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**Principal Dr Vijay Datta and Dr Harmeet Singh Rehan during the webinar**

## WEBINAR CONDUCTED BY INTERACT CLUB

The pandemic has been prevalent for nearly two years now and we still aren't clear of its threats. We may stand on the brink of a third wave, and it is essential that we prepare and educate ourselves to deal with it well.

### WHAT'S NEW AT MODERN

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The students of the Interact Club of Modern School, Barakhamba Road organised and participated in a webinar highlighting the dos and don'ts as well as other important facets of the virus. The webinar was initiated by and addressed by our Principal, Dr Vijay Datta and was followed by a talk and presentation on "Learning from the past and safeguarding against the third wave" by Dr Harmeet Singh Rehan, Department of Pharmacology at Lady Harding Medical College. The webinar took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> September,2021 on Zoom Platform. The students of class S6 and S7, as well as all staff members of the school attended this enlightening webinar. The Interact club of the school, will continue to do their part in attempting to ensure the safety of their fellow citizens and aiding the country in the fight against the pandemic.



## **INTERACT CLUB SCHOOL REPORT 2020-21**

The Interact Club of Modern School, Barakhamba Road has an unmatched record of community service for the past two and a half decades. Today, when every household, community and nation is reeling from the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the students of Interact Club continue to keep the flag flying high in the field of community service. In an effort to do so, they have initiated a variety of endeavours.

- On the occasion of World No-Tobacco Day, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020, students of the Interact Club actively participated in an online competition held by **The Indian Cancer Society** on the **WHO** theme “Protecting Youth from industry manipulation and preventing them from tobacco and nicotine use”. Students of class S1 to S6 participated in T-shirt designing, creating a jingle, creating a comic strip and writing an illustrated story. Out of the 38 entries received by the Indian Cancer Society, Arnav Sharma (S6E) secured the **Third Prize** for writing an illustrated story.
- During May-June 2020, an activity was organised for students of class S1 to S7 to express their creativity and talent in unique and fascinating ways. Students were encouraged to pen down their thoughts in the form of an essay, self-composed poem, story, painting, photography or their personal experiences on the topics like ‘The Joy of Giving’, ‘There is a Light at the end of every Tunnel’, ‘We can Save Lives’ and ‘Modern Day Superheroes’.
- A Happiness Webinar was organised by the District Interact Team on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. The session was led by Mr Sandeep Vaswani who is a CEO- Coach, Senior Management consultant, ‘Art of Living’ faculty. During these unprecedented times, he talked about the importance of keeping calm. He stressed on the importance of yoga and meditation.
- On 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 four hundred and thirty hand-made masks were distributed at the Cheshire Home, New Delhi on behalf of Modern School, Barakhamba Road by Neha Gupta (S7I).
- In an effort to extend their support to those affected by/vulnerable to the novel coronavirus, the members of Interact Club initiated efforts on a personal level as well. Adiya Dubey (S7C), Nandana Joneja (S7G), Vriti Tandon (S7G), Diya Khanna (S7I), Aradhya Munjal (S7I), Divyesh Taneja (S7G), Kavya Gupta (S7E), Vedika Kapoor (S7G) pitched in to distribute masks, sanitizers and providing food to the vulnerable sections of the society. They started fundraising campaigns to help the needy. They also provided equipments like suction machines, pulse oximeters and spray machines. The students and their families conducted food distribution drives across Delhi and other parts of the country.

Keeping in mind the club motto ‘Service above Self’, the students of Interact Club strive to make their efforts and continue reaching out to the underprivileged.



## **CHESHIRE HOME VISIT**

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. We are a community not by choice but by circumstances. We reach out to each other when we need help”. The Interact Club, Modern School, Barakhamba Road strongly believes in it and to honour this belief, the students of Interact Club visited Cheshire Home, New Delhi on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.

The visit was a part of the ‘ASK TO MASK’ initiative which was initiated by our respected Principal Dr Vijay Datta, with a vision to spread awareness about wearing masks during this unprecedented time. Keeping in mind all the safety precautions the students, under the guidance of teacher in charge Ms Deepa Kapoor, collected and donated the masks to the people living in Cheshire Home. The students also got to know about the functioning and the recruiting process of the NGO. The visit not only made them realize that there are a lot of people who are still in need of basic amenities, but also developed a sense of confidence that they can help needy.

## **MEDICINE DISTRIBUTION DRIVE**

On 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2021, ten members of the Modern School, Barakhamba Road Interact Club, initiated a weeklong medical distribution drive under the guidance and support of our respected Principal Dr Vijay Datta. The students had collected funds to buy medicines from a reliable store and donated them to the Cheshire home in New Delhi for the benefit of the disabled children during the covid pandemic. The club also organised a special dinner for the children and the staff in The Cheshire Home on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 on the occasion of Independence Day.

The covid pandemic has hit the underprivileged not only financially but also psychologically as now the access to basic amenities has become scarce. In these challenging times, the members of the interact club strive to give back to the society by taking an initiative to give medicines to cater to their basic needs and hope to continue similar endeavors in the future and serve the community.



**Students of Interact club**



## **THE BLIND RELIEF ASSOCIATION: WHERE POSITIVITY PERVADES EVERY CORNER**

“Helping others is the secret to a happy life.” This quote by Todd Stocker perhaps sums up the strength of the Interact Club. It encourages students to co-ordinate on a wide range of collaborative programmes and activities that engage and develop students in practical ways. Students engage with local communities and such experiences that stretch them beyond their perceived capabilities. Amidst the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, Modern School started a laudable initiative, ‘Ask to Mask’, donating masks to old age homes, orphanages and blind schools across Delhi.

A visit to The Blind Relief Association was organised by the Interact Club on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2021. Kamakshi Gupta(S6J), Avika Mittal(S6J), Ayaana Jain(S6J), Anmol Jain(S6I) and Nikeeta Singh(S6J), accompanied by Ms Poonam Rajput. The Blind Relief Association, Delhi, a premier non-governmental organization in the country has carved a niche for itself, empowering the visually impaired for seventy-five years. Provision of need-based services for the visually impaired to enable them to develop their latent talents and realize their fullest potential is what the Blind Relief Association, Delhi strives for. The students entered the hallowed turf of the Blind Relief Association, carrying over two hundred and fifty masks and fifty hand sanitizers. They were warmly greeted by the representatives of the Association, followed by a tour of the beautiful space many call home. The standard maintained by the institute towards hygiene, nutrition, shelter and skill training is commendable. A brief interaction with the staff occupied the centre-stage as it proved to be sufficient to gather the sincerity with which the institute is working. The sense of fulfillment is unexplainable. A truly inspiring and humbling experience, one that will remain etched in the memories of the students forever.

### **MASK DISTRIBUTION DRIVE**

On 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, Mask Distribution Drive was initiated by our Principal, Dr Vijay Datta and was inaugurated by President Board of Trustees Ms Anuradha Singh in the School Premises. Eighteen members of the Interact Club, Modern School came to school to distribute the masks among the school helpers. There were forty students who took part in the drive. The students also distributed the masks in Palna Home, Cheshire Home and Blind School in New Delhi for the benefit of the underprivileged. Palna, a hope for many little smiles, is the home for abandoned homeless and destitute children. Till date, more than three thousand kids have been adopted. On 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, two students along with teacher in charge, Ms Deepa Kapoor visited Palna Home and distributed eight boxes of Masks along with two hundred packets of biscuits for children during Covid Pandemic. The mask distribution drive is still going on. The Interactors look forward to work towards the welfare of the society and serve the community.



**Students of Interact Club carrying the Covid-19 relief material**