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Education is not just about knowledge, but about cultivating global citizens who can lead with empathy and integrity



Principal Dr Datta addressing the distinguished gathering at the Pledge Ceremony

THE NASHA MukT BHARAT ABHIYAN PLEDGE AT MODERN

Modern School, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi, was the centrestage for a solemn mass pledge taking ceremony as the School organised and hosted a significant event on 12th August 2024 to commemorate the 78th Independence Day and celebrate five years of the Nasha MukT Bharat Abhiyan.

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The event was graced by the Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr Virendra Kumar, who led the pledge against drug abuse, inspiring the spirited students of Modern School. He was joined by Shri Ramdas Athawale, Minister of State, Shri Amit Yadav, Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, and the esteemed Principal of Modern School, Dr Vijay Datta. The theme for this year, "Viksit Bharat ka Mantra, Bharat ho Nashe se Swatantra," echoed throughout the programme, reflecting the school's dedication to the cause. Representatives from State and Union Territory governments, various central ministries, and students and faculty from educational institutions across the country—including engineering and medical colleges, IITs, IIMs, and polytechnic colleges—participated virtually, united in their pledge against substance abuse

Following the pledge, Modern School took the lead in a symbolic tree-planting ceremony, with Dr Virendra Kumar, Shri Ramdas Athawale, Shri Amit Yadav, and Principal Dr Vijay Datta planting saplings in honour of mothers as part of the Prime Minister's initiative, 'Ek Ped Maa ke Naam.' Every student and faculty member of Modern School received a sapling, furthering the school's commitment to this noble mission. The event highlighted Modern School's role as a beacon of social responsibility, showcasing its unwavering support for the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan and its dedication to fostering a drug-free and environmentally conscious future.



Dr Virendra Kumar, Shri Ramdas Athawale, Shri Amit Yadav, and Principal Dr Vijay Datta planting saplings

Together we shall stand victorious in making India Drug Free

REFLECTING ON A TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY : ROUND SQUARE'S FIVE YEAR MILESTONE AT MODERN SCHOOL



Principal Dr Datta with Ms Rajbir Sandhu and the Participants of the Reflection Meeting

On August 12, 2024, Modern School marked a momentous occasion with the Round Square Five-Year Reflection Meeting, celebrating half a decade of meaningful progress and global engagement. This event served as a platform to review our achievements, exchange valuable experiences, and outline our vision for the future under the Round Square framework. The meeting was graced by the presence of Ms Rajbir Sandhu, Round Square Schools Support Director for South Asia and the Gulf, who served as the Chief Guest. The Round Square Team of Modern School was led by Principal and Round Square Head, Dr Vijay Datta, alongside Headmistress Ms Manpreet Kaur, Round Square Coordinator Ms Shalini Dahiya, and Round Square Teachers Ms Divya Agarwal and Mr. Nitish Singh Chandela. Joining them were PTA members Ms. Romika Bhasin and Ms. Vandana Verma. The event also featured the dynamic Round Square Student Committee, comprising of Raghav Singhal (XII G), Bhavya Khanchandani (XII-F), Tanay Jalan (XII-A), Abeer Jhanji (XII-F), Vania Karna (XII-G), Nivaan Jain (XII-E), Ishaani Agrawal (XII J), Samaika Soni (XII-E), Mannat Sobti (XII-E), and Mukund Beriwal (XII-E).



Dr Vijay Datta Chairing the Reflection Meet

Dr Vijay Datta opened the meeting with an inspiring address, emphasizing the importance of holistic education, global citizenship, and the core values upheld by Round Square. He highlighted how our affiliation with Round Square has enriched our educational practices and encouraged students to embrace diversity and inclusivity, laying a strong foundation for their futures. A major highlight of the event was a reflection video, skillfully compiled and edited by students Raghav Singhal and Bhavya Khanchandani, which showcased the key milestones of our Round Square journey. The video featured the successful implementation of student exchange programs, which have given our students the opportunity to experience diverse cultures and foster a deeper global understanding. It also spotlighted impactful service projects like the SAMMAAN and Ladakh Service Projects, which have not only benefited communities but also instilled a profound sense of social responsibility in our students. Furthermore, our commitment to environmental sustainability was underscored through various initiatives aligned with Round Square's environmental IDEALS. The meeting provided a unique opportunity for students to share their personal experiences and reflections. Those who participated in exchange programs recounted how these opportunities broadened their horizons and deepened their appreciation for cultural diversity. Students involved in service learning projects shared insights into the challenges they faced and the positive impacts they were able to make in the communities they served. Moreover, many students spoke about how their involvement in Round Square initiatives has significantly shaped their leadership abilities, preparing them for future challenges. The event concluded with closing remarks from the Chief Guest, Ms Rajbir Sandhu, who reaffirmed the school's unwavering dedication to the Round Square IDEALS and its continued pursuit of excellence in holistic education. The Five-Year Reflection Meeting was not only a celebration of past achievements but also a launchpad for future aspirations, ensuring that our school remains a beacon of global citizenship, leadership, and social responsibility.

“ Reflecting on our past empowers us to shape a future where our students are not just leaders, but changemakers in a global society.”

MODERN SCHOOL SHINES AT ENGLISH ZONAL DEBATE COMPETITION



Principal Dr Vijay Datta with the Winners of the Zonal Debate Competition

On August 16, 2023, a talented delegation from Modern School Barakhamba Road made a remarkable mark at the prestigious English Zonal Debate Competition, hosted by DTEA Senior Secondary School, Lodhi Estate. The team, comprising Kabir Gupta (XI-C), Devasya Agarwal (XI-A), Ishaani Agarwal (XII-J), and Kavya Sharma (XII-J), participated under the expert guidance of Ms Meghna Kapoor. The competition was intense, with 17 schools vying for the top spots in the senior girls' category and 12 schools in the senior boys' category, representing Zone 26, Delhi.

The debate centred around the motion, "This House believes that standardized tests are a good measure of academic ability." In the senior girls' category, Ishaani Agarwal and Kavya Sharma represented Modern School with distinction. Their well-structured arguments, combined with confident rebuttals, earned them a commendable third place among the 17 competing schools. The judges praised their performance for its depth of analysis and persuasive delivery.

In the senior boys' category, Kabir Gupta and Devasya Agarwal showcased exceptional debating prowess. Their powerful speeches resonated strongly with both the audience and the judges, leading Modern School to clinch the first position out of the 12 participating schools. Their ability to critically evaluate the motion and present compelling arguments was a highlight of the competition.

The outstanding success of Modern School Barakhamba Road at this event underscores the institution's unwavering commitment to fostering excellence in debating and public speaking. The achievements of these students are a source of immense pride for the entire school community, reflecting the high standards of both academic and extracurricular activities upheld by Modern School.

“Debate is the Crucible where ideas are tested, refined and ultimately, triumph”

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