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Principal Dr Vijay Datta along with Mr Ashok Pratap Singh, Ms Anuradha Singh at the Blood Donation Camp

Blood Donation Camp

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“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.” -Oscar Wilde. For nearly four decades, the Interact Club of Modern School, Barakhamba Road, has successfully accomplished the goal of ‘Service before Self’ and has inculcated the values of compassion, hard work and generosity in its members. Modern School organised its 39th Annual Blood Donation Camp on 15th October 2022.

Ms Anuradha Singh (President, Board of Trustees, Modern Schools), Justice CK Mahajan, Col Chadha (Chairman, School Managing Committee) and Mr Ashok Pratap Singh (Former President, Board of Trustees, Modern Schools) and other distinguished guests from Rotary, MSOSA and the Parent Teacher Association graced the occasion with their kind presence. The Blood Donation Camp was inaugurated with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries who then witnessed the splendid flower arrangement put up by the Fashion Technology students. Flower arrangements have always been an integral part of the Blood Donation Camp.



The display created an atmosphere of positivity and happiness, which encouraged, and raised the spirit of the donors. Inter-House Poster making and Rangoli Making Competitions were organised for the school students.



Principal Dr Vijay Datta at the Blood Donation Camp

The theme of the Inter-House Rangoli Competition for classes S4 and S5 was Sustainability. The theme of the Inter-House Poster Making Competition held for classes S1 to S3 was Blood Donation. The results were announced to recognize the efforts and creativity of the winners. The total number of blood units collected was fifty-three. Blood donation is the purest form of charity any individual can participate in and there is no better way of achieving this objective than maintaining the noble tradition of organising the Blood Donation Camp.

Round Square Youth Parliament

The 2nd Round Square Youth Parliament was organised from 19th October to 22nd October, 2022 at Inventure Academy, Bangalore. Students of Modern School, Barakhamba Road, Devishi Sahni(S7J), Krishav Joneja(S6I), Krishna Gupta(S6G), Arjun Veer Sen(S6I), Ojasvani Goel(S6J), Nandini Singla(S6I), Vrinda Sawhney(S6C), Mahira Bindra(S6E), Aashree Jain(S5E), Siddharth Veer Sawhney(S5D), Poorna Tewari(S5C) and Mukund Beriwal(S5F) participated in the event and were accompanied by Ms Urna Sharma. The theme for 2022 was 'The Gaps in Education in Post-Pandemic India: Creating Multilevel Strategies for Response and Recovery'. On a national platform, the conference brought together high school students from across the country to address issues like COVID dropout rates, bridging the gaps in learning that have emerged during the pandemic and the mental health and well-being of students. With a combination of the practices of Model Parliament (a simulation of the parliamentary bodies in India), and Model United Nations (a simulation of various UN committees), the conference explored obstacles and solutions from both a national and a global perspective. The students were made to tour various government schools followed by conducting surveys on the mental health of government school students through an interactive session between the students. Modern School delegates were able to secure various awards in their respective committees.



The award list is as follows:

- Krishav Joneja(S6I): Verbal Commendation in UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund): 'Addressing Mental Health Concerns in Post-Pandemic Education'
- Ojasvani Goel (S6J): Honourable Mention in Lok Sabha: 'Discussing the Universalization of Quality Post-Pandemic Education'
- Aashree Jain(S5E): Honourable Mention in AIPPM (All India Political Parties Meet): 'Addressing Disruptions to Education During the Pandemic'
- Nandini Singla(S6I): Honourable Mention in Civil Society: 'Examining the Scope for Improvements to Technical Infrastructure and Teacher Upskilling in Schools'
- Arjun Veer Sen(S6I): Outstanding Delegate in UN Legal: 'Finding Durable Solutions for Refugees'
- Siddharth Veer Sawhney (S5D): Outstanding Delegate in Rajya Sabha: 'Setting the Budget for Education'



Participants at the Round Square Youth Parliament

The students had an opportunity to learn primary and secondary research Design Thinking, data analysis, critical thinking, problem solving, communication skills and policy drafting skills through a series of pre-conference workshops. Students learnt from the best in the field, mentored by people with extensive experience. Nevertheless, it is safe to say that the Modern School delegation returned home in good shape-tired but very happy.



Arjun Veer Sen(S6I) receiving the award at the Conference



Round Square Sustainability Conference

Students from Modern School, Barakhamba Road, attended a Round Square Sustainability Conference 'Seeding the Future Now' hosted by The British School on 3rd November, 2022. The Modern School delegation comprised of seven students who

were mentored by Ms Shalini Dahiya and escorted by Ms Saira John. The conference was an enlightening peer to what the planet is turning into, and the issues future generation will have, to deal with.

The Keynote speaker, Ms Uhjin Kim, Regional Advisor for Southeast Asia, WHO, gave a glimpse into her work at UN's SDG 3.8. She presented her work and experiences in Papa New Guinea and Nauru. The Baraza workshops were intriguing and refreshing, ranging from discussions on mental health stigmas, climate change presentations by experts, environmentally friendly sustainable cities and Yin-and-Yang themed paintings on land and sea life, all designed by the students.

Prior to the conference, Modern School had sent in seven entries to the 100-word essay competition hosted by The British School, on the topic 'What is a feature of the culture you belong to has been a source of hope for you and why?'. The three best articles will be featured in their student-led magazine, Footprints n' Frontiers, in their 'Kaleidoscope' on the theme 'Hope and Resilience'. At the end of the conference, the results were declared by the Editor-in-Chief of the magazine. All three winners were from Modern School, Barakhamba Road, Advitya Wilson(S6F), Naman Aggarwal(S6G) and Shivya Narula(S6G), had the best entries. Ananya Nath(S6G), Aryan Malhotra(S6G), Priyal Gupta(S6G) and Vaibhavi Singhania(S6C) were also a part of the Modern School delegation.

The students had a great learning experience at the conference as they got an opportunity to brainstorm on Global issues.



Students during the various events at the Round Square Conference