



# CHRONICLE - THE MODERN SCHOOL WEEKLY

MODERN SCHOOL, BARAKHAMBA ROAD

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## Celebrating Teacher's Day & 125<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Lala Raghubir Singh Ji



Teacher's Day 2020 was a very special occasion for Modern School as the school not just celebrated Teacher's Day but also commemorated the 125<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of the Founder of Modern School - Lala Raghubir Singh. Lalaji was born in Delhi on 5th September 1895. His father, Rai Bahadur Sultan Singh was an enlightened and widely respected social figure.

Lala Ragubhir Singh's nationalistic sentiments started shaping up from his early years of education under the guidance of his teachers Master Amir Chand and William Wenstanley Pearson.





Lalaji's father always encouraged him to think about issues concerning women's education, the independence of India and the role of enlightened Indians in the future of the country.

It was in this environment that young Raghubir decided to start a school on large and liberal lines. The primary goal of education as envisioned by Lalaji in 1920, was to help a child grow into a rounded and well balanced personality, well integrated in society and a citizen that the country could be proud of.

Lalaji strived to build an institution that would remodel education as a holistic development process where teachers would be more like mentors, guiding students towards emotional, intellectual and spiritual upliftment. He brought together a team of like minded individuals like Sir Sobha Singh and Dr S K Sen to build a legacy that continues till today. The universal application and timelessness of this perception of true education is as valid today as it was then. Throughout the past 100 years, Modern School, the trail blazer in achieving this goal has been steadily reflecting and reaffirming over the years, the continued applicability and inherent flexibility of Lalaji's vision.

The bungalow addressed 24, Daryaganj, was the home of Modern School for nearly 13 years. Small beginnings were made in 1920, and gradually, Modern School developed into a larger school. In 1933, the school came to occupy its current campus in the city centre. The school is privileged to have hosted people like Mahatma Gandhi in 1935, Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore in 1936 and Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan.

As the School completes its 100 years this year, it is heartening that the school has maintained a uniform growth all through these years and shall constantly be on the look out for ways and means to maintain high standards, thereby living up to the dream and vision of Lalaji





## A GLIMPSE OF THE GLORIOUS HISTORY OF MODERN SCHOOL, BARAKHAMBA ROAD







Message from Secretary, Board of Trustees,  
Modern Schools on Teacher's Day 2020

**AMBIKA PANT**  
HONORARY SECRETARY



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**A tribute to teachers on the occasion of Teachers Day 2020**

*Teachers are the backbone of any country, the pillar upon which all aspirations are converted into realities – Abdul Kalam Azad*

Dear Teachers,

As the corona-crisis of 2020 continues to tear apart our social and economic fabric, we face an uncertain future, but one that is bursting with possibilities. In a global order hitherto unknown, we look towards you, the teachers, as the strongest beacon of light for knowledge and guidance.

In the current circumstances, to be able to guide the leaders of tomorrow, one needed to boldly embrace a steep learning curve. Your teaching therefore required, more than ever, empathy and creativity. I congratulate, and thank each one of you for embracing change and to help define a new paradigm for students. We all hope that the less-than-perfect schooling which our children are currently receiving, is only transitory. But hope is not a plan; we must continue to find as many new ways as possible to help children with varying abilities and socio-economic backgrounds to succeed. *Your magic lies in your ability to inspire every child, not despite their differences but because of them.*

Another great educationist who shared his birthday with Dr. Radhakrishnan was Lala Raghbir Singh. This year, on Lala ji's 125th birth anniversary, as well as the 100th year of the Modern School, we remember our visionary founder, who embraced challenges at the age of 25 to educate a fast-changing India. The times have changed but the task has not.

You are the ones who provide the foundations of a society's character, abilities and values, and constantly help make the world a better place. I felicitate you for choosing your noble profession and thank you for what you do for us. As your students would say in a new language (we all are learning): #unsungheroes #bethespine

Keep safe and happy.

Best wishes,

  
Ambika Pant



Message from the Chairman, School Management Committee  
Modern School, Barakhamba Road



Dear Educators,

My best wishes to all the teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day. I believe, that every day is a day of the teachers -- the way teachers contribute to mould and build lives is unparalleled. I deeply appreciate the contribution made by all the teachers, especially in these trying times. Teachers have the power to change the world and make it a better place. I salute your endeavours and pray that all of you and your families stay safe and well. We are proud of you and your contributions to building our Nation.

Jai Hind!

Col. Vijay Chadda





## Message from Principal, Dr Vijay Datta on Teacher's Day 2020

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### Teachers' Day Message from the Principal

5<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Colleagues,

At the outset, I would like to greet and wish you all 'A Very Happy Teachers' Day.' On this occasion I pray to God, to bless you with the strength to achieve personal and professional growth in the times to come.

While this day marks the Birth Anniversary of Dr S. Radhakrishnan, on this day we also pay our tributes to Lala Raghubir Singh, the founder of the school, on the occasion of his 125<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary. Lalaji's efforts have built a legacy that is reflected in the holistic education imparted at our school. Keeping up with its founder's vision, Modern School as an institution remodels education as a holistic development process where teachers are more like mentors, relentlessly guiding students towards emotional, intellectual and spiritual upliftment.

These drawn-out times have taught us that, teachers may not always be confined to the four walls of a school. We have to realize, there will always be road blocks in the path ahead of us. There will be stumbling blocks and stepping stones; it all depends on how we manoeuvre them.

'When a storm is impending, all other birds seek shelter.  
The eagle alone, avoids the storm, by flying above it'.

The dynamism in knowledge and explosion of newer information poses a challenge of continuous up gradation of competency by acquiring, maintaining and demonstrating highest values and character. We should not forget that; teaching is the mother of all professions. Teachers' Day reminds us of responsibilities and commitments towards shaping the future generations in taking up higher challenges and making our country, an advanced and developed nation with high sensitivity towards general welfare of the society. We need to uphold the idea that, it is the teacher who sees a statue in the stone block. It is he who identifies a spark in the child and turns it into fire.

On behalf of the Chairman and the School Managing Committee, I would like to extend my sense of appreciation for all the hard work and resolve you all have displayed during the year gone by. My compliments to each one of you.

  
Dr Vijay Datta