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Members of The BOT, The Chief Guest and Principal, Dr Vijay Datta with the players.

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(Middle) Principal, Dr Vijay Datta felicitating the Chief Guest Mr Amitabh Kant. (Bottom) Group picture of all the dignitaries.

Sportability Seminar on Empowering Diverse Abilities Through Sports



Glimpses of the panel discussion.

Sportability, a noble initiative conceptualized by Ms Ambika Pant, Secretary, Board of Trustees with its implementation spearheaded by the Principal Dr. Vijay Datta at Modern School, Barakhamba Road aims to adapt sports activities to accommodate different abilities. Through its inclusive project of Sportability, Modern School Barakhamba Road has opened its heart and the school's sports facilities to specially-abled individuals to participate in a range of sports such as Badminton, Swimming, Cricket, and Tennis within the Modern Barakhamba,

On Saturday, 13 April 2024, Modern School Barakhamba Road in collaboration with Modern Institute for Education organised a Seminar on 'Inclusion: Empowering Diverse Abilities Through Sports'. Mr Amitabh Kant, India's G20 Sherpa and Former CEO NITI Ayog and an alumnus of Modern School was the Chief Guest. At the same time, Dr Satyapal Singh, the youngest Dronacharya recipient was the Guest of Honour. In attendance on the occasion were the President, Ms Anuradha Singh, Secretary, Ms Ambika Pant, Former President Mr Ashok Pratap Singh and Treasurer Ms Mira Pradeep Singh, Board of Trustees, Modern School.

Dr Vijay Datta, Principal, Modern School Barakhamba Road in his address welcomed the guests and the participants and spoke of the journey of Sportability at Modern School. The Chief Guest Mr Amitabh Kant and the Guest of Honour delivered keynote addresses on "Transformative Power of Inclusive Sports" and "Building Champions: Nurturing Talent in Para Sports". The booklet "Sportability: Inclusion: Breaking barriers through sports" conceptualised by Ms. Abha Sadana and Dr. Anviti Singh, was released on the occasion which encapsulates the journey and impact of the Sportability initiative at Modern School Barakhamba Road.

The Panel Discussion on 'Sports as a Vehicle for Social Inclusion' moderated by Rishabh Gulati, Managing Editor, NewsX saw participation from a cross section of experts on inclusiveness in Sports notably, Arjuna

Awardee Ankur Dhama, the First Blind Para Olympian to represent India in the Rio Paralympic Games 2016, Tim Newenham, Director, Singapore Disability Sports Council, Commodore PK Garg, CEO of Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), Anuradha Solanky, Sports Psychologist at Sports Authority of India (SAI), Colonel Ashok Mor, Principal, Motilal Nehru School of Sports, Brigadier Bibhu Kalyan Nayak, Director SAI, Incharge, National Centre for Sports Science and Research (NCSSR), Ms Kavita Suresh, General Secretary, Cerebral Palsy Sports Federation of India (CPSFI), Prof K.K. Deepak, Former Dean AIIMS Delhi, and Head Physiology AIIMS Delhi), Visiting Professor at IIT Delhi, and Ms Himika Chaudhuri, General Manager (Media and Communication) National Film Development Corporation, I&B Ministry. It was an enlightening day as the para-athletes Kashish Lakra and Arjuna Award winner Praveen Kumar shared their journey of breaking barriers and making it happen. The event was also an occasion to felicitate achievements, initiatives, and contributions of the various Corporates CSR Initiatives, Academies and Foundations, NGOs, Heads of Schools, the Gurus, and the Shishyas - the heroes of Sportability. The seminar concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Ms. Abha Sadana, Director, Modern Institute for Education.



Group picture of all the dignitaries and guests from the panel discussion.



Trip to Yamuna Biodiversity Park for students of NCC and School Band



Glimpses from the trip.

Modern School, Barakhamba Road, organised an educational visit to Yamuna Biodiversity Park on 26th April 2024 for the students of NCC and School Band accompanied by Teacher In – Charges Ms Anshika Sharma and Mr Nitish Singh Chandela. The trip was organised under the NCC activities to celebrate ‘Earth Day’ and educate students in understanding the concepts of conservation of biodiversity.

The Yamuna Biodiversity Park has become a home for biologically rich wetlands, grassland communities, a wide variety of fruit yielding species and an abundance of medicinal herbs. The Park also comprises a native flora and fauna which used to exist 100 years ago and then became extinct locally. It further, acts as a natural conservation site for specific group of endangered plants. The Yamuna Biodiversity Park is presently spread over an area of approximately 457 acres near Wazirabad village on the flat alluvial plains of the Yamuna.

Ms Preeti Vohra , Nature education officer, briefed the students about the objectives of the educational visit and Yamuna biodiversity park profile. Mr Fiaz Ahmed, an avid environmental conservationist interacted with the students and answered their queries regarding conservation management, flora, and fauna etc., followed by a documentary on the history of the biodiversity park. Overall, it was an exemplary learning experience for the students.