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Independence Day Celebration 2024 at Sir Shankar Lal Hall



## **UNSTOPPABLE INDIANS- INDEPENDENCE DAY EXTRAVAGAZANZA** at MODERN BARAKHAMBA

*“A nation’s culture resides in the hearts and in the souls of its people”*  
*R W Emerson*

Modern School, Barakhamba Road, celebrated the 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary of India's Independence with an infectious spirit of patriotism on Friday, August 11, 2023, at the iconic Sir Shankar Lal Hall. The ceremony drew a distinguished crowd, with Mr Sanjay Kumar, IAS, Secretary of the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India, presiding as the Chief Guest. He was joined by the Guest of Honour, Major General Sanjay P Vishwaasrao, Additional Director General of the NCC, alongside Ma'am Ambika Pant, Secretary, Board of Trustees, Modern Schools and Colonel Vijay Chadda, Member, Board of Trustees and Chairman of the School Managing Committee.

What's new  
at Modern?

### **1. INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

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### **2. CRAFTING INDEPENDENCE DAY**

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The celebrations opened in grand style with a red-carpet welcome, as the guests were led down the magnificent Silver Oak Avenue in a stately cavalcade by the Equestrian Club's skilled riders. Accompanying the sounds of the hoofs of the horses were the upbeat rhythms of the school band, which filled the air with stirring tunes like "Skyboard," "Auld Lang Syne," and the lively "Bedupako," setting a majestic tone for the day's proceedings. At the venue, the guests were captivated by the creative installations by \*Al Arte\*—The Graphics Club, where students showcased innovative artwork that reflected both modern artistry and cultural heritage. The esteemed guests met the members of 'Sportability'-the inclusive Academy for the specially abled sportspersons. The day's formalities began with the ceremonial hoisting of the Indian tricolor, accompanied by a soul-stirring rendition of the National Anthem. This was followed by a powerful performance of "Medha Suktam" by the school choir, igniting a sense of deep national pride that resonated through the hall.



The Flag Hoisting Ceremony



Felicitation of Mr Sanjay Kumar, the Chief Guest



Felicitation of Maj Gen Sanjay P Vishwaasrao, the Guest Of Honour

In his welcome address, Dr Vijay Datta, Principal, Modern School, addressed the audience, highlighting the day's theme, \*"Unstoppable Indians."\* His words celebrated the indomitable spirit of Indians around the world and the remarkable accomplishments of that have continued to inspire generations. The event was graced by a compelling address from the Chief Guest, who shared his insights and wisdom with the audience. Following the address, a memento was presented as a token of appreciation for their invaluable presence and contribution. The programme that followed was a vibrant tapestry of artistic performances—electrifying dances, gripping theatrical sketches, and harmonious melodies from the choir. Each act was a testament to the creative excellence that Modern School has cultivated over decades, leaving the audience moved and inspired. The atmosphere in Sir Shankar Lal Hall brimmed with patriotic fervour, uniting everyone in a shared celebration of India's freedom. Modern School's Independence Day festivities have long been a hallmark of cultural pride and creative expression. This year's celebrations were no exception, encapsulating the school's unwavering commitment to instilling a sense of unity, pride, and national identity in its students and the broader community.

The School Choir



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Students Performing at Sir Shankar Lal Hall



# Crafting Independence Day 2024:

26<sup>th</sup> August 2024- 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024



## A Journey of Passion and Precision



The preparations for Independence Day unfolded like a meticulously composed symphony, blending dedication with boundless enthusiasm. Rehearsals began nearly a month in advance, with the dance troupe—a spirited collective of students—pouring their energy and passion into every move. The theatre students, with unyielding dedication, immersed themselves in their roles, delivering performances so lifelike it was hard to distinguish between actor and character. Their deep commitment breathed life into their portrayals, elevating the experience to an uncanny level of realism. The school's choir, driven by a shared sense of purpose, practiced relentlessly, their harmonious voices echoing through the school halls. Not to be outdone, the school band and equestrian club added their own unique flair, weaving their contributions into a vibrant mosaic of performances. Meanwhile, the NCC Club's rehearsals were marked by unwavering dedication, their efforts a testament to their determination. At our school, Independence Day is more than just a celebration—it is a revered tradition. The entire faculty and student body united in their efforts, and together they brought this event to life. The Principal, Dr Vijay Datta, was an unwavering pillar of support, frequently attending rehearsals to motivate the students. His thoughtful guidance and constructive feedback ensured that our celebration reached a pinnacle of excellence.

The NCC Club



The Equestrian Club



Sportability



The School Band



Practice Sessions at Sir Shankar Lal Hall



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