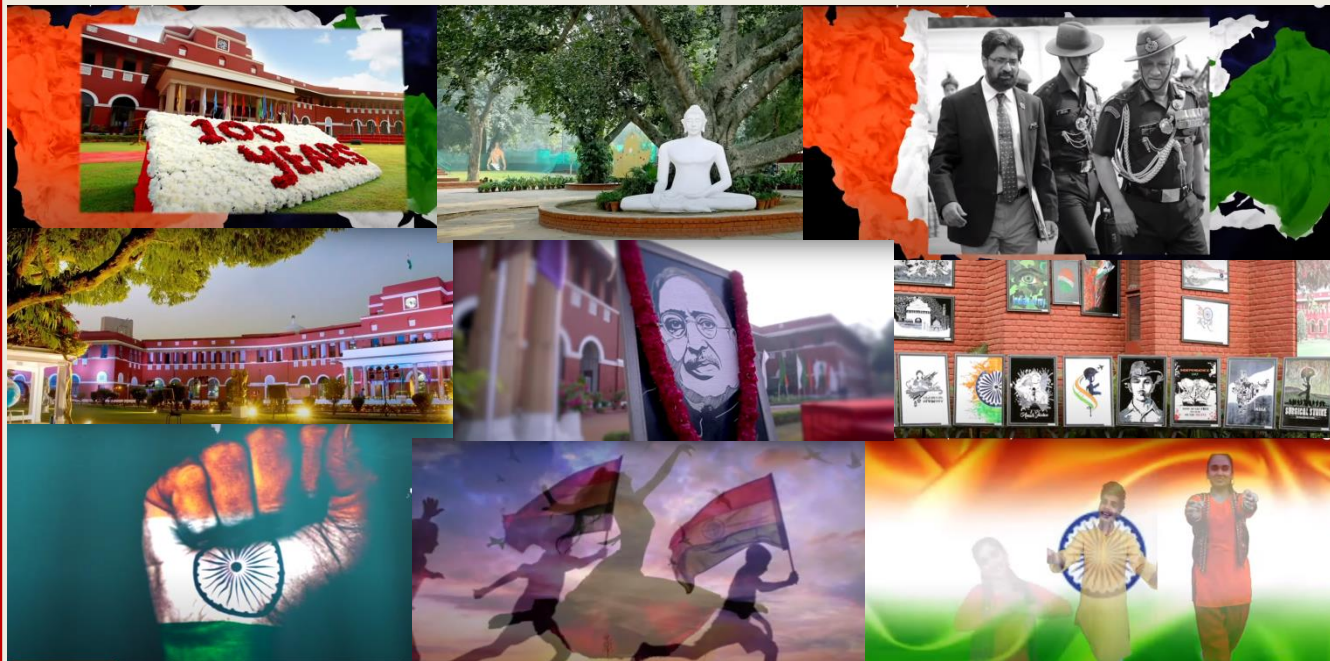




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“The most practical teaching of the Gita, and one for which it is of abiding interest and value to the men of the world with whom life is a series of struggles is not to give way to any morbid sentimentality when duty demands sternness and the boldness to face terrible things.”—

Lok Manya Tilak

WHAT'S NEW AT SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM HON. SECRETARY, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MODERN SCHOOLS

*Dear Students,
Cherish this day, it was hard won by our forefathers. Every age needs its warriors and you are the soldiers of the future. Be truthful, courageous and work hard, and you will prevail over tough times.
I congratulate you on India's 74th Independence Day.*





INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**



As we celebrate the 74th Independence Day of our country today, I convey my greetings and good wishes to each one of you.

On this day, 73 years ago, India attained freedom from the colonial rule and people of our country became the masters of their destiny. Despite serious challenges on varied fronts, we have been able to keep the flame of democracy burning bright.

No debacle is a worthy opponent for the undaunted will of Indians, who have time and again proven their fortitude in the wake of challenges.

