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## MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI ON THE OCCASION OF THE 100<sup>th</sup> FOUNDER'S DAY



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Prime Minister

### MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to learn that Modern School, Barakhamba Road has completed 100 years of existence and is celebrating its '100th Founder's Day'. It is a proud occasion for everyone associated with the school during its historic journey.

The school has been untiring in its efforts to ensure holistic growth of its students. From striving to provide quality education to instilling the temperament of enquiry, it has made a remarkable contribution to the society and the nation.

Education has its worth only when it includes the purpose of imparting students the core values of confidence, conviction and character. It needs to graduate their focus from 'what to think' to 'how to think'. Our new education reforms emphasize on value education and character building and aim to channelize the energy of the youth towards nation-building.

Glorious traditions and a sense of history have been the guiding force for the school in the course of its evolution. The occasion presents an opportunity for the institution to rededicate itself towards fulfilling the aspirations of the present and future generations.

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to all the teachers, students, alumni and the administrative staff of Modern School for the '100th Founder Day'. May the celebrations be a singular success.

(Narendra Modi)

New Delhi

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December 31, 2020

**Dr. Vijay Datta**

Principal, Modern School

Barakhamba Road

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Modern School, Daryaganj

**Excerpt of Message from the President, Board of Trustees, Modern Schools**

*I wish you all a Happy Centenary. While none of us will be here to celebrate another centenary, we can surely plan our way and work towards another glorious 100 years, one year, one decade at a time. Good luck to Modern for the next 100 years.*

Ms Ketaki Desai

**Excerpt of Message from the Hon. Secretary, Board of Trustees, Modern Schools**

*My best wishes and congratulations to all of you on this occasion. Modern School has created confident leaders and good citizens over so many decades. In addition to visionary principals and committed teachers, the far-reaching insight of the founder remains relevant even today.*

Ms Ambika Pant

## **From Daryaganj to Barakhamba Road 100<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day**

They say the journey of a 100 miles begins with a single step. The cornerstone laid in a bungalow at Daryaganj, in 1920, a 100 years later has become the majestic Modern School Barakhamba Road, and it all began with a vision. The vision of one man, Lala Raghubir Singh, that has traversed both time and space. The achievement is not only one of the passage of hundred years, but it is the achievement of several generations of students, who have passed through these hallowed portals, and become movers and shakers of the world, a testimony to the fruition of the vision of building a new generation of Indian leaders, who would take charge of the country some day.

“Education should teach children how to think and not what to think”. This is the dictum on which the foundation of this institution was laid a century ago. A perfect jugalbandi of Indian ethos and modern education, where children are trained, not merely to score marks but to be good human beings, who contribute to making this world a better place.

Pupils of Modern School have gone on to achieve prominence in politics, government services, the armed forces of India, commerce, journalism, literature, academia, fine arts and performing arts.







From Khuswant Singh to Barkha Dutt, Kirti Azad to Gautam Gambhir, Sanjay Kaul to

Mukul Rohtagi, Shekhar Kapur to Sanjana Sanghi, Samresh Jung to Tania Sachdev, Amjad Ali Khan to Yamini Reddy, the list is endless.

As the school celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day, it was with pride that we looked back at this journey of a hundred years. It was but befitting that it was a virtual celebration, as Modern School has always believed in being at the forefront of modernity in all aspects and it was a testament to our commitment and resolution to usher in a new reality with positivity and enthusiasm.

The event was conducted in four parts:

Presentation of An inspirational message from the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi.

Documentary Presentation - '100<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day'

The Prize Winners' Presentation

Presentation of The Ballet - 'Water- The Elixir of Life.'

### Awarding the Shining Stars

Striving for excellence is the hall mark of a Modernite.

This trait of reaching high and going beyond, is recognised through The Annual Awards which are held every year to reward achievement in academics and sports. The students are lauded not just for their achievements, but the discipline and effort it takes to get there. This year, the awards for Academic and Sports achievements were declared virtually. More than hundred students from S1 to S7 including members of the Class of 2020, were honoured for their scholastic and sports accomplishments at this event.

Some of the notable achievers were:



**DISHA AGARWAL**  
Rudra Prize  
Best All Round student of  
the year (2019-20)



**ANANYA SHARMA**  
M.N.Kapur Gold Medal  
Outstanding student of the  
year (2019-20)



**SANYA VATS**  
M.N.Kapur Gold Medal  
Outstanding student of  
the year (2019-20)

### Excerpt of Message

from

The Principal,  
Modern School,  
Barakhamba Road



*This landmark Founder's Day of Modern School, Barakhamba Road, provides us with an opportunity to revisit the many and varied legacies that have shaped this institution.*

*The true essence of our school is our students and their accomplishments are beyond doubt exemplary. I envision a future for the students, that brings the concept of effective learning and apprenticeship to the fore.*

DR VIJAY DATTA

## WATER : THE ELIXIR OF LIFE

### A BALLET

The ballet, Water: The Elixir of life, showcased the bounty and importance of water a resource that is facing a lot of challenges with a global crisis being imminent. Water was the theme for the Centenary Year. The enthralling performances of the students endeavoured to bring awareness about the conservation of water. Over forty children participated in this ballet following all Covid protocols.

#### GLIMPSES

