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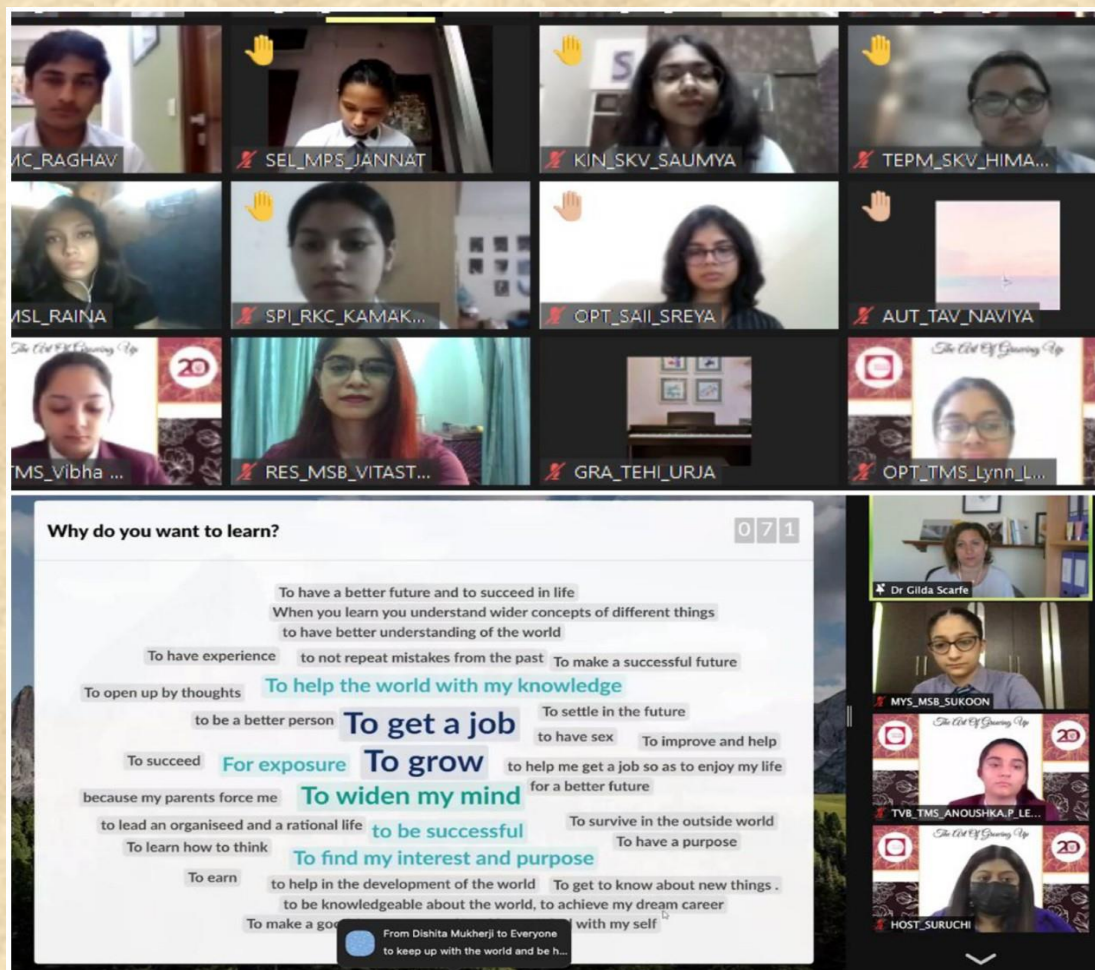
## THE MODERN SCHOOL WEEKLY

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### ● THE ART OF GROWING UP - ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE



**Students participating in the Round Square Event**

The Millennium School Dubai conducted a Round Square Conference on the 13th and 14th June, 2021. Four hundred students from fifty prestigious schools around Dubai and India participated in this two-day

learning event. The theme 'The Art of Growing Up' – a collaboration towards shaping the minds and hearts of the future' was based on the Round Square ideals of Internationalism, Leadership and Service.

The teacher escort Ms Vitasta Dutta mentored by Ms Shalini Dahiya RS Rep Modern School, Barakhamba Road encouraged and motivated the students throughout the event. Modern School delegates comprised six students: Sukoon Kaushal(S5-G), Ananya Dhawan(S5-I), Adhiraj Mahajan(S5-D), Sahavaasi Suryadevara(S5-B), Serena Sabharwal(S5-D) and Yashve Rai(S5G).

