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## NDTV In Conversation With Dr Vijay Datta

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On 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021, the Principal of Modern School Barakhamba Road, Dr Vijay Datta was on NDTV, live with their representative, Mr Sanket Upadhyay to express his views and thoughts regarding the assessment pattern of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade CBSE Board Examinations due to the unprecedented situation this year caused by the pandemic.

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused a lot of anxiety amongst the students and they are wary of an undecided future. The discussion was held to ask and clarify what type of assessments would be taken into account so that the children could be marked for their 12<sup>th</sup> grade, which is the most significant examination in one's life. As an educator, Dr Datta was asked that what would be the methodology and criteria of the assessment this year. Dr Datta replied that since there is a lot of anxiety among students the main objective of CBSE should be transparency and lenient marking.



Dr. Vijay Datta live



Out of the two options offered by CBSE; one was to assess students on the basis of their 10<sup>th</sup> boards, 11<sup>th</sup> school final exams and 12<sup>th</sup> grade internal marks and the second alternative was that CBSE could assess students on the basis of their 10<sup>th</sup> board exam result and class 12<sup>th</sup> internal marks. Dr Datta firmly emphasized that any type of fair assessment would be welcome. Although he personally felt that the option wherein all three- 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> results would be considered would be a better way to judge the child. When he was asked about his opinion as to what according to him should be the criteria for admission in Colleges he suggested since, Delhi University has always taken marks into consideration before deciding a cut off; this time for a change the extra-curriculars such as sports could be considered. He also added that an online interview can be added on as a new feature this year to the admission procedure. The teachers' recommendation letters, just like the ones in foreign admissions could also be valued. Dr Datta was firmly of the opinion that examination at that point, was not the best idea. He reiterated his statements as it had been long since the Covid-19 had shown much improvement. Character reports from school about students can be relied upon just like foreign admissions. Dr Datta's pragmatic and judicious opinions were appreciated, and his smart and practical repartees were praised by the host and the viewers alike.

### **Round Square Zoom Post Card Conference - Los Angeles**

Round Square Zoom Post Card Conference was organised by Chadwick School, Los Angeles (LA), California, USA on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021, on the topic, 'Behind the scenes of Los Angeles, California.' It brought together eighty students from ten countries. Modern School, Barakhambha delegation comprised Prisha Gupta (S4A), Tanay Jalan (S4A), Vania Karna (S4A), Avvyaa



### **The LA Postcard**

Gupta (S4D), Anmol Lehal (S4F), Inayatt Gogia (S4I), and RS Rep Ms Shalini Dahiya. The conference began with the glimpse of the colourful and enchanting city of Los Angeles, where the students were shown a bird's view of the inspirational city along with the world-famous Hollywood, Disney World, Six Flags, Universal Studios and other places of tourist interest. The presentation aptly handled the stereotypes that surround the enigmatic city of Los Angeles. In the Baraza discussion the delegates were divided into small groups where the interactions flowed over stereotypes, to their favourite places, daily routines, etc. The Modern School delegation successfully countered the stereotypes surrounding India and its culture. The conference was a great opportunity to connect and interact with students across various countries.



## Round Square International Conference, California

A Round Square Virtual Conference was organised by The Athenian School, California, on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2021. The theme of the Conference was “Finding Common Grounds”. Apart from India, there were over 190 representatives from multiple Round Square schools from all over the world. The delegates of Modern

School Barakhamba Road were Arohi Aggarwal (S7A), Vidhi Sinha (S5G), Surina Wadhwa (S5E), Manvi Jain (S7I), Pooja Saluja (S6B) and Mansha Agarwal (S5B). The Pre-Conference task required the delegation to identify topics that would be the key issues for debate and discussion and then explain them through a presentation. The event commenced with a brief introduction about the topic by the host school.



