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A postcard from:



MODERN SCHOOL
BARAKHAMBHA ROAD, NEW DELHI



“COURAGE IS GRACE UNDER PRESSURE.”

POSTCARD

We wish you will be here:

Join us, the students of Modern School Barakhamba Road, in a journey that explores the deeper meanings of courage. We'll delve deep into the very fabric of our existence to find out what makes courage so... 'human'. Is courage just standing up against your fears, or something even more far reaching, or universal, than that?

Tell us about your experiences with courage and fortitude on our call on 14th July, 2021. We can't wait to hear your heart-warming stories!

Modern School, Barakhamba Road

a Zoom Around the World with Round Square event



Title: **COURAGE-GRACE UNDER PRESSURE**

Date: **14th JULY, 2021**

Time: **12:00 PM IST (GMT+05:30)**

Register: <https://podio.com/webforms/26193344/1971724>



ALWAYS AT THE FOREFRONT

For the last two years, Modern School, Barakhamba Road, has been an

active member of Round Square.

The students and teachers of the school have attended several in-person conferences, and even during the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic, the school enthusiastically took part in several online Round Square events. The school recently got the opportunity to host its first Round Square Conference: A Round Square Zoom Postcard Event. It was hosted on 14th July 2021 at 12 PM (IST) on the theme 'Courage Is Grace Under Pressure'.



This format is one of the most recent additions to the Round Square Conferences. It was introduced to ensure that students and teachers from around the world are able to stay connected even during such arduous times. The preparations commenced four months prior to the event. Siddhant Ahuja (S7-C), Yanav Lall (S7-C), Atin Narain (S7-C), Anirudh Jain (S7-C), Zaina Sharma (S7-G), Kaashvi Dua (S7-E), Rohan Bhasin (S7-C), Pooja Saluja (S6-G), Aryan Dawer (S7-C) and Raghav Singhal (S4-A) were selected by the Round Square Faculty of the school to host the conference. The students were mentored by Round Square Representative, Ms Shalini Dahiya, gaining an insight into the various aspects of hosting a webinar.

Along with developing the conference postcard (an official invitation to all the participating schools), Modern School Barakhamba Road's delegates planned a host of different activities linked to the

theme of the event - Courage Is Grace Under Pressure - which would keep the participants engaged throughout the conference. This included a series of videos and an online quiz. A set of questions, that was to be posed towards the delegates in the Baraza sessions, was also prepared. All these activities were directed towards changing the perception of courage from one which was deep-set in the minds of the participants to one



The Core Team



which was more fluid, elemental and global. A hundred students from a total of nineteen schools from seven countries (Australia, New Zealand, South



Mr Duncan Hosack

Africa, Oman, India, Bangladesh and Ghana) joined the call scheduled by the representatives from Round Square- Mr Duncan Hosack and Ms Aimee Theodore.



Ms Theodore

The conference commenced with the opening speech delivered by Yanav Lall, followed by Siddhant Ahuja's explanation of the theme and the objective of the event. After the schedule of the conference, was displayed, and the Round Square Committee of Modern School Barakhamba Road was introduced, the first audio-visual round was conducted. The video titled 'Our Two-pence on Courage' (created by the students of Modern School Barakhamba Road) was displayed. Through the video, the hosts implored the participants to step out from their comfort zones and to take a leap of faith. These ideas were then discussed in the first Baraza session.

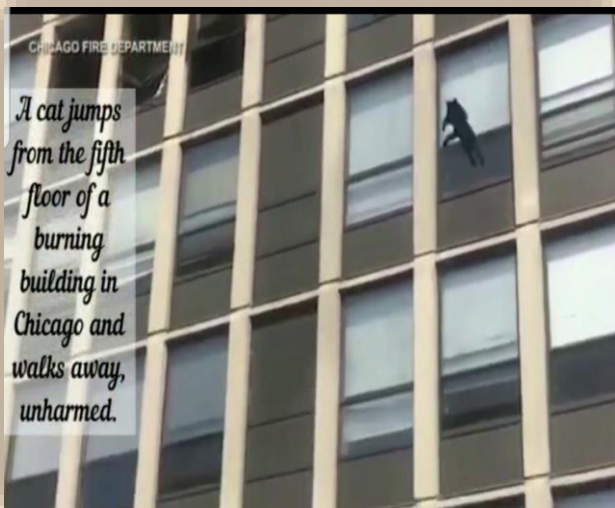


Dr Vijay Datta

The Baraza sessions occupy the centre stage in any Round Square Conference as they provide a platform for an effective interplay of the Round Square IDEALS. The Baraza leaders from Modern School Barakhamba Road, asked the participants questions that would not only challenge the rock-solid pre-existing notions of

courage they had in their minds but also help them come up with novel definitions of their own. The Baraza session was summarised by the delegates and was followed by another audio-visual round on the topic 'Courage in Nature'. This video made the delegates explore courage in its raw, elemental form, thus reducing courage from a virtue to an emotion that is experienced by men and beasts alike.

Next in line was an interactive online quiz based on the theme of the conference.





The quiz was open to all delegates and was conducted on the 'Kahoot!' platform. Raghav Singhal and Pooja Saluja appraised the participants about the rules of the quiz and displayed the questions as well. Some of the questions were fact-based, while the others tested the participants' presence of mind. After the results of the quiz were announced, the participants were once again directed to their breakout rooms for another Baraza session. This session, focused more on helping the participants form a connection between the courage displayed by the beasts of the wild and the courage displayed by humans. The third audio-visual round, focused on the theme 'Courage in Sports'. This relation between courage and sports helped the participants form a more 'global' outlook towards seemingly abstract concepts like fortitude, spunk, valour et al....

Dr Vijay Datta, Principal Modern School Barakhamba Road, then shared his thoughts on the conference and reflected on the different interpretations of courage given by the delegates. It was Dr Datta's tireless efforts which saw Modern School, Barakhamba Road, become a part of the Round Square Family, and he had been a pillar of support for the conference. With this, the grand event came to an end.

The well conducted Conference drew a lot of positive reviews and a Letter of Commendation from Mr Duncan Hosack, School Support Director- USA and Canada. He was very appreciative of the efforts of the Core Team and wanted a case study to be written up that would be published on the Resource Library section of the RS website.

**MODERN SCHOOL,
BARAKHAMBHA ROAD**

was honoured to host

- The Hutchins School, Australia
- The Scindia School, India
- The Punjab Public School, India
- Assam Valley School, India
- The Hyderabad Public School, India
- Yadavindra Public School, India
- The Sagar School, India
- Chittagong Grammar School National Curriculum, Bangladesh
- Indian School al Ghubra, Oman
- King's College, New Zealand
- Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, India
- Vidya Devi Jindal School, India
- Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' Public School, India
- Sunbeam School Lahartara, India
- Birla Public School, India
- Singapore International School, India
- International Community School, Ghana
- Roedean School, South Africa

THANK YOU!

MSBK- Dr Vijay Datta
Co-Host 5-Pooja - MSBK
Host-Siddhant Ahuja
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