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Principal Dr Vijay Datta along with the delegates at Project *Sammaan*

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Modern School, Barakhamba Road, in collaboration with Mayo College Ajmer, jointly hosted the Round Square inspired International Elderly Care Service Project “*Sammaan*” from 5th to 10th December, 2023. The event was attended by the delegate and faculty from ten Round Square Member Schools across the globe, focusing on connecting with and honouring the elderly through various activities. Modern School Barakhamba Road, Mayo College Ajmer, Mayo College Girls’ School Ajmer, The Emerald Heights International

School Indore, The Rajkumar College Rajkot, GEMS Modern Academy, Indian School Al Ghubra, The Doon School Dehradun, The British School New Delhi, and the Genesis Global School Noida participated in the event. Modern School Delegation included Raghav Singhal(XI-G), Bhavya Khanchandani(XI-F), Tanay Jalan(XI-A), Vania Karna(XI-G), Siddharth Veer Sawhney(XI-F), Abeer Jhanji(XI-F), Avvyaa Gupta(XI-H), Saira Chadha(XI-I), Ssuhaan Jain(XI-C), Shreya Gupta(XI-G), Ayra Goel(XI-F), Avishi Gupta(XI-F) and Sanidhya Barara(XII-C). The students were mentored and supervised by Ms Shalini Dahiya, Round Square Representative, Modern School.

On the first day the delegates were welcomed, felicitated and were given a brief introduction about the project. This was followed by an ice breaking session aimed to create an atmosphere of inclusivity and set the stage for meaningful interactions. The delegates witnessed a mesmerising Equestrian show presented by the Modern School student riders displaying their horsemanship.

The Project began with the Formal Opening Ceremony, which was graced by the benign presence of Dr Navin Dang as the Chief Guest and Mr Ashok Pratap Singh, the Guest of Honour. The delegates were briefed about the journey of '*SAMMAAN*' and its meaning through a video prepared by the students.

The guests were enthralled to see a musical ballet put up by the Modern School Fraternity titled 'Dancing Down the Memory Lane' which shared the story of how an elderly couple and their grandson overcame generational gaps through music and dance. The delegates visited the Cheshire Homes and *Palna*, an orphanage home. They interacted with the residents and truly understood the spirit behind the service.



Principal Dr Vijay Datta along with the Chief Guest and Guest of honour at the Opening Ceremony

The history of Modern School, Barakhamba Road and its 27-acre campus was then shared in an immersive and interesting school tour led by Ms Beeba Sobti. The school was honoured to have the eminent panelists, Mr Hardayal Singh (Former Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, New Delhi), Mr Ravindra Gulati (Renowned Chartered Accountant), Lt Gen Shankar Prasad (Retd), and Ms Deepa Mehta (Retd IPS Officer) as the guests for the Townhall Discussion, which was moderated by Mr Rishabh Gulati, Managing Editor, NewsX. The illustrious panelists shared their life experiences and insights which truly enlightened and inspired everyone.



Formal Dinner Hosted by Principal Dr Vijay Datta



Delegates at Community Service

The day ended with a formal dinner hosted by the Principal, Modern School Barakhamba, Dr Vijay Datta. Mr Ishaan Khanna(CEO Antara Assisted Living) shared his thoughts and experiences as a Keynote speaker.

The delegates also painted on a canvas together which made them connect at a personal level. The canvas was displayed later at the event. The Project *Sammaan* was by the students, for the students and of the students. It enhanced their organizational skills and truly served as a memorable and enriching experience which has left a lifelong impression on the students.



Modern School Delegation



Modern School Delegation at community service programme ay Mayo, Ajmer

For the Second Phase of the project was held at Mayo College, Ajmer. The delegates, in Ajmer, dedicated daily hours to service at *Jai Ambey* and *Apna Ghar*, homes for the elderly. They engaged in painting, building, and beautifying living spaces, earning appreciation from residents and workers. An evening at Mayo Farmlands featured performances by the elderly, fostering intergenerational connections. The project's culmination involved a cultural evening where each school performed.

Friendships among delegates, combined with appreciative smiles from the elderly, provided an ideal conclusion. The heads of both schools, Principal Dr Vijay Datta and Director Gen S H Kulkarni, played instrumental roles in the success of the Project.



Participants of Project Sammaan

Visit to Indian Space Research Organisation, Bangalore

Kisha Anand(XI-C) and Samridhi Gupta(VIII-B) from Modern School, Barakhamba Road, along with physics teacher, Ms Sarita Sharma had an incredible time, immersing themselves in the captivating "Master Mentor's Geo Enabling Indian Scholars Programme" hosted by ISRO on 12th and 13th December, 2023. This special programme aimed to spark a unique way of thinking, encouraging these young minds to delve into research and development within the fascinating world of geospatial studies across India. The journey included a fascinating visit to ISRO's gallery, where they explored, learned, and marvelled at the wonders of space exploration. The hands-on experience continued as they stepped into the control room and down station, getting a behind the scenes look at the heart of ISRO's operations. To top it all, the students had a privilege of interacting with Dr Kiran Kumar, the former Chairperson, ISRO, whose insight surely left a lasting impact on their budding curiosity.



Students at ISRO



Principal Dr Vijay Datta along with Ms Sarita Sharma and the students

‘Magic of Millets’ in the Young INTACH Newsletter

Students of Modern School sent articles on ‘Magic of Millets’ for the Young INTACH Newsletter, October- December 2023. Laavanya Bhagwati(IX-D), was awarded ‘Best Entry’ for her contribution to the newsletter. Her submission was a Traditional Recipe of the Millet (Bajra) found in the land of Kings (Rajasthan) i.e., Bajre Ka Churma. 2023 has been declared The International Year of Millets by the UN, as Millets are not only our tangible heritage but also our living heritage in the form of recipes, customs, festivals, and daily life.



Traditional Recipe of Millet sent by Laavanya Bhagwati