### Modern School Delegates

Thereafter Baraza rooms were created, in which an ice-breaking session took place, and the delegates shared their heart-warming anecdotes. The Baraza sessions were opened after hearing the enthralling, informative, and wise words of the keynote speaker, Kalyan Ali Balavenv JD, the outgoing Director of Teaching and Learning at The Athenian School, and founder of The Inclusion Dashboard Consortium. He explained how their school had introduced the concept of Democracy among their students by means of certain Town Hall activities. This was followed up by a question answer session. The next session was quite interesting in which all the participating schools discussed the coming-of-age issues faced by them in their places of origin. The third session involved an exchange of certain opinions which involved both fun and controversy in this new era. The Baraza sessions were then opened up for the last activity of the conference which was a Kahoot quiz organised by the host School. The thrust of the three-hour call was the realization of the importance of Democracy, empathy, and the need for unity. The novel concepts of “The Complete Student” and “The Real Change” invoked a propulsion towards Humanitarian targets.

The emphasis on empathy, and democracy ignited a fire of respect for all other countries.

It was exhilarating to see the zeal and enthusiasm of the adolescents while they voiced their opinions. The conference left the participants with the thought, “Be like tea in boiling water, change the world and leave an impact.”



## Round Square Virtual Postcard Event, Australia

St. Philip's College in Alice Springs, Australia hosted a Round Square virtual Postcard event on the topic 'School Motto, Culture and Community, on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2021. The event proved to be a great team-building activity for the group and an enlightening strategy for the committee, to understand the ideals and the mottos of the various schools that were participating.



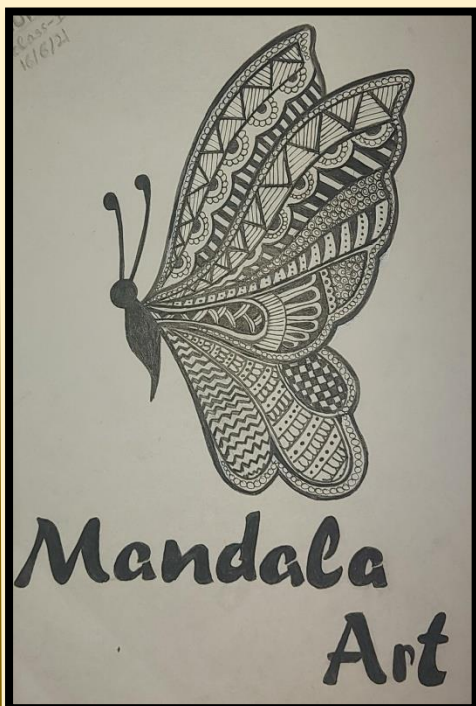
The students from the Modern School delegation explained the meaning of the school's motto, "Naimatma Balheenien Labhya", meaning, "Self realization cannot be achieved by the weak-willed." They also explained the relation between the Crest and the School Motto.

During this event, the participants realised how connected they are to their school motto and how deeply it is entrenched in their values.

### The session in progress

The S6 students, who participated in this event were Raghav Jindal (S6A), Vanya Goel (S6J), Arav Singhal (S6E), Angad Wadhwa (S6B) and Kashish Sindhwani (S6G). It was a great learning experience for all the delegates.

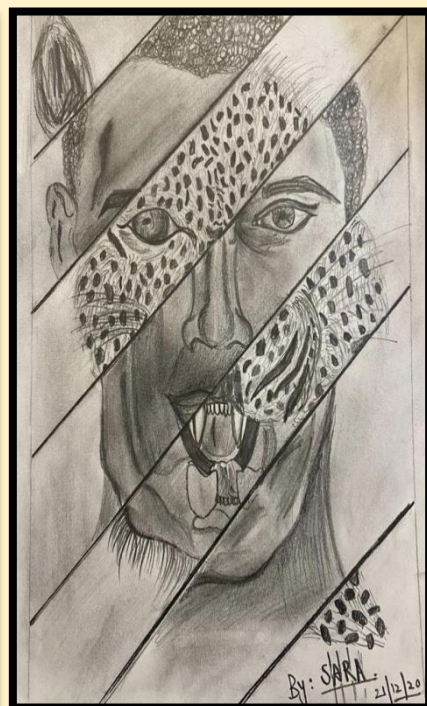
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