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Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.
– Malcolm X

Annual Staff Orientation: Embracing the Future

Leadership is the art to translate vision into reality

-Warren Bennis



WHAT'S NEW AT SCHOOL :

- Staff Orientation
- *Sporting Glory*
- Harit Umang
Champions: Nature
Club
- *NCC All India Girls'
Trekking Camp*

On Saturday, June 29, 2024, the Annual Orientation Meeting for the faculty, for the new academic session was graced by the presence of Principal Dr Vijay Datta, who led the event in the school's auditorium. This pivotal gathering united the entire faculty to reflect on the past year's triumphs, confront ongoing challenges, and set ambitious goals for the journey ahead.

Dr Datta opened the session with a heartfelt welcome, expressing his profound gratitude for the staff's unwavering dedication and relentless hard work. He took a reflective pause to celebrate the school's outstanding achievements over the previous year, showcasing the successes in academics, sports, and extracurricular

activities. The Principal highlighted the collective spirit and shared commitment to excellence that made these victories possible, reminding the faculty of the power of teamwork.

Yet, Dr Datta swiftly moved to caution against complacency, urging the staff to continually strive for excellence. He challenged the faculty to “give their best and never rest on past laurels,” emphasizing the need for continuous innovation in the teaching-learning process. He introduced novel methods and techniques designed to captivate students’ interest, urging the staff to embrace technology as a tool for crafting more engaging and dynamic learning environments. The Principal also discussed the importance of developing personalized learning plans tailored to the unique needs of each student.



A key focus of Dr Datta’s address was the cultivation of critical thinking skills within students. He encouraged educators to move beyond traditional rote learning, advocating for a curriculum that nurtures analytical, evaluative, and creative abilities. Additionally, he reinforced the significance of life skills as an integral component of education, emphasizing that these competencies would not only pave the way for academic success but also equip students to navigate the complexities of life beyond the classroom.

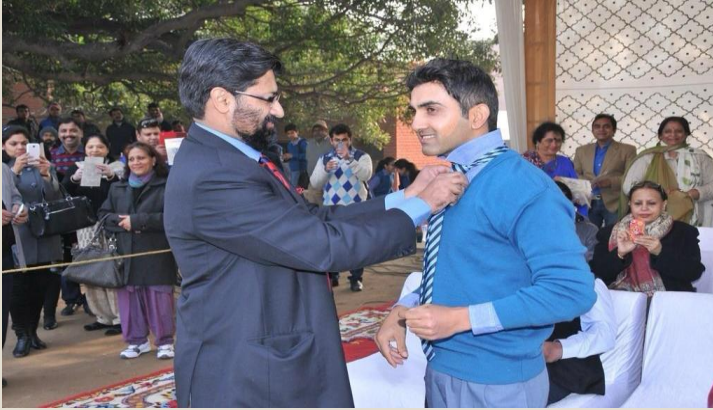
The highlight of the meeting was an inspiring presentation that showcased the myriad activities undertaken both on and off campus during the summer break. From educational trips and workshops to faculty training programs and student-led initiatives, the presentation reflected the school’s philosophy that learning is an ongoing journey—one that, as Dr Datta aptly remarked, “Modern never sleeps.”

As the meeting drew to a close, Dr Datta expressed his unshakable confidence in the staff’s ability to continue delivering exceptional education. He urged them to maintain the momentum, explore new avenues for growth, and reach for even greater heights in the upcoming year. His closing remarks were a stirring call to action, reminding everyone that while the past year was extraordinary, the future holds even greater promise if they remain united in their mission. The meeting concluded on an inspiring note, leaving the staff energized and ready to embrace the challenges of the new session with renewed enthusiasm and vigor. Dr Datta’s words resonated deeply, setting an optimistic and determined tone for the year ahead.

Sporting Glory: Modern, the Seeding Ground of Sporting Talent

Gold medals aren't really made of gold. They are made of sweat, determination, and a hard to find alloy called guts.

- Dan Gable



- Modern School, Barakhamba Road proudly celebrates its alumnus **Gautam Gambhir** on his prestigious appointment as the **Head Coach** of the **Indian Cricket Team**.
- **Shweta Sehrawat**, our recent pass out, has been **selected** in the recently announced **Team India (Senior Women's) Squad** for the upcoming **Women's Asia Cup T20, 2024** which is set to take part in Sri Lanka.
- **Aradhana Singh** of Class 6-G has risen to **Asia No. 5** in **Under-11 Girl's Category** as per the **Asian Squash Federation** ranking of this month.

Harit Umang Champions: Nature Club

He that plants trees loves others besides himself

-Thomas Fuller

The **Harit Umang Olympiad** organised by **Panasonic India** in collaboration with the **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Digital India** and **Bureau of Energy Efficiency** is a year-long school awareness programme which culminated on **June 3rd 2024**.



Students from Classes 8 to 12 represented the Nature Club of Modern Barakhamba as the Green Ambassadors and participated in the Olympiad under the guidance of Ms Richa Bhatia. The Harit Umang Olympiad was based on four themes:

- Circular Economy through E-Waste Management
- Towards a Zero Plastic Zone
- Energy Conservation
- Biodiversity

The event witnessed participation of 250 schools across India, with a total of 400 students being a part of it. Out of the 400, 50 students made it to the final stage of the contest. Each theme had a separate set of competitions and activities in which the students participated throughout the year. The various events included an awareness campaign towards a zero plastic world, writing a Letter to the Prime Minister's Office with green energy proposals, the Harit Umang MUN, Essay Writing, multiple quizzes, e-waste management model making, Electricity saving drive, e-waste collection drive, Designing Sustainable Cities, Comic Strips and creation of every-day use items made from single use plastics and a series of webinars on the themes mentioned.

Vedaanti Gupta and Nuwan Joneja of Class 9 won prizes in the categories 'Letter to The PM' and 'Biodiversity Collage making' respectively. Ms Richa Bhatia won the award for the Best teacher Mentor. Modern School once again bagged the prize of overall winner amongst 50 schools and colleges from Delhi NCR.

Empowering Adventure: NCC Girls' Trekking Camp

In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks

-John Muir



Cadet Bhavya Tankha of 9 H of Modern School Barakhamba Road, was selected for the All India Girls Trekking Expedition (AIGTE) 2024 (Himachal Trek-I) which was conducted by the NCC Group Shimla, on behalf of the NCC Directorate Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh & Chandigarh from 07 June 2024 to 14 June 2024 in the lap of Dhauladhar mountain ranges around Dharamshala area of District Kangra in the state of Himachal Pradesh.

The trek covered not less than 60 km. The trek from the base camp was to different sites like Shiv mandir, Pine forests, Katteri Dam. The aim of the All India Girls' Trekking Expedition (AIGTE) 2024 is to inculcate a spirit of adventure, exploration, inquisitiveness, practical investigation, to build endurance, develop self-confidence and esprit-de-corps amongst the participating NCC girl cadets.