#### ***What's new at Modern***

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The first day, programme started with a meet-greet and inauguration ceremony, followed by a keynote address and workshop by Mr Patrick C. Ehler on 'Emotional Intelligence'. Later, Ms Gulshan Kavarana introduced Sign Language to the students. It was indeed an enlightening experience and creatively guided the students about the numbers and alphabets used in sign language.

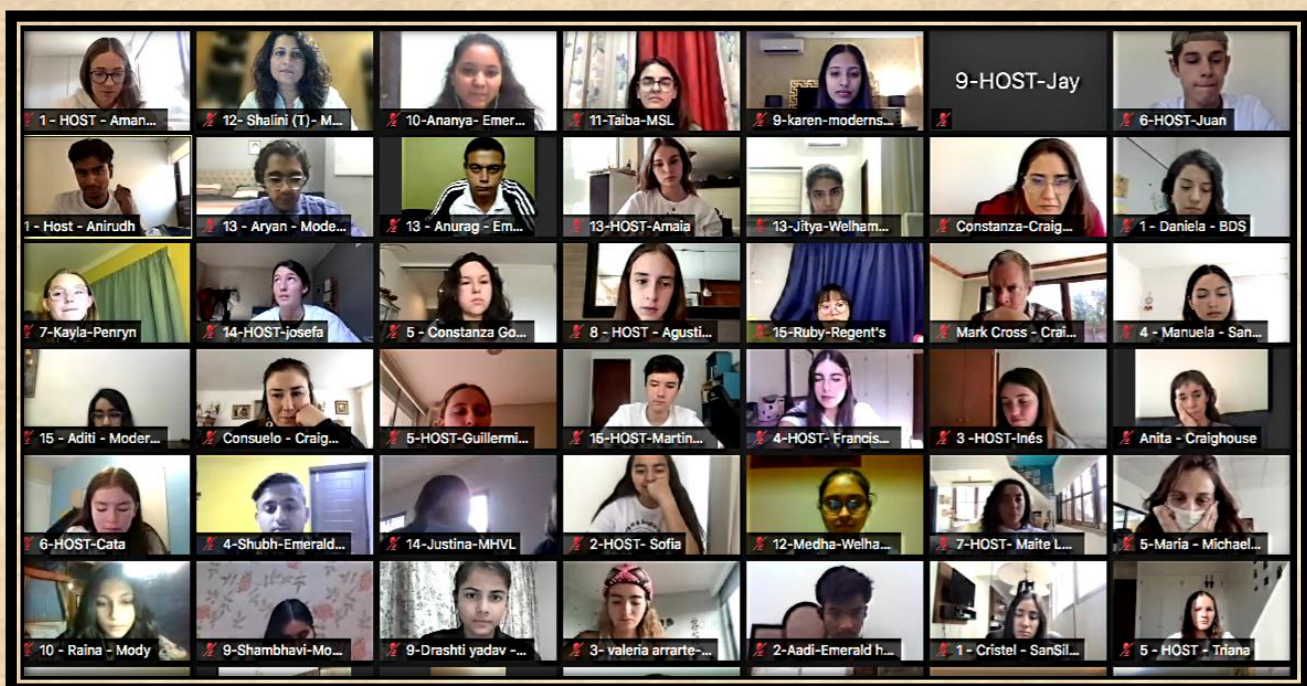
A total of fifteen Baraza Groups with an average of thirty participants were organised and the topics included: Resilience, Autonomy, Optimism, Kindness, Communication, Creativity and Innovation, Gratitude, Positive Relationships, Motivation, Spirituality and many more. They catered to the student's physical as well as emotional well-being.

The next day, Dr Gilda Scarfe, who is the Chief Executive Officer and also the founder of Positive Ed, addressed the students, by putting some very simple, but extremely deep meaning questions related to our schools and the future.

The following speech was by Mr Gaurav Kapoor, who is an Indian actor. He made the students realize the need to develop a never dying spirit of inquisitiveness by unfolding some incidents of his life which were strongly linked with the words "Why? and How?".

The two-day conference not only enabled the students to connect with their inner selves, but it also contributed in the enhancement of communication skills. The delegates got an opportunity to make some new friends during interactive sessions.