As we face yet another threat this time, of COVID-19 pandemic, I would like to say these drawn-out times advocate decisive, coordinated and innovative action from all. I must convey my sense of appreciation to teachers, students and parents for their resolution to continue with the online teaching and learning process in the wake of the current challenge. The immaculate execution of virtual classes under these exceptional times was a commendable feat, and it only sets a higher standard for us to sustain in the future. The spirit of Modern School is well reflected in the fact that the school never sleeps. The bustle of activities in the school is perennial. Having pivoted to the online medium of education, we are unstoppable virtually as well. From online summer camps for sports and creative activities, to winning laurels in online inter and intra school competitions, Modern has proven its mettle yet again. As rightly put in the world of the great philosopher Socrates, "The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

The resilience displayed by the countrymen during these drawn-out times epitomizes the determination for survival in the wake of adversity.

The achievements we commemorate today are but, an opening to a triumphant tomorrow replete with hopes, aspirations and opportunities for all. Let each one of us be the ambassador and representative of our nation.



Flight to Freedom!



74TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

“May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please but as the opportunity to do what is right” Peter Marshall

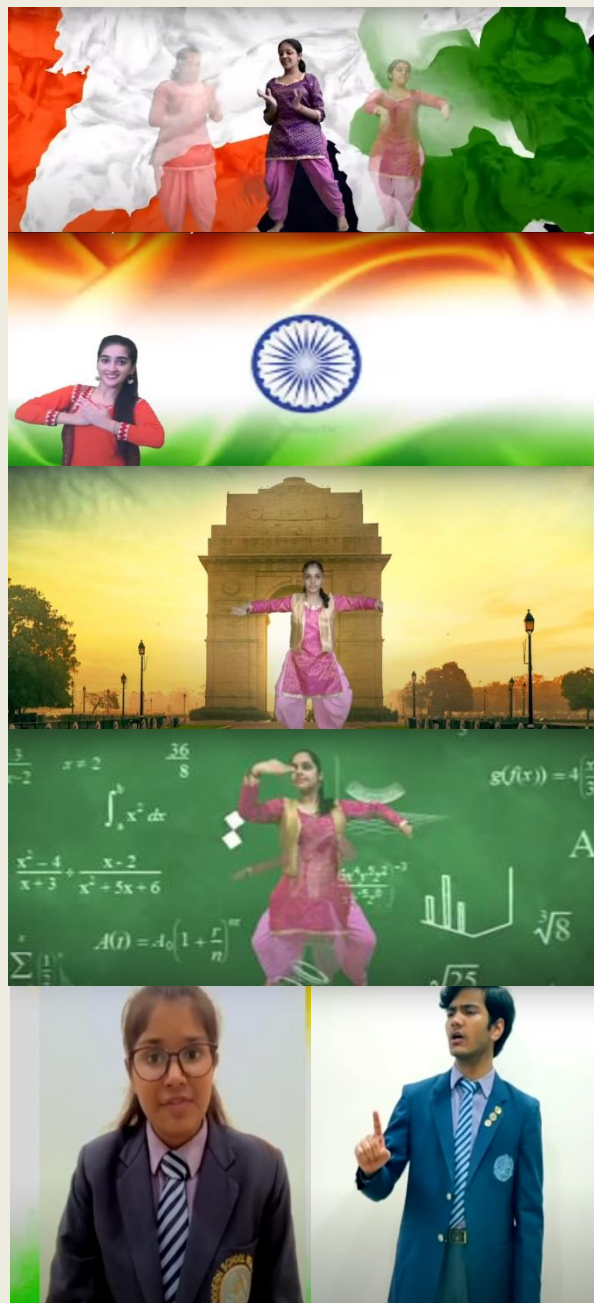
Even as the pandemic continues to redefine our day-to-day lives, Modern School Barakhamba Road, geared itself up for the Independence Day celebrations albeit in a different fashion than ever before. With the Covid-19 precautions, such as the social distancing norms being an imperative part of all celebrations, the festivities of Independence Day underwent a complete overhaul. Bereft of the usual fanfare, this year's celebration saw the innovative and creative streaks of students unfurl, befitting the occasion.