### ● ROUND SQUARE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE, CHILE



### Virtual Conference in progress

The Round Square Virtual Conference, was conducted by the Craighouse school, Chile on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The three-hour long event involved discussions around the topic: "Living in a boundless world – Lifting everyone up without pushing anyone out". Two hundred students from twenty-seven schools in Vancouver, London, Buenos Aires, Johannesburg, Nairobi, Dubai, India and Bangkok participated in the event.

Six students from Modern school- Aditi Tuli (S7-J), Aryan Dower (S7-C), Janav Bansal (S7-C), Karen Kakkar (S7-B), Parnika Bhardwaj (S6-B) and Rohan Bhasin (S7-C) comprised the Modern School delegation.





In the main event activity, the hosts presented a video on the topic of inclusion made by them which was followed by a Kahoot game where the attendees were asked definitions of common terms related to migration and some general facts pertaining to it. The delegates were sent to the respective Baraza groups where they participated in discussion about the most important cultural influence of the students' life, their family's history with migration and pre-existing notions about being a migrant as well as how the process of cultural transition can be made easier. The three panelists (immigrants currently living in Chile) told us how throughout their lives, they had to move to different countries. The delegation advanced to the final Baraza session where it had to design an activity to make new migrants feel closer to cultures at a school. All delegates came up with exciting propositions which were finally discussed in the main meeting leading to a wholesome end to a wonderful Conference.

### ● ROUND SQUARE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE, SAI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL- BOOKTOPIA



**Students engaging in breaking the ice activity**

The Modern School, Barakhamba Road delegation participated in an International Round Square Conference organised by Sai International School, Bhubaneswar on 26th June 2021. Aashna Kapoor(S6-G), Ananya Tania(S6-I), Navyansh Pant(S5-C), Pradyumn Arora(S7-I), Swadha Rawat(S7-I), Siddharth V. Sawhney(S4-D), Daksh Verma(S5-A), Arshia Goel(S4-D), Tanay Jalan(S4-A) and Krishav Joneja(S5-C). Organised in celebration of National Reading Day in India (June 19th), **Booktopia** aimed to encourage a heightened drive to read that will help balance out the rising influx of screen time usage in teenagers.

A Pre-Conference task was given, in which the delegates had to write stories on the topic 'How a book changed my life'. The conference commenced with all the students joining their respective Baraza groups centred around varying book genres. It was pleasant to see that most presenters were Modern School Delegates. The Conference ended with a vote of thanks given by the Round Square Head of Sai International School. It truly was an enriching experience for all the delegates.





*"I don't want to find myself in 20 years with a destroyed climate and tell myself that I didn't do anything."*

*Elias, student, at Belgium's 'Youth for Climate' movement, February 2019*

## YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST



Established in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, **The Diana Award** is the most prestigious accolade a young person can receive for their social action or humanitarian work.



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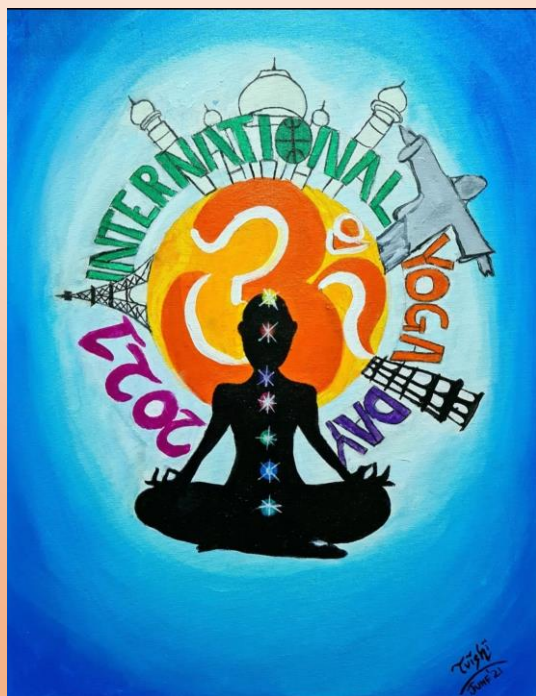
#2021DianaAwards

Aditya Dubey, a proud Modernite, has bagged the Diana Award this year for making a positive contribution for social change.

Aditya's journey with conservation began in 2016 when he had just stepped into his teens. "I started a campaign called Plant a Million Trees and it became quite popular," said the enthusiastic youth environmentalist. "We gave out seed bombs to people so that they could start planting them. I got a lot of support from my friends for this drive," Aditya said.

He expressed gratitude towards Modern School for supporting him throughout his journey and encouraging him to act as a source of light for our Mother Earth.

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