Who could mar the spirits of our young, motivated, fearless and zealous students - the quintessential patriots! The day had to be marked, celebrated and etched in our memories, as part of our ongoing Centenary celebrations, amid all challenges, for posterity. And so, adhering to the norms for the present, from the 'real' we decided to go 'virtual' and ensured that the fervour of patriotism lived on.

The celebration was pre-recorded and the students had been asked to view from their homes and the link had been shared. It was indeed a proud moment to watch the stellar performances, making ensemble for the historic day.

Exhibiting formidable strength and determination, students of Modern School, Barakhamba Road, individually put together the virtual Independence Day function by recording the audio/ video at their respective homes with the help of available technology.

Suhani Jain (S7 E) and Madhav Goel (S7 F), through their sheer eloquence and enthusiasm, echoed the sentiments of every citizen who values and upholds the democratic ideals of independence and a reaffirmation of patriotism.



Our lead performers



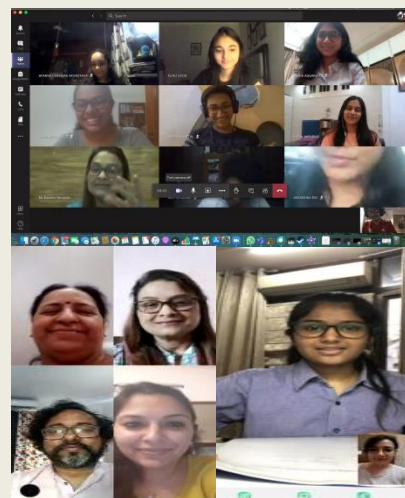
Scintillating individual dance performances to a medley of patriotic tunes, from “Niyam Ho”, “Nadi Mein Talab Hai Kahin Jo Agar” from Udaan, A R Rehman’s soulful “Bharat Humko Jaan se Pyaara Hai” to “Maa Tujhe Salaam, Vande Mataram” rendered by the School Choir against the monumental historical backdrops; the celebrations witnessed everyone cherishing the essence of the Tricolor, wrapped in emotions and pride for the motherland.



Myriad hues...

In the run-up to the Independence week, rigorous training sessions with our teacher experts – right from our script in-charges, Ms Manju Vijra and Ms Gita Bhasin, who dovetailed the old with the new- the facts of our National heroes, our war heroes and our Corona Warriors in the present scenario; our master orators, Ms Manju Vijra and Ms Himani Bakshi, who helped our two ardent speakers master the finesse of rhetoric; our master choreographer, Mr Arindam Das Gupta, whose grace and artistry helped each student put up a flawless performance; the mellifluous rendition of the patriotic songs, a confluence of rhythm and melody with a soul-stirring effect brought to perfection by our master singer, Ms Baisakhi Samajdar, was a commendable feat considering that it was the first of sorts. The takeaway was much higher; everyone had something to learn, to imbibe from this maiden experience; from gaining control over technology and using it to our advantage, employing the art and visual effects, to compiling individual clippings into a broadcast, we learnt it all.

In this endeavour, we remain indebted and ever grateful to our Principal, Dr Vijay Datta, for infusing confidence and reposing faith in us; for his encouragement and inspiring guidance; we humbly thank Members, Board of Trustees, Modern Schools, for their constant support and guidance; eminent Headmistresses, Ms Jaya Khurana, Senior Wing and Ms Meera Malhotra, Middle Wing, Ms Manpreet Kaur, Head Co-Curricular, Ms Shalini Dahiya and Ms Anjali Chhabra for Logistics and Technical support. In our efforts we believed that when nothing is sure, everything is possible! The stage is ready, so the show must go on...



Behind the Scenes